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Parish Stewardship for 2018-2019

Weekly amount originally budgeted for 2018-19. . . . \$3,529.00
 Offertory for the weekend of April 6-7..... \$4,088.00
 Offertory for the weekend of April 13-14..... \$2,833.00
 Budget from July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019.....\$183,500.00
 Deficit/Surplus to Date-\$10,510.04

Thank you for supporting your Church

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain” and “Care and Concern”
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish or who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call Charlene at 787-7601

Food Bank
 The many items brought for the food bank have been appreciated. You may continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank by dropping them off at the church office or by using the box in the church vestibule. Thank you for your donations.

Please **remember in your prayers Ronald Celinski** who passed recently. May he rest in peace.

There will be **First Saturday Devotion, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Events

Baptismal Training Classes:

May 7 — Queen of the World — 834-4701 — 7:00 p.m.
 June 6 — St. Marys, St. Marys — 781-1019 — 7:00 p.m.

Today, Sunday, April 28 there will be an evening of music and **prayers for healing** with Deacon Daniel Satterlee will be at St. Bernard’s Church in Falls Creek at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Judy Smart 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell 814-771-7932.

Next Sunday, May 5 **the May Crowning at our Fatima Shrine** will be held after 9:15 a.m. Mass.

The **42nd Annual Rosary March** will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Clearfield Co. Fair Grounds. The March begins inside the Expo I Bldg. followed by the outdoor Rosary/Eucharistic Procession. Please attend early. In case of inclement weather, all outdoor ceremonies will be moved inside to the Expo I Bldg.

The **68th Annual National Day of Prayer** will be Thursday, May 2. The theme for 2019 is “*Love One Another*” based on Jesus’s Words in John 13:34. An Elk County-wide prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Kersey Park Amphitheater in Kersey, PA.

Mother’s Day Women’s Breakfast — May 12
 Please remember to get your tickets for our parish Mothers’ Day delicious breakfast prepared by our the men of our parish. The breakfast is for all ladies of all ages. Tickets are on sale after each Mass in the social hall after Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend and next weekend May 4/5. The ticket price will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for girls under 12.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR MATERNITY CLOSET will be held again on Mother’s Day weekend.



Divine Mercy Sunday

(some questions and its purpose)

The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus our Lord began in 1931 in Poland when our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Faustina. In the vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in a way as He was giving a blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of His heart where two large rays of light came forth. One of the rays of light was red and the other pale in color.

In the vision, our Lord explained to St. Faustina the meaning of His Mercy flowing from the rays. He explains that they represent Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for water which makes the soul righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is life for the soul. The image of our Divine Merciful Lord indicates and represents all of the graces of Divine Mercy which is being poured out upon the world and especially within the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.

This feast day was established by St. Pope John Paul II when he made the announcement during his homily at the canonization of St Faustina on April 30, 2000. It was there that he declared: “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’”

What Graces can I receive on Mercy Sunday?

The promises and desires that Jesus expressed about Mercy Sunday are recorded in the Diary of St. Maria Faustina number 699—the main passage of Mercy Sunday.

- * *On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open.*
- * *I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the Fount of My mercy (the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.)*
- * *The soul that will go to Confession (beforehand) and receive Holy Communion (on that day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and temporal punishment.*
- * *On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.*
- * *Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.*
- * *My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.*
- * *Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout all eternity.*
- * *The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.*
- * *It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.*
- * *Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.*

(Marian Helpers Center, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263)

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, April 29, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph and Florence Family	Family	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8 (267)
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Card Longo	Carl and Peggy Sandy	Saint Pius V, Pope	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15 (268)
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 No Mass			Saint Joseph the Worker	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21 (269)
Thursday, May 2, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Marguerite Cortina (birthday)	Cortina Family	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36 (270)
Friday, May 3, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass First Friday	James Krellner	Anna Cortina	Saint Philip and James, Apostles	Acts 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14 (561)
Saturday, May 4, 2019 First Saturday Adoration and Benediction 9:00 a.m.			Easter Weekday	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21 (272)
Saturday, May 4, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Bernard Gutowski	Bob and Helena Leair	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-14 (48)

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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