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Image and Feast Day

The Image of the Divine Mercy originates from a vision that St. Faustina had on Feb. 22, 1931. In that vision, Our Lord was clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart. From the heart came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. He expressed His desire to have an image painted according to the pattern Faustina was looking upon, and that it should be signed: "Jesus, I trust in You." St. Faustina felt that the painted image was not even close in magnificence to the vision she had of Our Lord, and wrote, "...I felt very sad about it, but I hid this deep in my heart. When we had left the artist's house, Mother Superior [Irene] stayed in town to attend to some matters while I returned home alone. I went immediately to the chapel and wept a good deal. I said to the Lord, "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" Then I heard these words: **Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace**" (Diary 313).

The Image represents the risen Christ whose hands and feet bear the marks of the crucifixion. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, two rays are issuing forth, a red and a pale one. When asked about their meaning, Jesus explained. **The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross** (299). These two rays signify the Sacraments of Mercy, and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the blood of souls, carrying life-sustaining food for our spiritual journey. The water is analogous to the Sacraments of Baptism and Penance, in that through these Sacraments our souls are washed clean. **Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him** (299).

Jesus attached promises to those who venerate the Image. Jesus said: **I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You"** (327). **By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it** (570). Jesus also said: **I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory** (48).

St. Faustina's Diary also contains several passages in which Our Lord requests that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church. Jesus asked that the Feast of Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. That day is a day of grace for all people, particularly for great sinners. **This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it** (420).

There are promises associated with the Feast, the greatest is which is associated with the reception of Holy Communion on that day. Our Lord made the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment if one approaches the Fountain of Life that day with an attitude of trust, and meets the other requirements of deeds of mercy that the Lord made known through St. Faustina. In other words, the grace equals the one we received in Baptism. This is not a plenary indulgence from the Church, rather, like a second Baptism, as on that day our souls are washed clean again and made a white as snow.

Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment (300). **I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy** (1109). The greatness of this Feast lies also in the fact that everyone may obtain the grate grace of the feast. Our Lord requested that the Image be venerated on that day as well. **I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy** (49). **I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet** (699).

On another occasion Our Lord told her, **My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter.**

On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them (206).

Pope John Paul II fulfilled Jesus' request on April 30, 2000 when he declared that the Sunday after Easter would be celebrated throughout the world as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

The Preparation for the Feast of Mercy is to be a novena beginning on Good Friday, including recitation of The Divine Mercy Chaplet for nine day. **I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls** (1209).



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2021	Actual Rec'd	\$ 7,853.00	(36%)
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SA Financial Statements: If you would like a financial statement for 2020, please contact Ann @ 814 886-2235 or staloyuschurch@dioceseaj.org



Power House Sub Sale: Order forms and payment are due April 12. Pick up will be on April 28 from 10:00am to Noon and from 4:00 to 5:30pm in SA hall. April's Sub Sale benefit the good works of our Catholic Daughters of America.

Congratulation Christopher Daras and Stephen Snyder who were received into the Roman Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil. A special word of gratitude goes out to their Sponsors Lori Daras and Rose Trexler for their support and friendship throughout their RCIA journey. I'm also thankful for the support of Sr. Nancy Spence, CCW for her help with their weekly instructions and keeping me on track with the necessary paperwork.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Casey Criste, Sr. Augustine Marie and the Choir for providing such beautiful music for our Easter Liturgies. You all made our celebrations feel more joyful and uplifting!



We're on Facebook! Look up "Saint Aloysius Catholic Church" & "St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church" and join our groups to stay connected, share pictures, parish events and news.

April is noted as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please check the web-site for St. Francis Xavier for the monthly notice from the Diocese for information on the Virtus program.



