

St. Catherine's Church: Middletown, N.J.
April 28, 2019; Octave Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy

John 20:31, "Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

For those not receiving Holy Communion we offer the following prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen (*St. Alphonsus Ligouri*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 8:30am- 4:00pm

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Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

To arrange Communion for the homebound, or for the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Arrangements must be made through the parish office. Infants should be baptized as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

According to Diocesan policy, marriage arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding date through the parish office. Either the man or woman must be registered in our parish.

Annulment Advocacy :

To discuss Church Annulment procedure, or for information concerning Church Validation of a civil marriage, call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Fr. Dan.

FORMED: A Catholic Media Program you can access 24/7 from your computer, I-phone etc. Go to www.stcathek.formed.org click 'register' follow prompts and enjoy.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Very Rev. Daniel C. Hesko, VF

Deacons

Rev. Mr. John Orlando

Rev. Mr. John McGrath (*retired*)

Religious Education:

Mrs. Jackie Callahan, M.A.

Mrs. Kathleen McGuire

Parish Office:

Mrs. Julie Fehlhaber

Mrs. Kathleen Toomey

Music Director: Mrs. Karen Ohrn

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sat. 5:00pm & 6:30pm

Sun: 7:30am; 9:00am (*Latin*)

10:30am & 12:00noon

Daily: Mon.– Sat. 8:00am

Monday & Friday 12:00 (*Latin*)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am-7:00pm

Novena Mass;

Mon., Wed. 7:00 pm; Sat. 8:00 am

Confessions: Sat. 3:00 -4:00



Divine Mercy Devotions

Today; Sunday April 28, the Octave Day of Easter is the Commemoration of Jesus; The Divine Mercy

Devotions will be held today beginning at 2:30 in Church and concluding around 4:00 pm

- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Devotions and Novena for Divine Mercy
 - Meditation
 - Singing of the Chaplet
 - Benediction

Plan to be here today as we Honor our Risen Lord under this Wonderful Title of **DIVINE MERCY**

TODAY'S LITURGY: Second Sunday of Easter

READINGS: RED HYMNAL # 843 Year C

Processional Hymn: RED HYMNAL # 460

At the Lambs High Feast We Sing

At the Penitential Rite

P: Alleluia: Christ is Risen!

R: The Lord is Risen Indeed; Alleluia!

P: Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us.

R: therefore let us keep the Feast.

P: Not with the old leaven of malice and wickedness,

R: But with the un-leaven Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

P: May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

R: Amen

The Gloria

Gradual (Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good;
His Love is everlasting.

Offertory Hymn: RED HYMNAL # 456

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Communion Hymn: RED HYMNAL # 450

Be Joyful, Mary (Regina Caeli)

Recessional Hymn: RED HYMNAL: # 463

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

THE INTERCESSIONS:

P: In union with the Church throughout the world, let us unite our voices in prayer as we recognize in our midst the Risen Christ who calls us to life and holiness. Our response will be:

Alleluia. or (Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia)

For the Holy Catholic Church, that God will bless her in peace, preserve her in truth and guide her in holiness, that she may faithfully proclaim the Risen Christ.

In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

For peace throughout the world, that through conversion to Christ, Risen from the Dead, wars and violence may cease, and hatred and greed may give way to charity and peace. In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

For our Armed Forces both at home and abroad, and for all who serve in their local communities as police, fire and emergency personnel that God would shield them in His mercy and protect them in His love.

In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

For the poor and hungry, for all in need, and for those who love and care for them. We commend to God all

who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ, by His Resurrection give them strength and courage in their trials. In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

For all who suffer this day in body, soul or spirit, may they see in their suffering the Risen Lord, who calls us to hope. In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

For our departed brothers and sisters, who left this world in the faith of Christ and His Resurrection, and who we commend now to God's mercy.

