Sacred Heart Church

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Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sat. Eve.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:15 p.m.
Mon. – Sat.	8:00 a.m.
Holy days	7:00 p.m. evening before 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. of Holy day

Confession

Saturday	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and as posted

Baptism

2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:15 p.m.
Pre-register for preparation classes.

Holy Matrimony

Arrangements at least six months in advance

Care of the Sick

Emergency calls anytime. Holy Communion for shut-ins on a weekly basis. Please call to make arrangements.

Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Novena and Adoration	Sat. 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart (Mass)	First Friday 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Rosary	Mon. – Sat. 7:25 a.m.

Funerals

Arrangements are made through the funeral home. At Sacred Heart, the Mass of Christian Burial is seen as a time of prayer and reflection on the mysteries of death, resurrection, and eternal life. Family remembrances, favorite songs, poems and eulogies are incorporated into the wake service.

Parish Membership

We encourage every Catholic to register with us, use the parish envelopes, and inform us regarding changes of address.

Parish Activities

Adult Instruction (R.C.I.A.), Altar Servers, Altar Society, Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, Lectors, Right to Life, Rosary Society, San Gennaro Feast Committee, Ushers, Assistance Program, AA Women's Serenity Wed. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m., "No Matter What Club" AA (Nov.-Apr.) Mon.-Sun. 8:15 a.m., "Undercover Group" AA Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:15 p.m. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Al Anon "Double Winners" Women's Fri. 10:30 a.m.,

Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Announced Mass Intentions for Week of April 12th, 2026

Monday, April 13th
8:00 ✝ **Joseph Lynch**
r/b Anne Lynch

Tuesday, April 14th
8:00 ✝ **Douglas Francis Doherty**
r/b Annette Doherty

Wednesday, April 15th
8:00 ✝ **Joyce Lo Frisco Heldt**
r/b Joe & Valerie Gembecki

Thursday, April 16th
8:00 ✝ **Edward Caracciolo, Sr.**
r/b Andrea Caracciolo

Friday, April 17th
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, April 18th
8:00 ✝ **Jacqueline O'Grady**
r/b Marty O'Grady

5:00 ✝ **Donald Davies**
r/b The Davies Family
✝ **Barbara Boulton**
r/b Vivian & James Kane
✝ **Joyce Lo Frisco**
r/b Friends

Sunday, April 19th
8:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

10:00 ✝ **Rose & Anthony Mingione**
r/b Family
✝ **Thomas McCreight**
r/b Vivian & James Kane
✝ **Jeanne Drankwater Gagan**
r/b Mary Beth Ferrante

12:15 ✝ **Jack Cutrone**
r/b Maria Iacobellis
✝ **Anna & Frederick Wilbret**
r/b Pat Hackett
✝ **Roy Cole**
r/b Carol Cole

"If men only appreciated the value of the holy Mass they would need traffic officers at church doors every day to keep the crowds in order."
– St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit, please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, ***Amen****.*

Daily Rosary

The **Rosary** is recited **in the Church**
Monday through Saturday mornings at **7:25 AM.**
All are welcome to come and pray!

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church Saturday's at 3:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Presents: DEN Talks – Preparing for the High School Journey

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School invites current 7th grade and prospective students, along with their families, to participate in **DEN Talks**, a four-part virtual series designed to guide families through the high school search process.

Session Topics and Dates:

- ***Understanding the High School Search Process – April 16 at 6:30 PM***
- ***Finding the Right High School Fit – April 23 at 6:30 PM***
- ***Understanding the TACHS Exam and Admissions Process – May 12 at 6:30 PM***
- ***Inside the St. John the Baptist Experience – May 19 at 6:30 PM***

Each session will provide valuable information to help families make informed decisions while highlighting the St. John the Baptist community and experience.

To learn more and register, please visit:
https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/visitsjb

Religious Education

Grades 1 & 3-6 Meet in the Parish Center

Grade 1 – Monday, **April 13th**, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 – ***(Meet in Church – Communion Practice)***
Wednesday, **April 15th**,
Parents, please drop off & pick up promptly at:
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 3 – Tuesday, **April 14th**, 4 PM to 5 PM
Grade 4 – Tuesday, **April 14th**, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Grade 5 – Wednesday, **April 15th**, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Grade 6 – Monday, **April 13th**, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grades 4-6: Worksheets Are Due!

Grade 3: **Next Class/Mass is Sunday, April 19th, 10 AM**

Confirmation Class - 7th Grade
Next Class/Mass is Sunday, April 19th,
at 9 AM to sign in and to be seated **followed by Mass at 10 AM.**

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Andrea at (516) 431-7877.

Looking for Volunteers for 2026 San Gennaro Feast

The **56th Annual San Gennaro Feast** is **September 10-13, 2026**.