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Catholic	Parish Target	\$19,184.00	
Ministries	Total Pledges	\$ 9750.00	(51%)
Drive	No of Gifts	60/351	(17%)
2021	Actual Rec'd	\$ 8470.00	(44%)
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Collection 4/1 and 4/2/2021: Adults \$40; youth \$12; Easter \$18 Divine Mercy \$16; Easter \$150; Holy Thursday \$195; Loose \$97; Good Friday \$113; Loose \$5 **Total Deposit \$646.00:**

Collection 4/04/2021: Adults \$2791; loose \$79; children \$58; Divine Mercy \$26; Easter \$2539; Energy \$11; Angel Fund: \$5; Development \$60; Easter Flowers \$50; Candles \$3; Divine Mercy candles \$137; Cath. Reg. \$8; Easter Masses \$205; Holy Thurs \$65; Mother's day \$5; Cath. Home Mission \$5; Good Fri. \$61; **Total Deposit \$6,108.00:** Cemetery \$10; Church Improvement \$38;

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP: Saturday, April 24, 2021. Volunteers will meet at St. Aloysius Parking lot at 8:00am. Volunteers welcome!



Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You
by Susan Tassone

What does it mean to venerate?

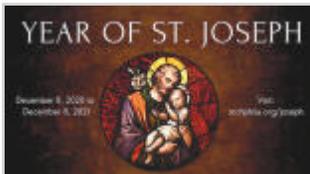
I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 48).



Reflection: The Divine Mercy image is a vessel of grace, from which gushes a fountain of mercy. Jesus says that He will grant many graces to souls and asks that every soul be able to venerate it. We ought to give the Divine Mercy image a place of honor in our parishes and homes, adorning it with flowers and candles – outward signs of veneration. But true veneration of the image of divine Mercy begins in the heart – the human heart pierced by the love of Jesus. Worshiping the mercy of God, "victory is always on your side" (1560) because we put our trust in him. God protects as His own possession His own children – the beloved of God who venerate the image of his Mercy.

Prayer: "Most Merciful Jesus, whose heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy" (1225). Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

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150th Anniversary of Naming Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

“Joseph was warned in a dream that Herod sought to kill the child. He fled with his family to Egypt. In Egypt “parents and child remained until after Herod’s death.” (Mt 2:13; 19)

One hundred and fifty years after Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, on December 8, 1870, Pope Francis noted the anniversary on December 8, 2020, by dedicating an entire year to the saint. As Pius IX and the entire Church were undergoing great darkness in the world, all were entrusted to the providence of God in 1870 and St. Joseph.

Moving forward to the 21st century, we look at how the Church is again endangered with persecution, troubled by sin and evil, and under attack for her sovereignty and pro-life stance. And who do we turn to? We turn to St. Joseph, because he remains our patron in these dark times too. <https://www.ncregister.com/news/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph>. 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 9:15 to 10:45



Apr: 11, 18, 25 CCD Classes
May: 2 Last Day of CCD

FUTURE EVENTS

Pack the Pantry: Students in 9, 10 and 11th grades

Our collection is scheduled for Sunday April 11th. Students in the Confirmation preparation classes are asked to bring their 50 items to the St. Aloysius Hall on Sunday morning at 9:00am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 2, 2021 8:00am St. Francis Xavier Church
11:00am St. Aloysius Church

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 12 TO APRIL 18

JPII NO MASSES UNTIL FURHER NOTICE

MON - APRIL 12

8:00am **FX** No Mass

TUE - APRIL 13

8:00am **SA** MATTHEW ZAKRZWSKI
(MA Zakrzwski)

WED - APRIL 14

8:00am **FX** ANGELICA ZABANEL
(Trexler family)

6:30pm **FX** CONFIRMATION
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00pm **SA** 24 HR ADORATION

THUR - APRIL 15

8:00am **SA** JOHN SMILNAK (Ethel)

8:30am ADORATION

7:00pm Holy Hour

8:00pm Confession

FRI - APRIL 16

9:00am **FX** WILLIAM PUPO (m/m J Vaughn)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT - APRIL 17

11:00am Conf/Adoration @ FX

3:30pm **SA** ROSARY

4:00pm **SA** FOR THE PEOPLE OF
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APRIL 18

7:30am **FX** ROSARY

8:00am **FX** FLORENCE & LEROY DELANEY
(daughter Patty)

10:30am **SA** ROSARY

11:00am **SA** MARIE McDERMIT (R Stancek)

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