In joy we pray: **Alleluia.**

P: Blessed and Holy God, we lift our hearts and souls to You in prayer. Accept our Easter Praises and fill us with joy and consolation of Your Holy Spirit, that having done Your will on earth, we may at last be admitted into Your presence in Heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. **AMEN**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29th St. Catherine of Sienna

8:00am Juliana & Stanley Kozlowski by Marge & Stan

12:00noon **Liv. Int.** Carol Musci (bthdy) by Kathy & Joe

7:00pm Faith Quinlan by Helen Scandarito

Tuesday, April 30th St. Pius V

8:00am William Stolte & Gerri Wilkens

by Michele & Roger

Wednesday, May 1st St. Joseph

8:00am **Liv. Int.** Betty & Bill Bourke by Sue Core

7:00pm St. Joseph Novena/Bible Study

Thursday, May 2nd St. Athanasius

8:00am Fr. John B. Cook by Richard & Lorraine Furlong

Friday, May 3rd Sts. Philip & James

8:00am Julie Bolin (wed anniv.) by Husband

12:00noon Robert Meyer by Nancy & Peg

12:45pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday, May 4th BVM

8:00am Mary Ann Takacs by Bob & Doreen

Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Robert Young, Sr. (Wed. anniv.) by Wife, Winifred

6:30pm Thomas Uber by Joel, Mary Ellen & Matthew,

Thomas Hastings by Wayne Szaro, Jr., John DaSilva by Wildrick Family, Claire Bala by Barbara Kehoe, Doris Miller by Mary Ann & Sallee.

Sunday, May 5th

7:30am Paul & Augusta Cuntala by Anna & Maria Hulak

9:00am Deignan & Pietrzak Families

by John & Carole Deignan

10:30am Joe & Marie Santilli (anniv.) by Children

12:00noon Pro Populo

ADDITIONAL EASTER MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Joseph Caruso

M/M Joseph Caruso, Jr.

Eric Peterson

Mary & John Salvaneschi

M/M Henry Wazeter & Leonard

REQUESTED BY:

Bob & Pattie Wazeter

Bob & Pattie Wazeter

wife, Phyllis

Maria Lonseth

Bob & Pattie Wazeter

IN HONOR OF:

Frances Caruso

REQUESTED BY:

Bob & Pattie Wazeter

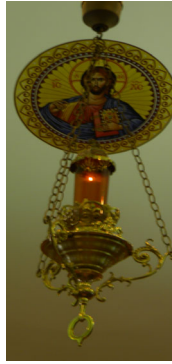
DOUBTING THOMAS

This is the Octave Day of Easter. In the Church an Octave is 8 days, which is viewed as one day. So with Mass today we bring Easter day to a close. The reason for the Octave, is that the event of the Resurrection is so glorious that one day is not enough to grasp it. Like some beautiful object placed in our hand, you do not just give a one sided look, but turn it over and look at all sides to fully appreciate what your looking at. So the Church has given us 8 days to look at the Resurrection from many various aspects. On this final day we find ourselves in the upper room with the Apostles who had seen the Lord, except for Thomas who was absent. Thomas is told the good news, but he's a sceptic, he's not believing what he cannot see or experience, he said to them ***"Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*** We call him doubting Thomas, a name that has stuck with him through the ages, but we shouldn't be too tough on him. Thomas will go on to the spread the faith all the way to the Malabar coast of India and establish a Church that has endured even till the present. He will die a martyr's death and through his intercession will be known as a wonder worker. Many of us are like Thomas, we want proof of faith, we want to see for ourselves. Jesus gives good words to Thomas, ***"Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it in My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*** As an Apostle, Thomas must be a witness of the Resurrection, and our Lord gives him the proof he needs, but Thomas does not glory in the proof given, rather he is reduced to worship and awe, saying, ***"My Lord and My God!"*** The Bible doesn't say whether or not he did put his finger in the nail marks or not, but he did surrender his understanding and belief. Jesus goes on to say something that touches us even today, because it applies to us, ***"Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed."*** That's you and me, more blessed than the Apostles themselves because we believe by faith. But because we believe without seeing, God blesses us, so that we experience in our lives the presence of the Risen Lord, the mark of His presence is peace. Jesus appears to the Apostles here and says, ***"Peace be with you"*** This peace is not the absence of troubles or trials, suffering or sadness, but the recognition that God is with us, we are not alone, in every event of life, Christ is here. Like the Apostle Thomas, we acknowledge in humble adoration, My Lord and My God. As we recognize Christ in the Sacrament we receive, we also see him in the world in which we live, and are given a mission, 'Go and teach all nations.' Go to your homes, your neighbors, your school, your work place, and live the faith and make Christ known. May Christ the Risen Lord strengthen us all to know Him, love Him and serve Him, in this life, that we may be eternally happy with Him in the next. God bless you all, your friend and Pastor, Fr. Dan Hesko

