

# ST. VERONICA CHURCH

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**Rectory Office Hours This Week:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30AM-2:30PM  
(phone calls only, or by appointment)



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Jn 20:19-20

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

10:30AM: Live Stream Mass in parking lot with Communion

Daily, Monday-Friday: 12 Noon

Holy Days: As Announced in the bulletin

Healing Mass: TBA

Miraculous Medal Novena– TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 2-3:30PM

Sacrament of Baptism: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month

Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with illness may request the Sacrament by calling the parish office.

Parish Census: Every family in the parish should be properly registered. You may do so at the rectory office during regular rectory

Envelopes: The use of parish envelopes enables us to maintain up-to-date records of those who are actively attending & supporting our church.

Pastor: Rev. Peter James Alindogan  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Chang  
Weekend Assistant: Rev. Bill O'Brien  
Deacons:

Charles R. Daye, Jr.

John Franey

Gino (Louis) Esposito

Business Manager:

Linda Dickinson-Pancila

Lay Trustees:

Claire McCarthy

Joseph Dettling

Religious Education & Youth Ministry  
Coordinator:

Sr. Ann Norton, C.R.

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Cecilia Berdar

Pastoral and Support Staff:

Cheryl Wegner



**APRIL 11, 2021**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

# Mass Intentions for this Week

April 11, 2021

**SUNDAY (April 11th)**.....Divine Mercy  
7:30 AM Bruce Clayton.....W. Clayton  
9:00 AM Rosemarie Nafus.....Bray Family  
10:30 AM Int. of Mlynarski Family.....Reiker Family  
12:00 PM Charles Finnegan.....Betty & Louis Cartagena

**MONDAY (April 12th)**  
12:00 Richard Martel.....Kent & Debbie Wilcox

**TUESDAY (April 13th)**  
12:00 Michael Norris, Jr.....Mom & Sister

**WEDNESDAY (April 14th)**  
12:00 Suzanne Veitengruber.....Judy & Dave Ryan

**THURSDAY (April 15th)**  
12:00 Angie Coleandro.....Daughter, Geri  
Richard Lucandamo.....Pat & Joe Sinnott

**FRIDAY (April 16th)**  
12:00 Alva Lawder.....Daughters, Tracy & Karen

**SATURDAY (April 17th)**  
4:00PM Mary Ann Barlow.....Lisk Family

**SUNDAY (April 18th)**  
7:30 AM Walter Gauer.....Christopher Gauer & Family  
For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Raymond Scheer.....Bill & Cheryl Wegner  
10:30 AM James Menge.....Joseph & Carol Gippetti  
Dianne Mercurio.....Thelma & Simeon Bulanadi  
12:00 PM Sabina Ortega.....Dansen Family  
Emanuel Colonna.....Marge Colonna

## Sacrificial Offering Update

April 4th Offering:  
Easter: TBA  
Mass Count:  
Mar. 28th Offering  
\$13,288.00  
Mass Count: 894



Online giving for:  
March 2021:  
\$9,911.00

For online giving please go To <https://stveronica.churchgiving.com>

### Readings for the Week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15  
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 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

## Easter Flowers



In memory of:

Kristin Butterfield, Joseph A. Colfer, Mary & Joseph Palladino & Family; Kevin T. McFeeley & Family, Jonathan Giorgi, and Dec. members of Suplee, Suplicki, Ziemacinsky, Sewing, Geiger, Najar, Mc Feeley, Scharr, Neill, Semo, Perrotta, Lang, Coan, Contino, Guerrino, Hamill, Zwickel, Puglisi, Mador, Nash, Femiano, Gonzalez, Kohan, Clayton, Rios-Dateno, Nagy, Young, Subang, Wittstruck and Mador Families.

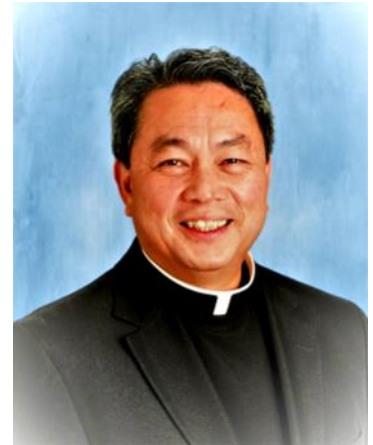
## Letter From Fr. PJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you and your loved ones!

Thomas, also known as Didymus in Greek which means the twin, is the IRS auditor of the apostolic faith. He figures in the Gospel reading this weekend. He was the absentee disciple when Jesus came through locked doors and expressed his message of peace to the fearful disciples. Thomas wanted to make sure that everything adds up. Everything has to be exactly right before he believes.

He cannot justifiably be known forever as the doubting apostle. I tend to see him as the grieving apostle.



One can never get over the pain of losing a beloved. To say “I know how you feel” to a person who lost a loved one is an often-used cliché to mourn a loss. No, we can never know how a person feels towards a loss, because all of us are different. We have our own defense mechanisms to look beyond the grief and the horrific feeling of living through life, without a loved one. Losing somebody we cherished and lived with for years, or maybe decades, is a personal journey of sadness. We deal with loss in our own way.

So, here am I thinking that Thomas must have been so mournful and distressed about the death of our Savior. He probably have questioned himself not just once, whether he could have done something, anything to prevent the death of Jesus. Or maybe he was just not ready, just waiting for the right moment to accept a death in his heart.

We could sometimes be like Thomas. At times, we choose to live our lives with nothing clear, nothing settled. We are not yet ready for the next step. Sometimes we want to keep our options open, because we fear that once we have settled on something, then that option or decision will make demands on us. Remaining uncommitted for a time will give us some façade that things will eventually clear up.

