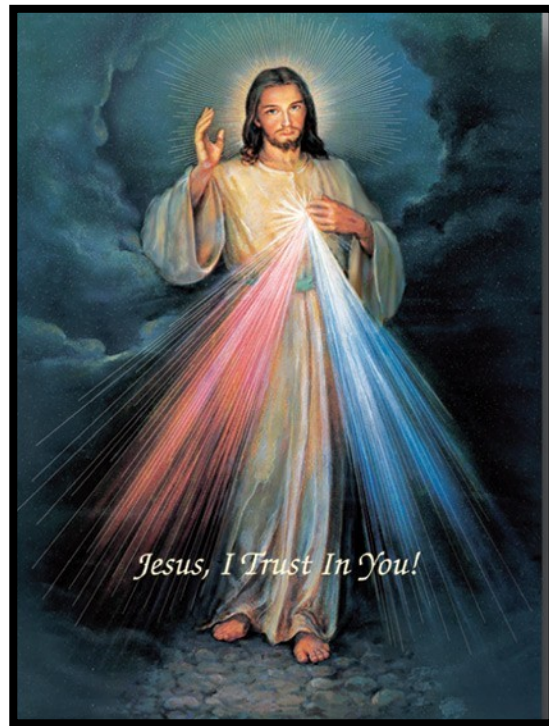


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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7, 2024 Year B

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM
Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM
Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Pastor, Johnny Mintah-Mensah "Koo"
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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes
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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Alleluia, Alleluia Let The Holy Anthem Rise #180
"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914 Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me say the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but
still believe.

Gospel: Mark 1 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: What

Holy: #918

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26 Lamb of God: #923

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #475

Meditation: How Can I Keep Fromm Singing #447

Recessional: All The Ends Of The Earth #562

April Birthdays



1st-Suzanne Sitterding, 4th-Blaise Katsuki & Marianne Krop, 2nd-Emily
Puleo, 6th-Ray Kostaskey & Father Koo; 8th-Pat Reamy & Annette
Marcil, 12th-Nancy Wirth, 17th-Caroline Puleo & Margaret Hock,
23rd-Kaylee Kirsch, 28th-Louise Hartz,

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



April Anniversaries

3rd-Brendan & Eileen O'Brien, 9th-Tom & Sharon Hawksworth,
17th-Mike & Noelle Harvey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7th-Divine Mercy Sunday (guest priest Father Bob)
April 10th, 11th-No Daily Mass
April 8th-Visitation Singers
April 14th-3rd Sunday of Easter/Social Sunday
April 17th-No Daily Mass
April 21st-4th Sunday of Easter
April 28th-5th Sunday of Easter; KOC Pancake Breakfast
May 2nd-Adoration 9:30-10:30am
May 5th-6th Sunday of Easter
May 9th-Parish Council Meeting 3pm
May 12th-The Ascension of the Lord/Social Sunday

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

APRIL 7 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: John Clair
Altar Server: Kostaskey Lectors: Dorman/Sychterz
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBA
Chalice: TBA
Music: Filippi Counters: O'Brien/Smith

APRIL 14, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Puttmann
Altar Server: Smith Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBA
Chalice: TBA
Music: Lange Counters: King/Angel

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from March 31, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,550
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 98,044
Total Budget Projection: \$ 91,450
Loan Balance: \$ 135,546



Our Second Collection today is for Debt Reduction.
We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$215 March telephone; \$325 Credit Card expenses.

LEGACY

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles, jewelry, real estate, and savings or other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.



But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution - at a cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

RECURRING EVENTS



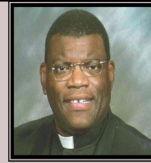
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry
(Sandi Delagrange)
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45-
COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

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Application deadline: **Early March 2024**

In memory of
Mollie McMurtrie
my long time friend.
I will miss you.
JoAnn Nolte

In loving memory of
Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever,
JoAnn

Take Home Lesson

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024

Confidence in the Divine Mercy

The following meditation appears in the April edition of Magnificat magazine. It is from the diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. She was a Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy whose mystical visions of Jesus inspired the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized in 2000

One day I felt driven to take steps to see to it that the Feast of Mercy be instituted and the image of the Merciful Jesus be painted, and I could find no peace. Something was pervading my whole being, and yet I feared being deluded. However, these doubts always came from outside, because in the depths of my soul I felt it was the Lord who was penetrating my being. The priest to whom I was going to confession at that time told me that one can often have illusions.... This was a torture for me.

Seeing that I was getting very little help from people, I turned all the more to Jesus, the best of all teachers. At one time, when I was filled with doubts as to whether the voice I heard came from the Lord or not, I began to speak to Jesus interiorly without forming any words. Suddenly an inner force took hold of me and I said, "If you who commune with me and talk to me are truly my God, I beg you, O Lord, to make this ward go this very day to confession; this sign will give me reassurance." At that very moment, the girl asked to go to confession....

The Mother in charge of the class was surprised at this sudden change in her, but she undertook to call a priest immediately, and this person made her confession with great compunction. At the same time, I heard a voice within me say, "Do you believe me now?" And once again a strange power pervaded my soul, strengthening and reassuring me to such a degree that I myself was surprised that I had allowed myself to doubt even for a moment....