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is experiencing a very challenging year thus far. Contributions are down 20% across the Diocese. The Appeal is the source of Support for all our Diocesan works and ministries. Please take a moment to consider how YOU can help is you have not done so already. Your participation is essential if we want to continue our ministries as we have done, thank you for your consideration.

In this Parish we are still about \$10,000 short. Please make a pledge to this years appeal



O Worship the Lord in the

The Sanctuary Lamp: *In memory of Mary Kehoe, gift of Susan Kehoe Halle.*

Blessed Mother Votive Light: *In memory of Anna May Gregovski, gift of Godchild Anna Hulak.*

Sacred Heart Votive Light
In Thanksgiving.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study resumes

This coming Wed, Evening after the 7:00pm Mass
Beginning at 7:45 to 8:30pm in Church
We are beginning this week the Epistle to the Hebrews
This Study will conclude this years course
We will conclude on wed. May 22
Join us as we spend these 4 weeks in the Hebrews

WEEKLY OFFERING

The first collection on April 7th: \$7,022.00.
The second collection: \$3,206.00.
The first collection: Palm Sunday: \$10,387.00.
The second collection: \$2,870.00.
The Holy Land Collection: \$1,304.00.
The Easter collection is to date: \$24, 107.00.
The Second Collection today: Catholic Home Missions Appeal.
The second collection next week: Building Fund.:
Thank you for your support of your parish. Fr. Dan Hesko
God is generous to the generous of heart. *Let us be generous in what we are and what we have, our time, talents and treasure.*

EASTER VIGIL

This year at Saint Catherine's Easter Vigil we welcomed Anna Marie Flannigan, Rebecca Kruze and Gerd Stabbert into Full Communion of the Roman Catholic Church. We wish all of you many blessings and a warm welcome into our Parish Family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Saint Catherine 2019 CCD Summer Program and 2019/2020 Winter Program

It is time to register for the CCD Summer and Winter Programs. The Summer Program will b June 26th thru July 3rd from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Well be accepting registrations for the Summer Program. **HAVE ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM INTO OUR OFFICE BY MAY 15TH. TEACHERS AND HELPERS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED.**

It is important for the Summer Program that you register as soon as possible as we have to prepare and order books, crafts, etc. The fee is \$90.00. Please call the CCD Office v@732-495-7779 if you have any questions.

CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Holy Name Society is once again sponsoring a Circus. The date is **Thursday, May 16th two shows 5:00pm and 7:00pm all tickets are \$10.00 in advance. For tickets and more information call 732-787-1953.**

We Need Altar Servers. See Fr. Dan for more information. If you are unable to serve your assigned Mass try to get a replacement and notify the parish office of your replacement.

TODAY

5:00pm Fr. Dan
6:30pm Fr. Michael
7:30am Fr. Dan
9:00am Fr. Dan
10:30am Fr.
12:00noon Fr.
Altar Servers:
5:00pm
 A. Alex ,
 L. Lusquinos
 & A. Alex
10:30am
 T. Cherney,
 A. Lewandowski
 S. Wickham



May 4th/5th
5:00pm Fr. Dan
6:30pm
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00noon
Altar Servers:
5:00pm
 A. Alex, T. Cherney &
 L. Lusquinos
10:30am
 Gibiliso Boys

MAY ADORATION ON MONDAYS

Please sign up for the Mondays of May. 1 hour for the Mondays
 The Sign up sheet is in the Narthex by the Literature rack. Adoration can only continue if there are people willing to commit to the times.