- **Volunteers:** Ages 15 and Up
- Flexible Scheduling Around your Availability

- Before the Feast – Set up, Cooking
- During the Feast – Work in Booths
- After the Feast – Clean Up

Contact Denise Ruscio
Call/Text: 516-852-0122
Email: deniseruscio@gmail.com

Divine Mercy

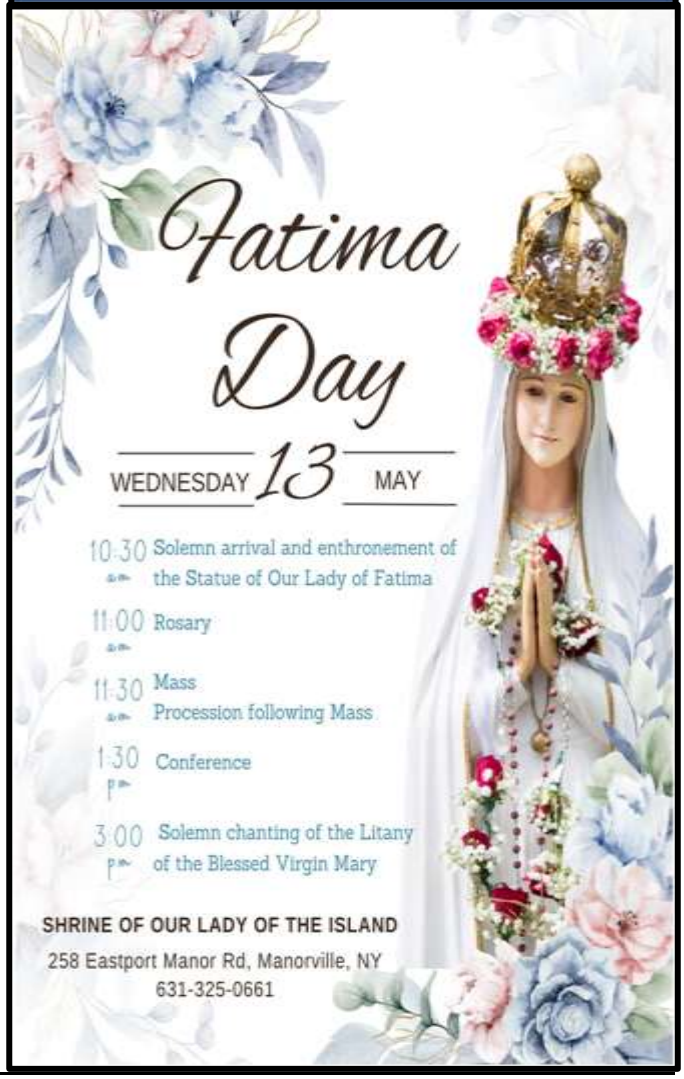
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy can be found on:

https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet

Smile Corner

As I get older, I realize:

"There's an ATM inside Church.
*Acceptance, **T**ruth, **M**ercy. No card needed."*

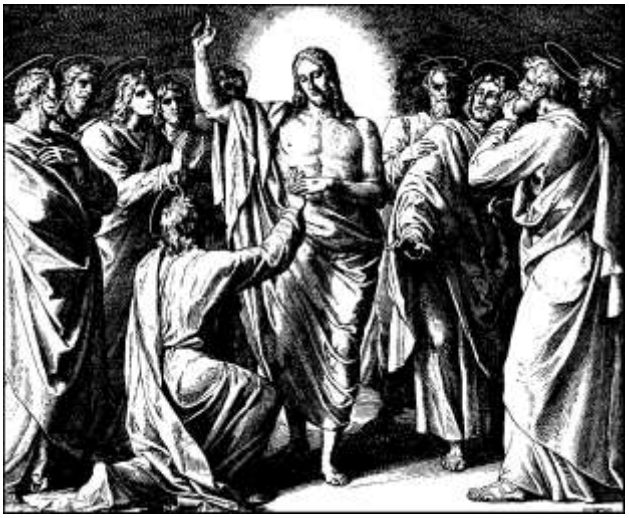


Gospel Activity

2nd Sunday of Easter and Sunday of Divine Mercy

Thomas

John 20:19-31



In the Gospel reading, the disciples were locked away in fear of the Jews. Jesus came to them, stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." He showed them His hands, where the nail holes remained, and His side, where He had been pierced by the soldier's lance. These wounds are visible signs of God's love for each and every one of us. At the very end of today's passage, John the Evangelist explains why he wrote down all these stories of Jesus! He wants us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Not only that, but through believing in Jesus, he wants us to have life in Jesus' name. Jesus, too, wants us to believe in Him. He wants to have His life in us—do we trust Him enough to let Him live in us?

Activities:

- This Sunday we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. If you can, go to Confession and receive the loving mercy of God in your life.
- We are also asked to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy today. Visit https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet to learn how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- John the Evangelist wrote down all of these stories of Jesus so we can learn about Him. Who can you share the story of Jesus with this week?

