

# Second Sunday of Easter ~ APRIL 23, 2017

**Easter Sunday Scripture Meditation Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31**  
Today is Divine mercy Sunday. It's a special day for us to reflect on the merciful love God has for us. The teaching of God's merciful love shines even brighter in the Gospels. It runs through every one of Jesus' parables, miracles, and teachings. "Jesus, we rejoice in your mercy toward all people!"

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## CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>+MARY and +MICHAEL KARWIN ~ Daughter, Gert Balamaci</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>+CECELIA MIHALIK, Anniversary ~ Son, George</b>
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+ANTOINETTE, +GEORGE and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ David Margonis</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+CHARLES DRAKE ~ Daughters, Deborah Hood and Arleen Drake</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>+CARMEN P. RINALDI ~ Evelyn Miklos</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS on the LOPEZ FAMILY and the SIGUENCIA FAMILY ~ Rosa Lopez</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>+HELEN MARCIN ~ Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stefan Curma</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>+JOSE DOLENDO ~ The Dolendo Family</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS on the TRAN FAMILY</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ The Lapinski Sisters</b>
		<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>+CYRIL MIHALIK, Anniversary ~ Dolores, Robert and Family</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>+JOHN IWASCZYSYN ~ Wife, Helen and Children</b>
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+MARY VALKO RYAN ~ Daughter, Arlene Saranich &amp; Family</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+JOSEPH and +ANNA ADESKI ~ The Family</b>

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 4-16-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ---- \$9,975  
 Sunday Collection ..... \$ 6,107  
 Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day... \$ 5,435  
 TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME..... \$ 11,542  
 SURPLUS \$ 1,567  
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 42.....\$ 418,950  
 Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$ 387,708 Shortfall \$ 31,242



**PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened.

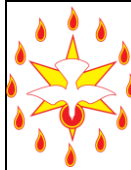
Please pray for the good health of: **Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Enrique Borromeo, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Ray Clarkson, Catherine Ellison, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla**

**Youth Choir News:** We thank our Youth Choir for their beautiful singing at our Sunday Easter Mass. Rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.

**Evangelization Corner ~** In the Risen Christ, wounded and glorified, we see all our hopes realized. In Him all the wounds of our hearts, minds, and bodies are transformed into His holiness. The sorrow and pain of our lives are made the source of our sanctification and joy.

3rd Bann of Marriage ~ **Tameka Fields and Fritz Mesidor**  
1st Bann of Marriage ~ **Eva Bodnarova & Josef Estocin**

**Religious Education – April 23 ~** Religious Education Classes ~ K through 8. **April 30 ~** Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8.



**Holy Name of Jesus Confirmants ~** On Friday evening, April 21, eight of our teen parishioners joined the high school teens from Our Lady of Grace and were confirmed by Bishop Paul R. Sanchez of Brooklyn NY. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Grace Church. We congratulate **Lauren Cullen, Aiyana Collazo, Sarah Ickowitz, Grace Kearns, Skyler Lubas, Vincent Recine, Melanie Sanwald, and Jose Torres.** We thank Mrs. Janet Wrabel, their Confirmation Teacher, Mr. Charles Ricco who assisted and Sr. Joseph Therese our Director of Religious Education. *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

