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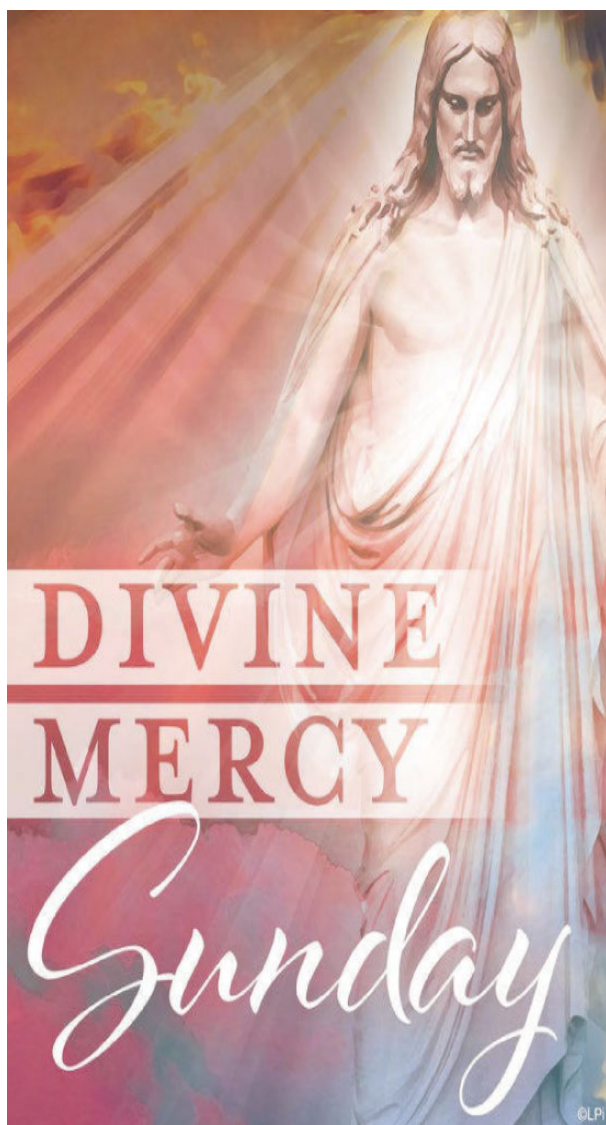
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*Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 24, 2022*



### *SCRIPTURE REFLECTION*

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

*Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.*

*Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations*

*Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News*

***Meditation***  
***Fervor in God's Service***  
*(from "My Daily Bread")*

**Christ:**

My child, read the lives of My saints and consider their wonderful fervor in following My Will. Fervor is a prompt and ready will to follow whatever I desire. It is not a matter of feeling or mood, but a loyal attachment to My will.

Can you say that you are living a life that matches the unselfishness of My saints? They were unable to say "no" to Me, no matter what I asked of them.

Whether it was sickness, labors, failures or criticisms, My saints did their best, accepting and even preferring whatever I sent them.

Imitate their loyalty to My Will and you will experience their peace of soul. Your labors will seem less difficult because I will give you greater graces.

The fervent man is eager to know My Will in the various events of daily life. Though his feelings and moods may change, his will is ever the same -- to please Me in all things. Indeed, his greatest satisfaction comes from following My holy Will.

**Think:**

The more I learn to think straight, the better will I see the inner simplicity of earthly life. I was put on earth to gain the eternal glory and joy of Heaven. I shall earn this unimaginable happiness in proportion as I reflect the goodness of God in my daily life. He wants me to become daily more like his Son in my thinking, speaking and acting. The saints learned God's thoughts and Will, and they earnestly tried to live each day as God desired. They knew that God's way was the only intelligent way. They grew in strength through the sacraments, prayer and an honest daily effort. They learned to do many things which had once seemed impossible.

**Readings for the Week of April 24, 2022**

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/  
Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6,  
11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600**

**Mass Intentions**  
**(for the week ahead)**

|           |            |                                  |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Margaret Andriuzzo               |
| Tuesday   | 8:00 a.m.  | Jennie Andriuzzo                 |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m.  | Vocations                        |
| Thursday  | 8:00 a.m.  | S.P. Zbigniew and Frank          |
| Friday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Mariusz Zmuda and Frank          |
| Saturday  | 4:00 p.m.  | James & Elizabeth Campion        |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Parish Family                    |
| Sunday    | 7:00 a.m.  | Leith & Nanette Novio            |
|           | 8:30 a.m.  | Catherine Caroppoli              |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Julie Alfano                     |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | The Family of<br>Harold Kelleher |

**Mass and Devotions Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm and 6 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),  
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am Monday-Friday

**Prayer Group:** The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the  
month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

**Holy Rosary** after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,  
in Church

**Marian Novena** after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

**Benediction & Adoration:** Thursdays at 3:00 pm  
until 6:45 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

## Parish Calendar

- Mon. 04/25 6:30PM Prayer Group Meeting
- Tues. 04/26 9AM Rosary Makers;  
6:45PM Boy Scouts
- Wed. 04/27 9:15AM Legion of Mary;  
4PM Traditional Choir;  
5:15PM FF K-5;  
5:15PM Edge 6-8
- Thur. 04/28 3PM Benediction/Adoration;  
6PM Girl Scouts;  
6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;  
7PM Contemporary Choir;  
7PM Bible
- Fri. 04/29 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests  
Apostolate
- Sat. 04/30
- Sun. 05/01 9AM Faith Formation

### Altar Server Training Session for Aspiring Youth Servers! Sunday, May 15 at noon in the church

If you are a young person who has received First Holy Communion, you are eligible!