I hope that none of us falls into that kind of situation. But in case we do, please remember why God is a community of persons, a trinity of one God. Jesus appeared after his death to a group, not just to every individual. Just as they were for each other during their time of ministry, so they were for each other in time of grief. There is an essential reason why we are called a parish community.

When Jesus appeared at a later time and Thomas was with them, it was a different story. He did not put his finger on our Lord to lift any cloud of doubt, or his hand on His side. He said to our Savior, “My Lord and my God.” Before Jesus, he no longer grieved. The grieving Thomas became a Thomas who believed.

Take care everyone and have a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

With my prayers,

Fr. PJ

## OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer...**

|                      |                     |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tom Lovito           | Marjorie Paulmann   | MaryAnne Karwowski  |
| Mark Stoughton       | Mia Castellan       | Baby Dylan Gallego  |
| Ed Kelly             | Dennis Hayward      | Judith Weaver       |
| Irma Bennett         | Ann Donovan         | Robin Costa         |
| Christine Clements   | John Rodrigues      | Amara Riccio        |
| Thomas Rorke         | Patti Suplee        | Greg Mador          |
| Baby George Capron   | Robert O'Malley Sr. | Mary Henry          |
| Karen D'Souza        | Corinne Kerod       | David Buckley       |
| Jodi Fletcher        | Shirley Wesley      | Christopher Keith   |
| Gary Lindquist       | Cyndi Roemer        | Ed Skok             |
| Victoria Burke       | Gavin Femiano       | Ken Kin             |
| Theresa O'Malley     | Ralph DeMaio        | Mary Alice Carey    |
| John Fitzpatrick     | Baby Harper Little  | Baby Sarah Little   |
| John Ostroski        | John Longo          | Karen Casiero       |
| Baby Charlotte Coyle | Nancy Rorke         | Robin Costa         |
| Raymond Sewing       | John Butterfield    | Dan Doolan          |
| Nikolas Picchierri   | Brian Cassidy       | Michael McGantham   |
| Charlotte Barnard    | Melissa Couto       | Erin Haber          |
| Theresa McGrantham   | Cohen Family        | Richard Lewandowski |
| Donald Raulinavich   | Angelina Valko      | Patrick Lang        |

### Please Pray for Our Parishioners Serving Our Country:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sgt. Sean T. Curran           | Sgt. Brennan Six        |
| PV2 William Wotton            | GSMT Sandro Farduchi    |
| Sgt. Krystyna Cechulski       | Major Julio Collazos    |
| SR Steven Brennan             | Sgt. Gregory Hiller     |
| PFC Zackary Burkey            | LCDR Matthew W. Smith   |
| Sgt. Luke Wlodkowski          | Sgt. Matt Myers         |
| 1st Lt. Ash Young             | Capt. Robert F. Farrell |
| Lt. Brian Michael Dublon, JAG | BU3 Matthew Gurrera     |
| SN Brad D'Antuono             | Sgt. Evan Myhren        |
| PFC Sean Rice                 | SR Patrick McCloskey    |
| PFC Raymond Posa              | Capt. Brian Dublon      |
| Capt. Jeremy Dublon, MD       | PVT Raymond J. Posa     |

### Baptism



St. Veronica's Parish Family wishes to welcome those who have become members through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Sophie Marie, daughter of Stephen & Danielle Foster  
Leonardo Rostislav, son of Rostislav & Christina Kotlyar

Thank you for the gift of life!

### Sanctuary Candle- Week of April 11, 2021

In memory of Raymond Scheer....Deacon Chuck & Denise



## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?



The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy." Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

*US Catholic Bishops, May 2011*



## Food Pantry Needs

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chicken, spam, tuna fish, rice, snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner



## Eucharistic Adoration

### O Come Let Us Adore Him!

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist." St. John Paul II



It is with great joy that we invite you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament weekdays in the CHURCH of St. Veronica. Registered adorers stand watch on each hour and all visitors are welcome. Come enjoy perfect peace with our Lord.

The church is open for private prayer and to adore Jesus in the tabernacle (no monstrance) Monday through Friday at 10:45AM. After the 12 noon mass is celebrated, the Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharistic Adoration. At 3PM, the chaplet of divine mercy and rosary are recited orally as a group followed by silent prayer ending at 4PM.

## Divine Mercy Weekend Special Food Collection



On Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, the Junior Legion of Mary will be collecting non-perishable food items in the narthex after all the Masses. The collection is to assist the Red Cross at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst which operates a drive-thru food cupboard for service members and veterans who need a little extra support. Currently they assist approximately 70 families per week.

Please help us to help our service members and veterans by donating non-perishable items such as canned vegetables, beans, tuna, canned chicken, soup, rice, pasta, boxed mac and cheese, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce (24-28 oz), peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pancake mix, instant oatmeal (10 pack), crackers.

Thank you for your generosity.

God bless you,  
The Junior Legion of Mary

## Volunteers Needed

We are in the process of cleaning out large closets at the rectory. We are in need of volunteers to help with:

- sorting and organizing supplies, boxes and files
- some heavy lifting and carrying boxes up and down the stairs
- driving discarded items to the dumpster on site

If you would like to help, please contact the parish office at 732-363-4200 or email [Linda.Dickinson@stveronica.com](mailto:Linda.Dickinson@stveronica.com)

## Flocknote

Stay connected through our parish wide communication system. Join St. Veronica's Flocknote and receive occasional messages and important updates via email and text. To join go to <https://stveronicachurch1.flocknote.com>