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Visit CatholicMom.com for more resources for you and your family
"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

Sacred Heart of Jesus and ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

POLAND, 20th CENTURY

The most recent practical link to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the devotional icon of the Lord's Merciful love came from the Polish nun Saint Faustina Kowalska. Jesus appeared to her on February 22, 1931, with His right hand bestowing blessings and His left hand pointing towards His Sacred Heart, which emitted two rays: one pale; the other a bright red. These rays represent the Water and Blood that came out of Jesus' pierced side while on the Cross. This symbolizes the purifying virtues of Baptism and Confession and the regenerative virtue of the Holy Eucharist.

Let's report the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: "I desire that this image be venerated by the entire world. I promise that the souls of those who attribute veneration to this image will not perish. I even promise victory over their enemies, already here on earth, but especially at the hour of death. I will defend that soul in the name of glory." Jesus, Himself explained the significance of this devotion: "My daughter, tell all that I am love and mercy personified. The wound in my Heart signifies the unlimited living waters of Mercy. Tell all the souls that I protect them with my shield of Mercy; it is for them that I fight, bearing the just umbrage of my Father […] My daughter! Tell suffering humanity to secure itself to the Mercy of my Heart and I will fill them with peace […] Souls are perishing, regardless of my sorrowful Passion. I concede to them the last table of salvation, meaning my merciful feast […] this icon is a sign of the end days, after such, the day of judgment is upon you."

After showing His Infinite Mercy, the Lord also showed St. Faustina "hell". "Today, under the guide of an angel, I went into the abyss of hell. It is a place of extreme torments in the entire, huge, terrifying surroundings. These are the various tortures and torments that I have seen: First torture: This consists of hell as being the loss of the Presence of God; Second: the continuous remorseful conscience; Third: the knowledge that such a destiny will never change; Fourth: This torture is a pain that penetrates the soul, but does not nullify it; it is a terrible torture and it is a purely spiritual, living fire lit only by God's wrath. Fifth: This is the torture of eternal darkness, a horrible suffocating, putrid odor; even if it is dark, the demons and the condemned souls can see each other among themselves and see all the evil that others have done as well as their own evil. Sixth: This torture is the knowledge of having Satan as a constant companion. Seventh and last: This torture is the incomparable desperation of God's wrath, in blasphemy, cursing and swearing. The sinner should realize the same ways that he sins is the way he is going to suffer for all eternity. I am writing this by the Lord's direction, so that no one can say that there is no hell, or that no one has ever been there or that no one knows how it is. I, Sister Faustina, under the Lord's direction, have been in the abyss of hell, for the simple reason of being able to tell everyone and to witness that hell does exist. What I have written is only a weak shadow of what I have actually seen.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II decreed that on the first Sunday after Easter, the Liturgical Feast of Divine Mercy is to be celebrated.

Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Cracow

Jesus to St. Faustina: "My daughter, help me to save a sinner in agony; recite the Rosary that I taught you for sinners". St. Faustina: "When I started to recite the Rosary, I saw a soul on his death bed suffering terrible torture and pain in fighting the last battle of life. The soul was being defended by his guardian angel, who was, however, helpless… A great multitude of demons were waiting for the soul, but while I was reciting the Rosary chaplet, I saw Jesus in the same aspect as depicted in the painting. The bright rays coming out of the Heart of Jesus surrounded the sick soul and the forces of evil ran away… The sick person died serenely. When I regained my consciousness, I realized that the divine chaplet Rosary was an important prayer to be recited around the dying. This placates God's wrath." (St. Faustina Kowalska, *Diary*, Vatican Library Edition, p. 515)

Jesus to St Faustina: "My daughter, write these words as I tell you: All the souls of the world who adore my Mercy and diffuse this adoration will bring other souls into the fold. Those who trust my Mercy will not fear when the hour of death comes. My Mercy will protect them in their last battle… My daughter, incite souls to recite this Rosary chaplet that I gave you. When the Holy Rosary is recited, I will concede to them everything they ask for."

Saint Faustina said: "During Holy Mass when Jesus was exposed through the Holy Sacrament before Holy Communion, she saw two rays of light coming out of the Holy Host; one very pale and the other a bright red light, just as depicted in this image."

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET ROSARY

Jesus to St. Faustina: "This prayer serves to placate my wrath. Recite for 9 days with any Rosary beads in the following manner:

First recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.

Then on the Our Father bead, say the following words:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary bead recite the following words:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Finally, recite these words three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen! That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

At this special time of year, let us witness Christ's Resurrection by bringing hope and encouragement to others.

Let us remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and in need, and consider sharing our many gifts with them.

One way for us to do this is by donating to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal.** This Appeal assists our Church in bringing hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community. Last year, ***because of you*** we were able to serve more than 600,000 people.

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