

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2018



Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the celebration of “Jesus Christ, the Lord of Mercy”. Certainly, we are all in need of God’s mercy. Really, who of us, counting each and every one of us, is all that God desires of us? We all fall short of the mark. However, the wonder of God’s mercy is that it far outweighs our incapacity to be all that God desires of us. That’s what God’s marvelous mercy is: God knows us tenderly, understands us deeply, believes in us fatherly, and forgives us compassionately – no matter how imperfect we are from God’s desire for us to love Him - and our neighbor - as God loves us.

On this day of God’s mercy, I ask that we all look into our hearts and souls toward something most holy and God-like: the willingness and the effort to forgive others as God forgives us. Throughout our lives, people hurt us, malign us, betray us, reject us, and do all sorts of things that offend and distance us from them. No way of life is without its interpersonal conflict and discord. God’s mercy is made manifest by the way that we make it so - reaching out mercifully to those with whom we experience strife and difficulty.

As we observe this Sunday of Divine Mercy, I pray that we will be ministers of mercy to each other as Jesus is the Lord of Mercy to each of us.

Concerning God’s mercy, I quote from St. Francis de Sales:

What greater presumption than to doubt that God’s mercy is infinite or that His redemption cannot cause grace to reign over sin? His mercy, which is over all His works, exceeds His justice, and the greater our sins, the greater its power. Our misery [sin] is simply the footstool to His throne.

Fr. Nick

“If the soul seeks deliverance for the love of God, it will seek with patience, gentleness, humility, and calmness, waiting on God's providence rather than relying on its own initiative, exertion, and diligence.”

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Grace Marie Mataleno
 all the deceased of St. Anthony’s.

Monday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	4/9 MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	4/10 MILDRED PERROTTI	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	4/11 BILL MCNEAL	WIFE
Thursday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	4/12 ALBERT ZAMBINO ELIZABETH CARUCCI	MINUTELLA FAMILY JULIE, DAUGHTER
Friday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	4/13 JOSEPH PERROTTI, SR. JACQUELYN PRICE	FAMILY KATHY WILLIAMS & TYLER HOULE
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	4/14 IRENE ANDREOLI PHIL RENDINA	FAMILY FRIEND
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	4/15 PARISHIONERS ANTHONY RUSSO ANGELO AVELLA	FAMILY CARRIERI-RUSSO FAMILY



Next Sunday’s Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

2nd Reading:

1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel:

Luke 24:35-48

“God’s Plan for Giving”

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 04/01/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,616.10
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	+\$ 254.59
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 2.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 5,225.36

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada
Roger Chao
Thomas DiGuglielmo
James Ganey
Mark Johnson
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.
Albert Vietri

Nancy Brown
Mary T. DiBioso
Tommy DiVirgilio
Richard Jakotowicz
William J. Nardo, Jr.
Jimmy Silicato
Robert Walton

Marianne Calvarese
Judi DiFrancesco
Christopher Ganey
Bonita Della Rocca Jodz
Kelly Panella
Larry Silvestri
Annmarie White

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, April 15th, tune in to meet Father Peter Zwaans, a priest of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, and learn about the Church in Southern Australia. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

A Great Night Out!

Come join us for the last of our Phil Rendina Discretionary Education Fund benefits! The evening begins on April 14th with a 5:30 Remembrance Mass followed by a fabulous "Flash back to Little Italy" celebration of Phil's favorite things from Little Italy. Come see pictures of the parish and grade school from times gone by as well as other "famous" places. Want some Gerardo's Pizza? We'll have it...along with some Casapulla's, Capriotti's, Bernie's Water Ice....we'll have it all along with the infamous DJ Ralph Giofre. All proceeds benefit St. Anthony's Grade School. For tickets: call Skeeter (Steve) Morabito [302-530-0573](tel:302-530-0573) or email Pam Morabito at pantregos5499@gmail.com.

