

Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father's intentions of this month **May: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.** That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses <u>May 4, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>May 5, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers: Tiny Taylor & Tom Maday	Bernie Goldsborough & Eric Chase
EM of E: Geraldine Hackert & Walter Carroll	Elizabeth Sweeney & Barbara Bowman
Ushers: J. Owens, M. Hackert, & B. Bowman	L. Dean, V. Abuan & J. Spelz

Altar Servers: See Fr. Scott Woods for scheduling.

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TELEVISED MASS: THERE IS A MASS TELEVISED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE AT 10:30AM FOR ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ON SUNDAYS:

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St. Cecilia Church

*Sunday of
Divine Mercy
April 28, 2019*



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Weekend Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am Sunday Morning
Weekday Masses: 7:30 am Monday through Friday
Confession: 3:00-4:00 pm on Saturday or by appointment
Please contact Fr. Scott to arrange for **marriage** or **baptism** preparation and scheduling.

Food Pantry: Monday **and** Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30am – 12:00pm
The office is closed on Thursday, Holy Days, holidays and for bad weather.

What's Going on at St. Cecilia Church?

Adult Catechesis (RCIA) – Will be on Sunday nights at St. Cecilia's at 7:30pm

Bible Study – The Wild Goose and Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday Nights

SMC Campus Mass – 7:30pm at the Cole Cinema

Middle School youth group – Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Rosary – Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Cecilia in the church.

High School Youth Group – Fridays, 7:00pm at St. Cecilia Church.

Holy Hour – *St. Cecilia*: Sunday: 7:00am to 8:00am. Monday-Friday: 6:30am to 7:30am. *St. Peter Claver*: Saturday 7:00am to 8:00am.

Last Chance Sunday Mass: St. Michael's in Ridge at 6:00pm, St. Joseph's in Morganza at 6:00pm and St. Mary's College at 7:30pm.

Second collection: There will not be a second collection May 4th and 5th.

Raffle Fundraiser for Replacing Church Doors - Two of the three estimates for the replacement of the doors are in!! Currently, to upgrade all 7 doors into the church with insulated tempered glass it will cost \$10,000. To help fund this beautiful addition to our church, you can purchase tickets after weekend Masses, from the rectory, or contact Bernie Goldsborough. Please return ticket sales monies with the ticket stubs in an envelope marked "Raffle" either placed in the offertory basket or delivered to the rectory office. We will have the drawing for winners on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Ticket prices are \$30 for a book of 6 or \$5 each. First prize is \$300, second and third prizes are \$200 each. Thank you to everyone for your generous participation.

You did not miss it!! There was a last-minute date change for Theology Over

Dinner. It will now be this Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at Ye Olde Towne Café in Leonardtown. Fr. Larry Swink is back! His talk will be "Why should a Catholic Practice Asceticism".

St. Cecilia's Parish Council will hold their spring quarterly meeting on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 pm in the rectory basement. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin and Casey Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Leon Briscoe, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Mildred Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, George E. Fenwick, Norman Fenwick, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Jean Goldsborough, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Mary Jane Hall, Jeff Harris Family, Baby Hancock, James Hensley, Larry Hobbs, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Scott Lawrence, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, George Matthew, Dennis MacQuilliam, Helen Miarowski, Bill Morris, James Morris, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Lawrence Potter, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Sandy, Kimberly Sariego, Fr. Marco Schad, Norris Shepherd, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Susan Windburn, William Woodland, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Glenn Whiteman, Evan Beck, and Michael Hammett Jr. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds *and* souls.

† **Please pray for the deceased of the parish** †: Mary Goetz (04/27/79), Leo Cullison (04/28/83), Trygue Blix (04/28/14), Dorothy Chase (04/29/62), Bea Newfold (04/29/09), and Rosie Hawkins (04/30/76). May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the divine mercy of God, rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

April 21, Offertory \$ 6,090.02

May God bless you for your unfailing generosity.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions of James Raab
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Cindy Weinke
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the intentions of Jonathan Powell
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Sharon Jordan
Thursday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Flossye Birch
Friday	7:30 AM	For all those who have been abused
Saturday	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Peter Claver

Quoted from the article: Six Great Divine Mercy Quotes from the Diary of St. Faustina
by Marge Fenelon



During his revelations to St. Faustina, our Lord requested a number of times that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy and celebrated annually on the first Sunday after Easter. Furthermore, he instructed her to have an image created of his Divine Mercy in the way that he appeared to her.

Here's what he told her:

“Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary, No. 300)

“I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it.” (Diary, No. 341)

“This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies.” (Diary, No. 420)

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in Catholic churches throughout the world this Sunday, and the amazing image of Divine Mercy will be venerated in most, if not all, of them. The readings for the day relate the institution of the Sacrament of Penance and, along with it, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy.

As we prepare for this magnificent feast, I'd like to share with you six of my favorite quotes from St. Faustina's Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul.

Anyone of them is enough to meditate on for good long time because they are so rich in grace and meaning. I hope that you can spend some time considering the beauty and impact of the gift of Divine Mercy that our Lord has given us!

1. “Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames

of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight! By the grace of God, I have received such a disposition of heart that I am never so happy as when I suffer for Jesus, whom I love with every beat of my heart.” (No. 303)

2. “A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery.” (No. 113)

3. “When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: “You can do all things.” And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him.” (No. 1033)

4. “I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.” (No. 1273)

5. “The Lord said to me, “The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.” (No. 1397)

6. “All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.” (No. 1507)

**All quotes taken from The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*

Do you trust in God's mercy?

<https://margefenelon.com/6179/six-great-divine-mercy-quotes-from-the-diary-of-st-faustina/>