**Next Week's Second Collection** will be for Catholic Home Mission & Black and Indian Missions.

**WE MUST CONTINUALLY WORK AGAINST PREJUDICE AND HATRED IN OUR SOCIETY**

**This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of American entering into World War 1 in 1917.**

A recent issue of the magazine *Smithsonian*\* published an historical piece about the Liberty Bell and World War 1. As the United States was preparing for possible entrance into combat, there were serious financial problems. It would be necessary to raise at least \$2B by selling war bonds. In order to promote support for their purchase, it was decided to take the Liberty Bell from Independence Hall, Philadelphia, and bring it on a transcontinental train trip and exhibition Coast to Coast. The tour was enthusiastically greeted by crowds of people at its many stops. The tour raised more than \$2B. Among the dignitaries accompanying the Liberty Bell tour was Rudolph Blankenburg (of German-American background), Mayor of Philadelphia. President Wilson invited the Mayor to give patriotic lectures to the crowds to remind immigrants how important it was that they support the United States first over their homelands. In the Mayor's lectures he addressed not only loyalty of the immigrants but also challenged the self-proclaimed "Anglo-Saxons" about their rising racism. For example, at a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York he addressed a large group of white civic leaders, who were expecting light after-dinner remarks. Mayor Blankenburg gave the following sharp message:

**"The notion of a small but clamorous section of Americans, who blaze forth their fancied claim to superiority over the rest of their countrymen by calling themselves the "Anglo-Saxon race," is as absurd as it is unsound..Yet, we often hear that the Anglo-Saxon race should dominate our country. There is no Anglo-Saxon race. An overwhelming majority of our white population is a mix of all white races of Europe – Teutonic, Latin, Slav. And where would you place the ten million colored people who live among us? It is important to prepare against a possible foe abroad but more against the domestic foe who may, unrecognized for years, appeal to our prejudice, our love of riches, our political ambitions and our vanity.. Let us, therefore, abolish all distinctions that may lead to ill feeling and let us call ourselves before the whole world, Americans, first, last and all the time."**

\*Stephen Fried, "Saved by the Bell," *Smithsonian*, vol. 48, num 1, April 2017, pp. 36-47, 90-94. *Note: this article is being cited, summarized and quoted here by Msgr. Cuneo . (By the way every issue of Smithsonian contains worthwhile, beautifully written articles about history, science, art, etc.)*

**We congratulate Deacon Michael Saranich who will be honored on Wednesday, April 26 at St. Matthew Parish in Norwalk at 7:00 PM.** The Bishop will be celebrating Mass to thank all the retired priests & deacons who have served the Diocese. We thank Deacon Mike who still actively serves our parish assisting with Mass, funeral and cemetery services and visiting the homebound and hospitalized *All parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass. Reservations not required.*

**The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will hold a General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in the School Meeting Room.**

**Annual Catholic Appeal - Next Weekend, April 28 & 29, is In-Pew Weekend. We will be welcoming seminarian Deacon Abelardo Vasquez who will be speaking at our weekend Masses.** Our Parish goal this year is \$55,000 and so far we have received **104 gifts worth \$33,385 from 100 parishioners which brings us to 60% of our goal.** If you haven't made a pledge to the ACA Campaign, please prayerfully consider a donation. All gifts, large and small make a difference in the lives of those who need our help. The ACA strengthens individuals and families in need: Immigration Services continues to "welcome the stranger" and help reunite families by serving approximately 350 people annually, using its expertise in required documentation and also a holistic approach to achieve life-changing outcomes.

**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 PM in the School Meeting room.** Plans will be finalized for the annual May Crowning on May 10 as well as the installation dinner on Wed., June 14 at Costa Azzurra in Milford.

**Our Religious Education Program is hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Black Rock Food Pantry.** Donations may be dropped off in the Church Vestibule or Parish Office until the weekend of May 6 & 7. Suggested items include Peanut butter, jelly, condiments, cereal, pasta, rice and Canned Goods.

**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will hold their Annual May Crowning and Open House on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM in Church.** All are invited. An Open House with refreshments follows in the parish hall. All high school girls and ladies of the parish are invited to participate. **Please come to practice on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in the church.**

**The Holy Name Men's Society will sponsor their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 17 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All Cars Welcome!** Car donation \$10.00 and free admission for walk-ins. There will be music and food\*\*\* **Also on this Saturday, a Rent A Table Tag Sale will be held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. \$25 per table and must be paid for in advance.** For more information call Larry Wells 203-375-2836 or [lawman56@optonline.net](mailto:lawman56@optonline.net)