Vocations

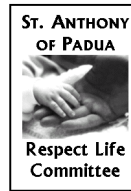
By His resurrection Christ won for all who would follow Him eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Priests, deacons, religious brothers and religious sisters spend their lives and exercise their ministries as a way of witnessing to that new Life. Is God calling you to join their way of life? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/Vocations

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **There is a program coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: April 13-15.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion"

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Second Collection

Next weekend, April 14th and 15th, there is no scheduled second collection.

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO

Friday APRIL 13 \$20 ticket
St. Anthony's Holy Name Society
1812 Howland St, Buck Serio Lounge
Doors open at 6PM - Bingo starts at 7PM
Door Prizes and 50/50. Lite food provided, cash bar
Reserve a table now!
Call the club - 302-651-0101

150th Anniversary

Let us Rejoice in the Lord! Our Diocese is 150 years old! For video highlights of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary Opening Mass, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, Convocation 150 coming on November 3rd, links, videos, podcasts, and more, go to www.cdow.org/150th. Also, follow all the action on social media at www.facebook.com/cdow150th, and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram.

Book Offer

"Catholic Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington" by Fr. Tom Peterman is now available to order as a great gift for Easter, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and more. New low price of \$30 includes shipping and handling. To order and pay, petermanpublication@gmail.com or mail your check for \$30 to Rev. Thomas Peterman, 2505 Centerville Road, Wilmington DE 19808.

A Big Easter Thank You!

On behalf of everyone in the parish, I'd like to extend feelings of great appreciation and gratitude to everyone who helped in any way with our Masses and services in the church from Palm Sunday through Holy Week and Easter.

Father Nick

Sodality

The next Sodality Mass will be next Sunday, 9:00 AM. The monthly meeting will follow the Mass in the Ballad Room.

Parish Calendar

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

9:00 AM, Sodality Mass / Mtg.
to follow in the Ballad Room



Monday, April 9

through

Sunday, April 15

*(All events listed in the
Parish Calendar are
in church unless
otherwise noted.)*

Grade School Calendar

Friday

8:00 AM, Grade School Mass

Saturday

6:30 PM, Phil Rendina

Discretionary Education

Fund Benefit (Ballad Rm.)



Saint Mark's Nature Camp

What's in Your Backyard!

June 18-22, 2018

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ages: 12-13 (Grades 6 and 7)

Cost: \$300

Contact: Wynne Esbitt

wesbitt@stmarkshs.net

Saint Mark's High School Middle School Band Camp

When: June 18-22 2018, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Who: Students who will be in Grades 6, 7, or 8 in
September, 2018

Cost: \$110.00 per camper

Why: The purpose of the camp is to keep students
playing during the summer months and to build on the
skills they have learned at their schools during the
school year.

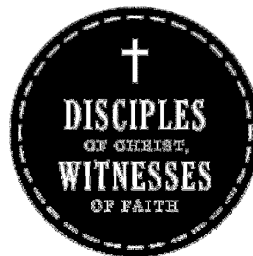
Questions??? Please contact Mr. Art Bookout at 302-
757-8781 or abookout@stmarkshs.net.

Visit: [www.stmarkshs.net/page/news--events/summer-
band-camp](http://www.stmarkshs.net/page/news--events/summer-band-camp) to register!

Jesus House

**Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection:
Ignatian Discernment: Understanding God's Call with
Fr. Nicholas Amato.** You and your friends are invited to a
day of recollection focusing on how we might better
discern God's will for us. Learn to better understand
where, through the events of your life, God is drawing
you. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501
Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858.
Cost is \$15 per session. Please visit our website
(jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more
information, weekly topics or to register.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith"



The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring

Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As parishioners of St. Anthony's, we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members of the diocese, it is important for each of us to serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we are also one with other parishes and with our diocese.

Our parish target is \$42,000.00. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since 100% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministry needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next week prepared to complete your pledge to offer your support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".

