

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 11, 2010

**Once I was dead, but now I am
 alive forever and ever**
 —Acts 10:43

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14;
 Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 April 5-11, 2010



- Monday**
 8:00 am Janice Koliba† - Roy & Jenell Richter
- Tuesday**
 8:00 am Samantha Perez - Chano Rodriguez
- Wednesday**
 6:30 pm Harold Hoelscher† - Dan & Claudia Menn
- Thursday**
 8:00 am Paul & Lumenosa LaBatt† - Jan Myers
- Friday**
 8:00 am Tommy Najvar† - Theresa Mokry
- Saturday**
 6:00 pm John Mekush† - Margaret & Family
- Sunday**
 8:00 am Jim Masur† - Mindy Rudolph
 9:30 am Pedro Leal† - Sara DeLuna Leal
 10:00 am In Thanksgiving - Dominican Sisters of
 Thomas Aquinos
 12:00 pm People of the Parish
 6:00 pm Ottie Zieger† - Jane Schmitt

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

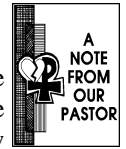
Envelope Collection	\$16,750.00
Loose Collection	\$1,698.58
Children's Collection	\$92.56
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection).....	\$2,637.36
Other Fees.....	\$297.00
Total	\$21,178.50

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Collection	\$617.00
Loose Collection.....	\$105.12
Good Friday (Holy Land Coll.).....	\$207.00
Total	\$929.12

Dear Friends,



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday). It is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical Calendar, and it celebrates the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Faustina.

The message of Divine Mercy is that God wants us to turn to Him with trust and repentance while it is still a time of mercy, before He comes as the just Judge. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself, is the only source of peace for humanity. Turning to and imploring God's mercy is the answer to our troubled world and the means of bringing peace into our lives and homes.

God's mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night and we are filled with fears and anxieties. As Catholics we can always receive Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be reconciled to God and to each other. Divine Mercy calls us to "come back to God with all your heart and don't let fear keep us apart."

Not only are we to receive God's Mercy, but we are expected to be merciful to others by our words, actions and prayers. We are all expected to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy include teaching the ignorant, praying for the living and the dead, correcting sinners, counseling those in doubt, consoling the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, and forgiving those who hurt us by their words an actions and omissions.

Although the Feast of Divine Mercy and The Image of Jesus with rays of Mercy flowing from his heart may have become popular because of the visions of Saint Faustina, a Sister of Divine Mercy, who lived in Cracow in Poland over 70 years ago, the whole concept goes back to the Old Testament. In the Hebrew Bible we see a God of mercy who calls His people to be merciful. In the New Testament Jesus exhorts us: "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful." *Lk. 6:36*. In St. Matthew's gospel *Ch. 5:7* we are told: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." And if this were not enough, we are reminded that when Jesus comes again, He will judge us on our mercy towards one another: "Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of my brethren, you did to me."

The message of mercy was proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical "Rich in Mercy" as the message for our age. He tells us that; "the Church must consider proclaiming the mystery of mercy as one of it's principle duties." The essence of the Divine Mercy Message and devotion is to, **TRUST** in God's mercy and **BE MERCIFUL** to others. Let us pray that we will always seek God's Mercy for our sins and in gratitude, have mercy and forgiveness towards those who hurt us.

Your friend,
Mmgr. Morgan

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Mass 8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY: Feast of St. Martin I; Rosary 7:30 a.m. **Mass** 8:00 a.m. **Bible Class** 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Rosary 6:00 p.m. **Mass** 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. **Mass** 8:00 a.m. Income Tax Day.

FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. **Mass** 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Vigil Mass** 6 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

HS YOUTH CHOIR Practice: Tuesday, 7 p.m. & Sunday, 4:30 p.m. in the Church.

THE FOUNDATION, "Spirit in Me" CDs are still on sale after every youth Mass on Sunday Evening. Contact Jimmy Willden at 816-6095 for more info.

