

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Ryszard Stradomski (Fr. Richard)

APRIL 11th, 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mass Times

Mon—Fri: 8:00am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-2:30pm

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From Bishop Parkes

I hereby announce that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for Catholic in the Diocese of St. Petersburg will expire on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Particulars in next weeks bulletin

Mass Intentions
**For The Week of
Divine Mercy
April 10 — 18, 2021**

Saturday, April 10

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00pm †Joyce Cassidy
by George and Betty Sanok

Sunday, April 11 Divine Mercy

8:30am †Connie Milan by John Conroy
10:30am †Raymond Miller by Loving Wife

Monday, April 12 Easter Weekday

8:00am †Josephine Stonitsch
by Grace and David Chen

Tuesday, April 13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:00am †Angela Monteleone Specht
by Frank and Elizabeth Brasacchio

Wednesday, April 14 Easter Weekday

8:00am †Robert Mello by Loving Wife

Thursday, April 15 Easter Weekday

8:00am †Thomas Setter
by Loving Wife Lori Setter

Friday, April 16 Easter Weekday

8:00am †JoAnne Wiegand
by Pat and Denny Bisson

Saturday, April 17 Easter Weekday

5:00pm †John Kowaleski by Cousin Mark

Sunday, April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict
10:30am †Dotty Hahn by Ginnie Svoboda



Pray for our People...
Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Al Plante, Maria Canale, Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Juanita Downum, Kevin Terrell, Linda Fusco, Annetta Wieczorek, Ralph Esposito, Sarah King, Agnes and Michael Ross, Doug Sheppard, George Williams, Barbara and Fred Born, Chris Grivois, Ron and Mary Guadagnini, Eugene Janusz, Una Lewis, Debra Cappadona, Joan Turcotte, Randy Sailor, Dayden Floyd, Lisa Mott, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski, JoAnn Dunton, Cole Eskay, Vincent Smith, Frank Polash, Smirna Velez, Doug Raney, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Richard Eggenberger, Angelina Jesselli, Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, George McCurdy, Matthew McCown, Mary Jane Eggleston, Lindsay Longo, Mary Jo Gallagher, John Kilduff, Elizabeth Trepanier, Jimmy Smith, Ann Boakes,* and Helen Donovan

Active Duty...

Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross, Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen, Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Michael Turcotte, Matthew Zarek, Dadrian Ruiz, John Kelley, Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind, Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis, Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson, Richard J. Surowiec, Robert J. Milan Jr., and Blake Leibach,

Our Deceased...

The Lord has chosen to call **Tricia Fowler and Evelyn Janusz** to come back home with him. May they rest in the arms of God. As we pray for them, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to their family and friends.

Make your request at any time to Anne at
aschukne@tampabay.rr.com

Stewardship

Not available at time of print

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Reading 1 — [ACTS 4:32-35](#)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

READING 2 — [1 JN 5:1-6](#)

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [JN 20:19-31](#)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Nicene Creed

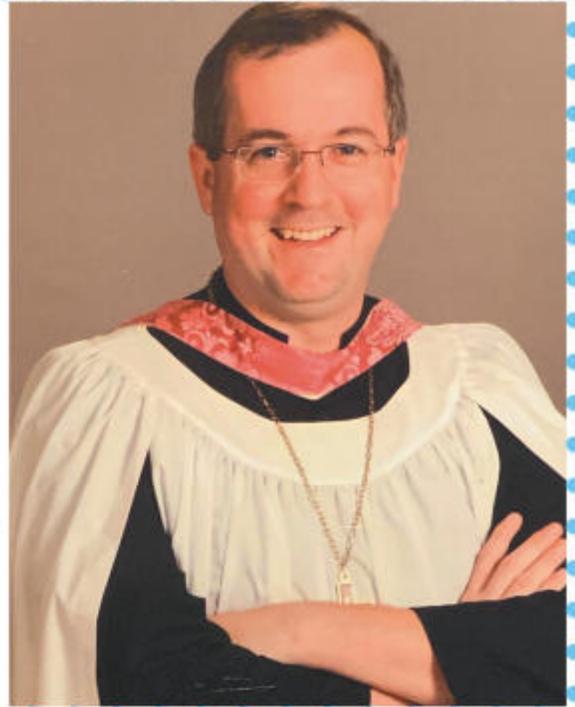
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Receiving Communion

During communion you are asked to sit, sanitize your hands, and remain in your seat as a minister will be coming to you with the Eucharist. As the minister approaches you, pull your mask under your chin and extend your arms as far as you can.

