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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 26/27, 2025

SAT – Apr 26

5:00p +Rudy Pasko req Joanne & John Lee

SUN – Apr 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:30a +Josephine Miros req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Mathew J. Wingle req his family

11:30a Pol: -Blessings & healing for the Farruggia Family

3:00p Concluding prayers for Divine Mercy

MON – Apr 28 (Ss. Chanel & Montfort)

8:30a +-For all names listed on Easter Rem Envs

TUES – Apr 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

8:30a +Joanne Stumbers req Frank & Gail McMahon

WED – Apr 30 (St. Pius V)

8:30a +Walter & Marianna Wysowaty req Adella Kowalski

THUR – May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker)

8:30a +-For all names listed on Easter Rem Envs

FRI – May 2 (St. Athanasius)

8:30a +Antonina & Tadeusz Ziobro req daughter & family

7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej

SAT – May 3 (Ss. Philip & James)

8:30a +Florence Greco req Barbara & Jack Reed

5:00p -God's blessings on the 50th wedding anniv. of Donald & Linda Marciano req son Matthew

SUN – May 4

7:30a +Maria & Jaroslaw Talajczyk req Krystyna Talajczyk

10a +Dr. James Stryker req daughter Susan & fam

11:30a Pol: +Marian Gzella od rodziny

Altar Flowers – are donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine – is available

Sanctuary Lamp – is available

Divine Mercy Candle – is lit this week for the soul of Irene Wyss req her family

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed for vacation Monday, April 28th. Office will re-open Tuesday, April 29th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This second collection will be taken up today to benefit the Native & Black American Collection and the Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as your means allow.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

Today we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a very special and important feast. We started the Divine Mercy novena and chaplet on Good Friday—it will conclude on Mercy Sunday. Jesus asks us to pray the novena and chaplet every day from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday, venerate the Divine Mercy picture, make a good confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. In return He will pour out His mercy upon us cleansing our souls and freeing them from all sin and the punishment due to those sins. This only happens once a year. Join us for the concluding prayers here at 3pm today.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – April 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3622

Palm Sun - \$3712

Easter - \$8029

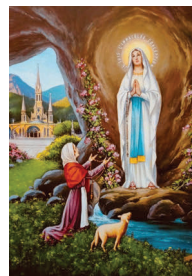
DM Sunday - \$

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the *Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication*. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated. Our parish goal this year is \$15,000. We have raised \$12,802.50 so far.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

Friday, May 9th at 7pm.



Join us for an experience of a lifetime, right here at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ. If you cannot journey to Lourdes, France to visit the site where our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette and receive a Plenary Indulgence, then join us for a

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes and receive the same Plenary Indulgence granted by Pope Frances. Come and touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes water. Receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary, prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France, receive a bottle of Lourdes Water. Friday, May 9th at 7pm.

OUTREACH UPDATE



Our Outreach Program would like to thank all of our parishioners for helping 20 families have a great Easter. The Easter Baskets, all 45 of them, were amazing and we had enough hams, turkeys and canned goods for great Easter meals. We also filled 50 small goodie bags for the residents of Forest Manor. May God bless you.

WHAT IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE, ANYWAY?

A plenary indulgence is the remission of temporal punishments of already-forgiven sins. When we sin and go to confession, the priest absolves us of our sins but NOT the temporal punishments due to those sins. While usually only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, during the special Jubilee Year the Holy See is extending this to two, subject to all normal conditions, with an act of charity carried out for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This grace may be obtained:

- For oneself
 - For the souls in Purgatory to lessen their suffering
- On December 8, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio designated the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima (right on the other side of Washington, NJ) as a pilgrimage site. Here, the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.

Requirements for Obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence

To receive the plenary indulgence, faithful must:

1. Visit the Blue Army Shrine
2. Participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion
3. Pray for the Holy Father's intentions:
 - Recite the Creed
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory Be
4. Have a sincere intention to be detached from all sin
5. Go to Confession within 8 days

Wow, we have this Shrine right in our backyard! Visit the National Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd E, Asbury, NJ before December 8, 2025.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to the owners of Newbaker Funeral Home of Blairstown for covering the cost of our Palm this year. May God bless them.

THANK YOU!!!

Fr. Greg is very grateful for all people involved in making our Holy Week and Easter Masses a beautiful testament of our devotion to God. He thanked all Lectors, Altar Servers, Music Program, ushers, Altar Care ministers, special readers during our Masses, our Religious Ed Program and staff. Special thanks to all who decorated and cleaned our church and to the Critchley brothers for covering and uncovering our large hanging cross. Shout out to our Outreach Team for successfully collecting and distributing Easter meals, baskets, and goodies bags to Forest Manor residents. Many, many thanks to Karl Schaub for painting all the black parts of our pews in time for Easter. Thank you to our group of volunteers for scrubbing all the kneelers and pews in the entire church. To the Sempruch family for power washing the outside of our Hall & barn and the Bengyak family for mopping the entire hall floor, thank you. Fr. Greg was delighted to see so many people in our church. Our church was blessed to have such wonderful Easter celebrations!

SAVE THE DATE

September 20, 2025 diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC. Watch the bulletin for more details.



NICENE CREED

The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of 325, and the Nicene Creed. The Roman Catholic Dioceses of the state of NJ, the Episcopal Dioceses of Newark and NJ, the Lutheran (ELCA), Presbyterian, and Reformed churches, as well as the Ukrainian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox Churches are joining together in celebration of this historic moment. There will be a service of thanksgiving for both clergy and laity at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ on Sat., May 3rd at 11am, with a reception following. His Eminence, Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, will be in attendance, and will be joined by other Christian leaders. All are most welcome!

A short Divine Mercy prayer can be a powerful way to connect with God's love and mercy. Here's a simple example: *"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

PRAY FOR:

Living: Joan Critchley, Deborah Napolitano, Josef Sempruch, Elizabeth Klima, Letisia Stasi

Deceased: Pope Francis, Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Ed Pasko, Jr, Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere

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