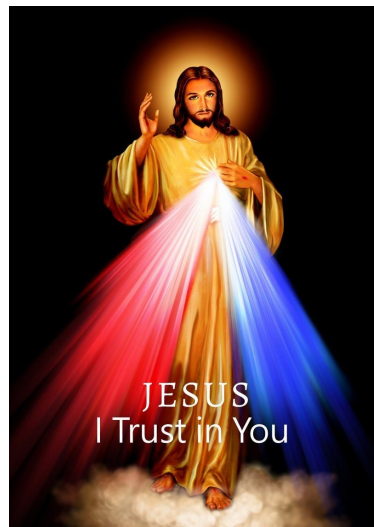
O my Jesus, direct my mind, take possession of my whole being, enclose me in the depths of your heart, and protect me against the assaults of the enemy. My only hope is in you. Speak through my mouth when I, wretchedness itself, find myself with the mighty and wise, so that they will know that this undertaking is yours and comes from you.

Here we have one instance of Saint Faustina giving herself completely to Jesus. She asks Him Jesus to direct her mind, to take possession of her whole being and protect her from the enemy.

What is holding you back from allowing Jesus to direct your mind and take possession of your whole being?

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.



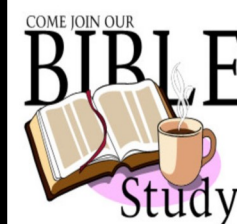
Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said: Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300)

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 341)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

What do you pray after communion on Divine Mercy Sunday? Lord, I desire to trust in your divine Mercy to the extent that there is no doubt in my heart and mind that You will bestow upon me this precious gift of love. Help me to trust in Your Mercy because of Your infinite goodness. *Jesus, I love you and I trust in You. Amen.*

What color to wear on Divine Mercy Sunday? Wear red, white, or pale blue in honor of the rays depicted in the Divine Mercy image. In St. Faustina's Diary, she writes that Jesus explained to her, "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous.



SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Holy Spirit in the Bible!

A Spring Adult Bible Study of The Holy Spirit in the Bible is scheduled to start on Wednesday,

April 10. The study is six lessons, and we are planning to meet every Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:00, so the study will run through May 15.

A second session will be offered each week on either Monday or Thursday evening for those who cannot make the morning sessions.

Contact John Weidner at jaweidner1@verizon.net or 240-780-1872 if you would like to join our study group or if you would like additional information.

ALTAR SERVER REQUESTS



We are looking for people willing to be altar servers. You only need to be a practicing catholic who has had first communion and be willing to serve. All are welcome to join in this ministry.

Please see Tom Dorman, any altar server or contact the church office.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary!
We have books and rosary beads available for use.
If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Social Sunday after Mass, Please plan to stay and enjoy the opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, and good food! Please bring a dish to share if you can.



HOLY WEEK CUDOS

As we finish and cherish a week of inspiration and reward, there are many individuals and groups that deserve our warmest thanks and praise, starting with the choir and ending with the children's Easter Egg Hunt.

How can we ever forget the majestic music that came with every Mass or Service?

How can we forever praise the Liturgy Committee and the meticulous planning that was required of our Worship Planners for every Mass or Service?

How can we always remember the outside appearance of our church and its grounds and the interior environment that continually enriched our religious experience.

God has blessed us with a group of devoted parishioners who step up when needed, go the extra mile in his name, and contribute their time and energy for the greater good of the Church of the Visitation.

When we began the long and arduous journey of building a new worship area, Father Gerry remarked "Build it and they will come" 261 persons attended Easter Sunday Mass in fulfillment of his prediction.

The Holy Week schedule demanded much from many. In fear of missing someone, we did not list the names of those "many".

To "you" we offer our heartfelt thanks and praise, and to the many who attended the Holy Week Masses and Services, we thank you for participating in a sincere expression of your faith and religion.



Please pray for the following:



Spike Nunn and Father John Boddie

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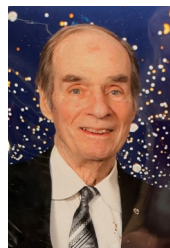
MASS INTENTIONS

April 14, 2024
Spike Nunn

From Denise & Larry Miller

REGRETS FOR SPIKE

On Thursday and Friday, the wake and Mass of Resurrection for Spike Nunn were held at St. Francis De Sales Church in Kilmarnock. Spike and Becky began attending Mass with us. They both became lectors and Spike went on to serve two terms on the Parish Council before becoming ill. During the Vietnam War Spike was a Marine Fighter-Bomber Pilot. Our prayers are with Becky and family.



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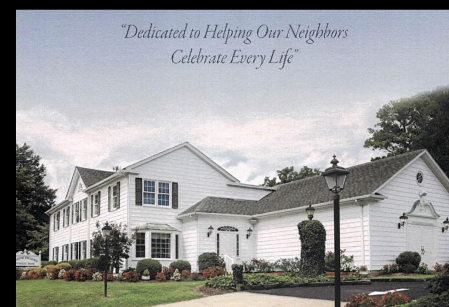
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

We are active participants in many ministries to include Alter servers, Choir members, Collection counter, Community Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council Members and Ushers.

The KOC meet at 5:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Visitation. We start with the Rosary.

All are welcome!

Any questions call Our Grand Knight-Al Langer at 804-815-1328.



In memory of
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"ANYWAY PRAYER"**

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

**Breathe in Love,
Exhale Peace.**



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Josiah Reffo



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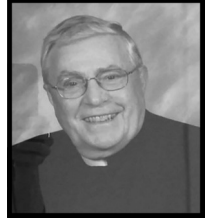
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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

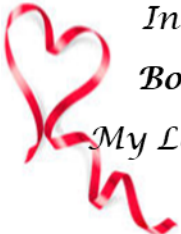



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"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was".



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