God Bless and Good Luck

After six years of "making a joyful noise" at our parish, our Director of Music has decided to change careers. Josh was originally scheduled to leave in early May but was suddenly called for training one month early. We are hoping that, once his training is finished, he will be able to come and play for one, last weekend and give everyone the opportunity to wish him well on his new life adventure. We want to thank Josh for sharing his wonderful talents with us and for helping out in many aspects of our parish life. It is sad that he is leaving but we wish him much happiness in his new career. We hope that this fresh start in life will add more success stories to his book of life. May the Lord walk with Josh every step of the way and help him accomplish great things!



January 2022

January 9, 2022 – January 15, 2022

Join Fr. Ryszard

6 Night St. Benedict Parish Cruise

on the Carnival Magic out of Port Canaveral

Space is limited! Book early for the best price and cabin location!

Itinerary:

Sun. Jan. 9	Port Canaveral	4:00pm departure
Mon. Jan. 10	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Tues. Jan. 11	Amber Cove, Dominican Republic	10:30am – 6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 12	Grand Turk	7:00am – 3:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 13	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9:30am – 5:30pm
Fri. Jan. 14	Fun Day at Sea with Mass & Group Activities	
Sat. Jan. 15	Port Canaveral	8:00am arrival

Group Amenities and Activities:

Daily Mass on Sea Days, \$100 On board Credit per cabin, Exclusive St. Benedict Cocktail Party, Reserved Group Dining, Private Slot Pulls, and Private Left, Center, Right games.

Payment Details: — \$250 per person deposit (refundable before October 5); Final Payment due October 8, 2021

Bus Transportation to Port Canaveral to be arranged at an additional fee.

For further information or to register, contact Bill & Terri Obermeier

St. Benedict Parishioners

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Cabin Prices Per Person

Inside: \$563 Ocean View: \$653 Balcony: \$823

Above prices include all port fees and taxes and based on double occupancy.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes

The Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available when you walk into the church. Spiritual Bouquets are Mass Intentions that are offered as a spiritual gift for someone, they will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day. This is a beautiful gift to any mom!

Please fill out the envelopes and return to the parish office by **May 6**.



Daystar Life Center of Citrus County,
THANKS YOU!



Dear Knights,

We at Daystar Life Center are very grateful for yet another very successful food drive you organized at St. Benedict Parish.

As you know the amount of actual food that was collected was 2,876 pounds! In addition to all that we also received \$410 in checks, which will enable us to purchase 2,278 pounds of meat and poultry at the Community Food Bank.

Your 5,154 pounds of food will feed 150 households for well over a week. You and your fellow church members are not only helping the poor in our community, but also Daystar by reducing our costs to purchase food.

Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Please join the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus.



All good, practicing, Catholic gentlemen are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Give a little back to your community, your church, your pastor, and yourself.

"The Knights are the right hand of the Church".

You can contribute as much or as little time as you desire. Your Council has helped many, contributed much, and served the Church in many ways. Join us and become a member of our group!

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For more information and application please contact Grand Knight Mike Clemmer at: mwcllemmer@aol.com or (336)314-8451 (cell)

Divine Mercy Sunday *the divine mercy*



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. "(Diary 699) He went on to say "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." (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it.

I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina "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". (Diary 327) "The two rays denote Blood and Water. 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. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

About the feast day "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. 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.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699)

Our Lord said "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..." and "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy" (1602) Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light." (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others.

The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Equality Act

The Equality Act is national legislation that purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs.

From The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Truth about the Equality Act

The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith, threatens unborn life, and undermines the common good.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

- exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith
- forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities
- requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys
- forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down
- jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives
- hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Learn more and take action by contacting your Senators to oppose via this link:

www.usccb.org/equality-act

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