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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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DIVINE MERCY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 4 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday: 8 AM
Holy Day: Please consult
bulletin.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Before daily Masses
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
After daily Mass & 15 min. before
weekend Masses
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: Tuesdays after
8 AM Mass until 10:00 AM & Every
First Friday of the month 6-8 pm
including confessions

TRUSTEES

Mr. Al Frosolone
Mrs. Dorothy Ducatte-Wozniak

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Mon & Thur: 9 AM - 2 PM |
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Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

**ST. MARY OF
THE CATARACT**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9 AM & 12 PM
Monday-Friday: 12:10 PM.
Holy Day: Please consult bulletin

DEVOTIONS

Novena to our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal:
Mondays 12 PM
Novena to St. John Neumann:
Thursdays after the 12:10
PM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: First Saturday of the
month following 5:30 Mass until
8:00 pm

TRUSTEES: Ms. Carmela
Borgese & Mr. Frederick P.
Caseo, Jr.

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MISSION STATEMENT

At Divine Mercy Parish, in the spirit of our Christian charity and Catholic faith, we dedicate ourselves to imitate the life and ministry of our Merciful Savior Jesus Christ, who lives in our midst. Through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we share our faith, build up the community and extend a warm welcome to our friends and visitors. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.

PASTOR

Rev. Jacek P. Mazur

PERMANENT DEACONS

David P. Slish (DM)
Benjamin R. Marino (SM)

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

COORDINATOR

Ms. Julie Belkota

CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST

Gary A. Sage

We wish to welcome all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people, as well as comfort and strength for all your needs. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to join us. But above all, we invite you to come worship with us at any time.

MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Mary of the Cataract R.C. Parish, in the Spirit of St. John Neumann, our mission is to provide the local community and the faithful visiting the majestic Falls with the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus in our midst and in the Sacraments. We dedicate ourselves to teach our Catholic Faith and how to live it daily. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.



**DIVINE MERCY
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 20 - 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM +Anna Wojton, req. by Patt Nowak
+Irene Frosolone, req. by John & Lauren Frosolone

Sunday, February 21 - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM +Joseph & Frida Kutlina, req. by Daughters Mary & Emma
+Remi Gonzalez, req. by Linda Edwards & Family

Tuesday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

8:00 AM +Teddy Kajdasz, req. by Gregory & Kristine Sliwa
+Helen Plotkin, req. by James & Helen Czapla

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM +Edward Kwiatek, req. by Beczkowski Family
Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish & St. Mary of the Cataract, req. by Fr. Mazur

Friday, February 26

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross



Saturday, February 27 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM +Irene Frosolone, req. by Linda Edwards & Rita Farrell
+Rose & Michael Mastropaolo, req. by Family

Sunday, February 28 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM +Marta Cyrwus, 5th Anniversary, req. by Family
+Waleria & Jan Suski, req. by Family



**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 20 - 1st Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM +Brian O'Laughlin, req. by Castiglia Family

Sunday, February 21 - 1st Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM Ryan, Dietz, Klingler & Kennedy Families
+John & Antonette Shallock, req. by Clementine & Jacqueline
9:00 AM +Brian O'Laughlin, req. by O'Laughlin Family
12:00 PM +Brian O'Laughlin & Joseph Martino, req. by Mary DeLoreto

Monday, February 22 - The Chair of the St. Peter the apostle

12:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
12:10 PM +John Goodall, req. by Family

Tuesday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

12:10 PM Special Intention, req. by Anne DesPres

Thursday, February 25

12:10 PM The Marquez Family, req. by the Stender Family

Friday, February 26

12:10 PM +Bettie Goodall, req. by Family

Stations of the Cross after Mass



Saturday, February 27 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:30 PM Ryan, Dietz, Klingler & Kennedy Families

Sunday, February 28 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM +Leona Frank, req. by Family
9:00 AM +Anthony Battaglia, req. by Steve & Barbara Carter
12:00 PM +Anita Gil, req. by Mary Glomb



This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

Sign up today for free by visiting formed.org/lent!

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We are accepting students in Pre-K (2.5, 3 & 4 year olds) K - 3rd Grade

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

“Would you like Prayers said for anyone Family or Friend that you know of who is sick (seriously ill) or dying” The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said daily for their intentions by the 21 Members of The Divine Mercy Cenacle Group. Call 297-2738 to request Prayers! Leave message.

Please join us at St. Mary's in praying the Rosary for our Country and our Holy Catholic Church, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11:40 AM, and on Friday following the 12:10 Mass. Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,

Please pray for our sick Divine Mercy & St. Mary's Parishioners: Ryan Cali, Rebecca Cali-Cuddahee, Marie Venti, Cheryl Ryan, Loretta Dominick, Stephanie Borelis, Pauline Dempsey, Hugh Mellan, Ginny Sukmanowski, Cindy Rodenas, Sandy Krajkowski, Eugene Piotrowski, Jamison Hokanson, Donna Robbins, Joseph Insana, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera, Julia Harrigan, Todd Schwartz, Rosemarie Pyra



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

When you are troubled, we are hope. Are you struggling with hybrid learning, trying to work remotely, having a hard time with the seemingly endless grey that is WNY in winter? If you are experiencing mental health, familial or marital problems we can help. Catholic Charities offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, Diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics and individual, children and family counseling. To find out more, visit ccwny.org and click the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under Services on the right-hand side. To begin the referral process, call 716-895-1033. If you are located outside of Erie County, call your local Catholic Charities office for counseling or go to ccwny.org/counseling for information and contact number. **HOPE for All Seasons.**



This Week the Sanctuary Candle at Divine Mercy will burn for:
Healing & Unity
for the United States of America,

req. by Mary L. Kutlina



This Week the Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary's will burn in loving memory of:
John & Betty Goodall,

req. by Family

February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday before each Mass and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements to be made in advance. A pre-baptismal instruction is required for all parents prior to the date of baptism. Call the parish office for application. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program. A parish Pre-Cana program is available. Contact the parish office for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome! Contact the parish office.

VISITATION OF SICK/CARE FOR THE SICK

Parishioners who are in spiritual need may contact Fr. Mazur at 282-0059 or 284-6641. Please notify the parish office of parishioners confined to their home or hospital.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome those wishing information and instruction:

- ◆ Non - baptized persons desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their children
 - ◆ Those seeking the fullness of faith as members of the Catholic Church
 - ◆ Those Catholics wishing to complete the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Please call 946-1403 for more information

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Gladly given to those registered members of the parish (*at least 3 months*) who have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.

Are you struggling with addiction of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to our pastor, Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: www.stationofthecross.com, under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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