THIS WEEK CONSTRUCTION

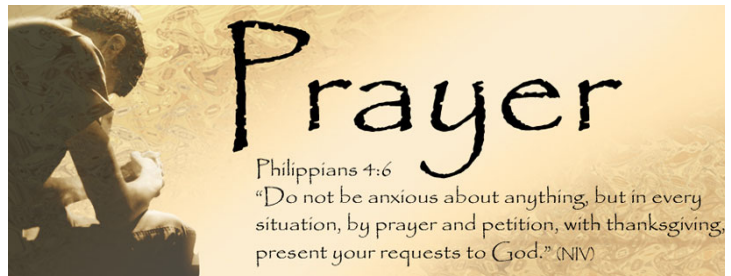
Work begins this Monday in the Narthex to remove the step and re figure the handicap ramp. Entrance into the Church throughout the week will be through the Side Door on Shore Acres Ave. The Front will be open for next weekend.
 Our reason for removing the step is that so many people trip coming in or fall going out, especially when they are not accustomed to our Church, like Baptisms, weddings, funerals or visitors. The New automatic Handicap door will be the main door on the Rectory side of Church (*South side*).

HOLY NAME NEWS
Atlantic City Bus Trip
Sunday, May 19th
Resorts Casino

Bus leaves from the parish Hall approx. 10:30am.
\$25.00 with \$15.00 back in slot cash.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UP DATE

Happy Easter everyone. Good News, I am 3 months old and growing fast. I'm 3" long and weigh 1 oz and I am fully formed.
 My nails and hair are growing and I know the color of my eyes, but they are fused shut to protect them as they are very sensitive.
 My job now is to practice my breathing so my lungs will be in shape for life in the world, can't wait.
 I pass my day sucking my thumb and swallowing. My vocal chords are beginning to form. I want to be ready for that first "big cry" when I'm born.
 I amuse myself by lifting my head making funny faces by squinting and wrinkling my forehead.
 My mom can start to feel life movements now as I flex my arms and legs. "Hello Mom it's me! Isn't God amazing!
 Thank you God for the gift of life and for all the people that love me enough to pray for me. I'll be back at 4 months to give another up date.
 Mother's Day is coming soon. Love, your Spiritual Baby.



In your charity please remember to pray for: Karen Conte, James Teague, Jim Murphy, Monica Gilk, Maria Lonseth, Marge Brand, Anthony DelaTacoma, Sr., Ruth Alaia, Kathleen Toomey, Julia Fehlhaber, Rev. Josh Keeran, Susan Rick, Ryan Hansen, Kerri Black, Ellie Julien, Sara Jane Mauer, Thomas D. Murphy, Ana Oliveira, Michael Brothers, Deborah Snyder, Theresa Marks, Sheila Buxton, Taryn Hussey, Maureen Farrell, Rich Callahan, and for the faithful departed: Mary Beth Hayden.

God, our loving Father, look with kindness on our brothers and sisters who seek Your care. In Your mercy grant health to the sick; comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the troubled, joy to the weary and eternal rest to those whose work on earth is done, and all for Jesus' Amen

Prayer for those serving in our Military

Please remember to pray for our parishioners and friends serving this nation at home and abroad.
 CDR Michael Dwan; USN Major Mark Paige; USMC Patrick Gallagher; Staff Ssgt. Matthew Santilli; Master Ssgt. Albert DiMaggio; Lieutenant Colonel Bayard Smith; Dallas Jamison & Sgt. Timothy Hayes, Major Carlo Brancato, USMC

Prayer: O God who art the lover of peace and concord. Grant to these thy servants who serve this nation, grace and strength. Preserve them we pray and shield them from all danger of body and soul; and hasten the day when they shall return to their homes and loved ones, through Christ our Lord. Amen



PRAYER FOR OUR POLICEMEN

O Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, Watch over all policemen and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm.



