

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers
Weekend of April 21- 22

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 ANN STEFANSKI
8:30 FRANCOIS & ANNA SEUBE
10:00 GENNARO FISCHETTI &
FISCHETTI FAMILY
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
5:00 LEONARD DePROSPO

MONDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 TERESA URGO
9:00 LUCILLE COYNE

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 EDWARD SWEENEY
9:00 BRUCE DELMAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
9:00 ANTHONY FORTE

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 COLEEN McGLYNN
9:00 PVT. JOSEPH MERRELL

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 RICHARD DeSTEFANO
9:00 BRUCE DELMAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 BRUCE DELMAR
5:00 BRIDGET JORDAN 6TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN &
McCAULEY FAMILY
8:30 AL & SUE AMORE
10:00 MARIE & FRANK BARNARD
11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF MARY LYNN &
EDWARD MERRELL
5:00 JOHN FODER

Saturday, April 21

5:00 Bill Jones Teresa Hudik

Sunday, April 22

7:00 Sr. Angela
8:30 Charles Romanelli Barbara Kelly
10:00 Roy Hansen John Gurrieri
11:30 Ken Wisniewski Ken Wisniewski
1:00 Stephen Brown Theresa Cunningham
5:00 Teen Mass

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Julie Hunting, Meghan Clark, Mary DiSalvo, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Gordon C. Gladden, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, John Lewis, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Tommy Baratta, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenney, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Patsy Jackson, Gabrielle Plumy, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Daniel Gomes, Grace Ford Seamans, Christian Pepo, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Ottimia Paradiso, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Bernard D. Nidus MD, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Venera Delamonico, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Franco DeGennaro, Robert Gaylord, Al Ross, Jim Sullivan

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Robert Thomas Arthur Delmar
Liam Tyler Kelly

Collection for April 1

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| Regular Collection | \$9,925.50 |
| Monthly | \$3,071.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$979.00 |
| <u>Stewardship Appeal</u> | |
| Goal | \$90,000.00 |
| Pledge | \$54,110.00 |
| Number of Gifts | 96 |
| Date | April 5, 2012 |

In the Charity of your Prayers, please pray for the soul of
Claire Van Cott

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Anna Degan
requested by her daughter, Iris Mahoney.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sacred Heart Church will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday for the first time today, April 15, 2012. There will be Exposition of the Eucharist after the 1PM Mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM and ending with Benediction. We encourage the parish to come out with their families.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today April 15th, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Titanic tragedy. The Titanic, a British ocean liner collided with an iceberg on the night of April 15, 1912. Titanic was on its maiden voyage and 1,514 people died in that terrible tragedy. There were several priests on board that ocean liner on its fateful trip. These priests were heroic in their ministry to the desperate people on board.

The old Titanic movie, (not the Leonardo DiCaprio version) portrayed one of the priests on board the Titanic. The priest is going down to minister to someone who is trapped below deck. The officer on the deck says, "Father, the ship is sinking. For God's sake, don't go down there!" And the priest replies, "For God's sake I must go down there!" That priest had such a strong love for God that he was willing to sacrifice his very life for people in danger no matter who they were!

In a way that story reminds me of the love that our Lord Jesus Christ has for each one of us. Yes, Jesus came down to this "ship" that is our world - a ship that was sinking fast due to sin and he rescued us! But at what a price - His very life poured out for us as a sacrifice on the cross.

Today on the day we remember the Titanic tragedy, we celebrate what is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday" in the Church. The Divine Mercy was a special revelation granted to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the 1930's. Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina and showed her two rays emanating from His heart which represent the blood and water that flowed from His side as He hung upon the cross.

The image of the Divine Mercy depicts Jesus pointing to His Sacred Heart which is a true vessel of mercy. When we look upon that image, we see in a significant and tangible way, the love that the Lord has for each of us. This love was proved and forged on the altar of the

cross on Good Friday. Jesus did not think of Himself. For "God's sake" He saved all of us sinners from certain death.

The message of mercy is that God truly loves each and every one of us - no matter what we have done in this life and no matter how great our sins. He wants us to realize His great mercy for sinners. God does not "give up" on any one of us but as the Good Shepherd especially seeks out the lost and straying sheep which many of us are!

When we begin to taste a little of the Lord's love and mercy then we should try to convey that mercy to others - especially our neighbor. Jesus says: "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."

We began the Novena to the Divine Mercy here at Sacred Heart on Good Friday and the beautiful image of our Lord's mercy depicted by Sister Faustina is enshrined in our sanctuary.

This Sunday, the concluding day of the Novena, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 2PM and the recitation of the Chaplet at the Hour of Mercy which is 3PM. During this beautiful Easter season, please come and reflect on the kindness and mercy of the Lord, who loved us to the end!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



Divine Mercy



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. A private tour of the school can be arranged by appointment only. For additional information please call the school office at 718-442-0347.



CCD - Classes: April 18 and 25

SACRED HEART TROOP/PACK74 - April 16 - General Meeting

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE APRIL 21 & 22

Saturday, April 21

5:00PM Patrick Buzzard, Andrew Mistler, Michelle Moffett, Alyssa Debrosse

Sunday, April 22

7:00AM Margaret Donovan, Bianca Roman

8:30 AM Michael & Danielle Riccardi

10:00AM Tullis Gardner, Nick Fortunato, Andrew Johnson, Matthew Miller

11:30AM Jazlyn Alcaide, Sam Medina, Dustin Soliven, Alaina Santiago

1:00PM Sarah & Emma Newgarden, Jackie Sullivan, Kristen Gilbride

5:00PM Olivia & Anthony Scanni, Albert Cardone

THE PRINCESS BALL - Saturday, April 21st - \$45.00 per couple. Each additional girl is \$5.00. This year's theme is a Dinner Cruise. Doors open at 7PM in the Sacred Heart School Gym.

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, April 26th - The St. Monica's Mothers' Guild of Sacred Heart School **Fashion Show**. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for further information.



Kids Praise resumes April 18, 2012 5PM - 6PM Chapel - Kids grades 1-5: come join us!!

Parish Choir sings April 22, 2012 - Don't miss a beautiful 3rd Sunday of Easter music liturgy - 11:30 AM!! Better yet - ages 10 and up come up and help us sing these glorious Easter melodies!! Come on up!!

June Brides - Where are you??

If you have a wedding at Sacred Heart this summer, please come to the choir loft after any 1PM Sunday Mass for your wedding music consultation. Come on up!!

Easter Joy and Blessings!!

Pamela 442-0058 (VM 24)

PS - like to travel... and sing in ancient cathedral space? Join us on our next choir tour - sing or support us!! Have an adventure you will never forget!! See Pamela for details!!

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS) for those in their 30's, 40's and 50's will meet Thurs., April 26th at 7:15pm at the St. Francis Friary. Cost: \$5.00 minimum. The SFCS will also have an Earth Day Hike on Sun., April 22, at Clay Pit Pond Park - RSVP necessary by 5 PM, April 20th. For further information on these events, call 718-981-3131.

THE SISTERS OF ST. DOROTHY will celebrate over 100 years of service in the US with a Eucharistic celebration on Sat., April 21 at the Academy of St. Dorothy Auditorium. Light refreshments will follow. For further information call 718-351-0939.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE - Open House - for high school and transfer students interested in undergraduate studies - Sat., April 21 from 1 - 3 PM in the Hennessy Center. Call 845-359-7800 for further information.