YOUTH GROUP REUNION for all Members of "Love Peace & Harmony" on April 24th. All ex-members are invited to attend and participate in the Holy Mass as lectors, ushers and/or choir. Practice for the Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Holy Mass and gathering afterwards in the Hall. A planning meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the youth center. All interested are welcome to attend.

MANY THANKS to all youth who participated in the 15th annual "Outdoor Way of the Cross." Once again we see that our youth are very much alive in our parish. A sincere thanks to Director, Georgia Major and all who helped in any way.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in St. William Family Center. Call Margo Ayers @ 241-4509 FMI.

CCD REGISTRATION: Registration packets for **RETURNING STUDENTS** for the 2010 - 2011 Religious Education year will be mailed this week. Please return the forms ASAP to secure your child's preferred class day and time. **NEW STUDENTS** can pick up forms in the Church foyer or at the CCD Center starting next weekend. If your child is new or is preparing for their sacraments, you must include a copy of their Baptism Certificate. **The deadline for early Registration is May 31. After May 31, there will be a \$10.00 fee per child.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The dates for First Communion are: **Sunday, April 18 @ 3:00 p.m.** (Rehearsal is on Saturday, April 10 @ 10 a.m.) **Sunday, April 25 @ 3:00 p.m.** (Rehearsal is on Saturday, April 24 @ 10 a.m. and on **Sunday, May 2 @ 3:00 p.m.** (Rehearsal is on Saturday, May 1 @ 10 a.m.) Your son/daughter has already been given an assigned date. For more information, call the CCD office @ 241-3372 or 241-3369

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. Most people are familiar with the new image of Divine Mercy, in which Jesus with his right hand in a gesture of mercy and his left hand over his heart, from which gush forth rays of mercy. See our new stain-glass window in the foyer of our Church and you will see the words: "Jesus I Trust In You." The ABC of Divine Mercy is very simple: "Ask for Mercy, Be Merciful to others and Completely Trust in Jesus." Let us all resolve to practice Divine Mercy at home, in Church, at work or school.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TIME AND TALENT DURING HOLY WEEK 2010. We are most grateful to our Deacons, Staff, Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Choirs etc. and all who helped in any way to make Lent, Holy Week and Easter very special at our Church. May God Bless our volunteers for giving time & talent to Jesus and his Church in many different ways.

MGR. MORGAN'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND PARTY SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 29. Please mark your calendar for this special event and plan to be with us for the Holy Mass at 6 p.m. and the Party in St. Matthew Hall from 7-10 p.m. More information in future bulletins.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS. The Dominican Sisters got the green light for the building of their Adult Day Care Center on Hearn Road and construction will start in the near future. They are most grateful to God and all who assisted them in the process and are having Nine Holy Masses offered at our Church for your intentions. They are looking forward to the opening of their center early next year.

PROPER ETIQUETTE IN OUR CHURCH. If children get fussy please use the Cry Room and if necessary the foyer of the Church. Please wait for the final blessing at the end of Mass before leaving. Returning books carefully to their racks, picking up any litter, and lifting the kneelers is a thoughtful gesture for the people following you at the next Mass.

FAITH AND FINANCES WITH PHIL LENAHA: www.VeritasFinancialMinistries.com "Peace be with you," the Lord says in today's Gospel. The Lord wants us to have peace that comes with being united with him. This peace extends to our financial lives as well. It doesn't mean we'll be free from financial challenges, but rather, that we choose to live as his stewards.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 7290, will be accepting applications for their \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships for students planning to attend an accredited college or university. Students have to be a dependent of a current K.C. member. Call Mike Quintanilla @ 242-9413 or Gabe Chapa @ 242-9602 for more information. Deadline of submitting applications is May 10, 2010.

THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY is also accepting applications for their 2010 (\$1,000) scholarship. The forms for the Altar and Rosary Society are available in the parish office. FMI: please call the parish office @ 241-3249