In the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them your almighty protection. Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus I trust in Thee

Jesus said to Sister Faustina:

*"Say unceasingly this chaplet
that I have taught you.*

*Anyone who says it will receive
great Mercy at the hour of
death. Priests will recommend
it to sinners as the last hope.*

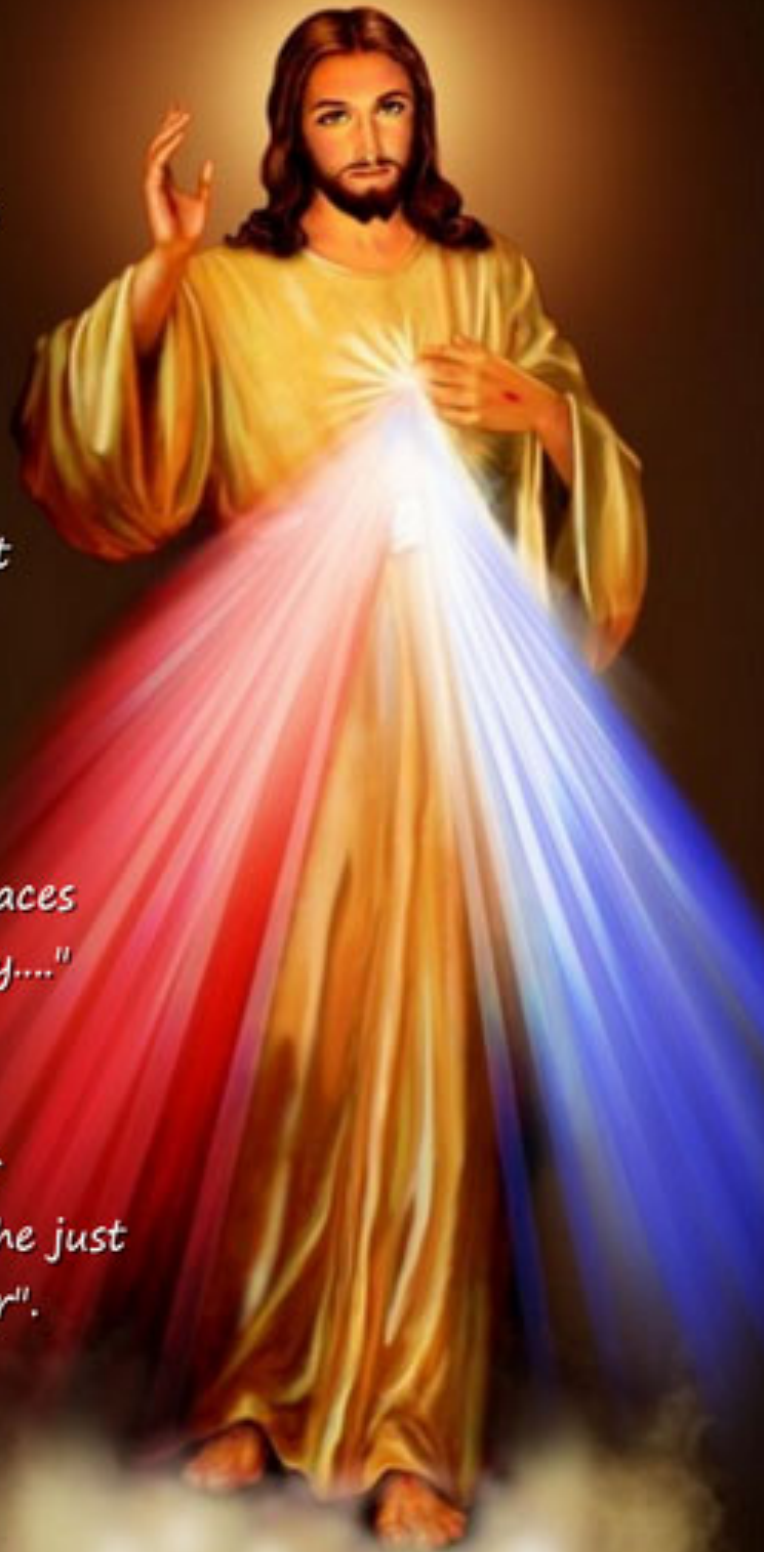
*Even the most hardened
sinner, if he recites this Chaplet*

*Even once, will receive grace
from My Infinite Mercy.*

*I want the whole world to
know My Infinite Mercy.*

*I want to give unimaginable graces
to those who trust in My Mercy...."*

*"....When they say this Chaplet
in the presence of the dying,
I will stand between My Father
and the dying person, not as the just
judge but as the Merciful Savior".*



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

TODAY; 2:45—4:00 pm