Come and join us!  
For details, contact Liz Sheridan at x129 or [elizabeth@stanpr.org](mailto:elizabeth@stanpr.org)



### Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.  
Call for information.  
Phone: (727) 372-8600  
Website: [www.stanpr.org](http://www.stanpr.org)  
**Prayer Line:** (727) 372-8600  
**Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:**  
Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

### Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204  
Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:  
Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111  
Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115  
Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

### Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132  
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):  
Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131  
Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133  
Admin. Asst: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 112  
Music: Dan O’Hara - Ext. 128  
Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:  
Betty West - Ext. 116  
Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129  
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142  
Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor  
Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

### STA Early Childhood Center

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330  
[www.staecc.org](http://www.staecc.org)

**Food Pantry:** Monday *and* Thursday  
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

**Gift Store:** *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

**Parish Library:** Open during office hours.

### **Offertory: April 9 & 10, 2022**

Offertory: \$20,217.85  
Online Giving: \$ 4,209.00  
**Total: \$24,426.85**

### **Offertory: April 16 & 17, 2022**

Offertory: \$27,685.51  
Online Giving: \$ 4,558.00  
**Total: \$32,243.51**



*Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors for your generous support!*



**EASTER SEASON DINNER-DANCE PARTY!**

I'm happy to announce that we will have an Easter Season dinner-dance on Friday, May 6th in our parish center. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, catered by Arlisa's Events and with music provided by my band, it promises to be a lovely evening, and I do hope you will make plans now to join us!

It's interesting to notice how often in scripture that God tells His people to celebrate and "make merry before the Lord!" (e.g. Deuteronomy 12:12), and in Ecclesiastes, we're told, "there's a time to weep, and a time to *laugh*, a time to mourn and a time to *dance*," and the Easter season is as good a time as any to laugh and to dance as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with this dinner-dance party! Please see next page for more details.

In His love, Fr. Eric

**The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.**

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

**4/24 Rev. Albert Shuyaka**

**4/25 Rev. Edward H. Lamp**

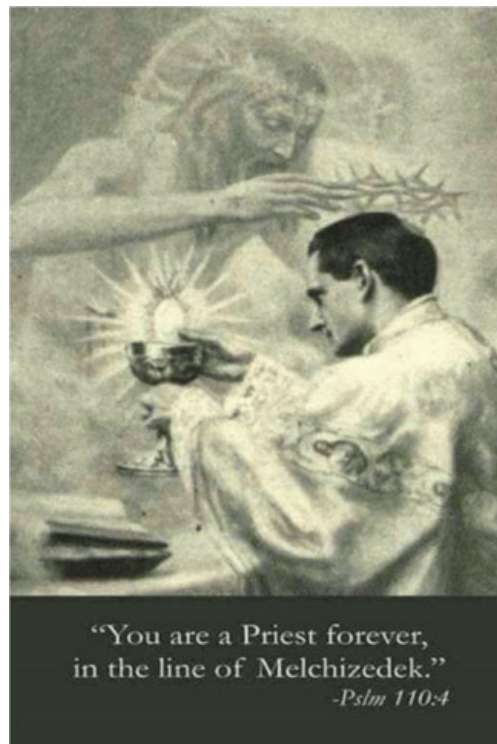
**4/26 Rev. Raymond A. Lettre**

**4/27 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life**

**4/28 Rev. Paul Goudreau**

**4/29 Rev. Peter E. Okojie**

**4/30 Rev. Msgr. Desmond Daly**



"You are a Priest forever,  
in the line of Melchizedek."  
-Psalm 110:4

You are cordially invited to join us for our

# Easter Season DINNER- DANCE

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Friday, May 6th, 2022

6:00pm - 9:30pm

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and can be purchased at the parish office on weekdays starting April 19th and in the narthex of the church on the weekends starting April 23rd with half of the proceeds going to our parish youth groups and the other half going to the special charities of the Knights.

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| <p>On February 22, 1931, St. Faustina Kowalska had this vision of Jesus, who told her to have the image made and to promote the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday (<i>Illustrated Lives of the Saints</i>, vol. 2). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) developed a special holy hour, encouraging us “to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God’s mercy for ourselves and for our nation” (<a href="https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday">https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday</a>). Here are some excerpts:</p> |    | <p><b>Readings for Reflection</b></p> <p>*Jn 4:1-11 ~ And should I not pity Nineveh?</p> <p>*1 Pt 1:3-9 ~ The death and resurrection of Jesus has won us the hope of salvation.</p> <p>*Eph 4:2-10 ~ God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life in Christ.</p> <p>*Rom 5:6-11 ~ Christ died for us while we were still sinners.</p> <p>*Lk 15:3-7 ~ The Parable of the Lost Sheep</p> <p>*Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 ~ The Parable of the Prodigal Son</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>USCCB</i></p> |
| <p><b>O SALUTARIS HOSTIA</b><br/>By St. Thomas Aquinas</p> <p>O saving Victim, opening wide<br/>The gate of heaven to all us below,<br/>To Thy great Name be endless<br/>praise,<br/>Immortal Godhead, One in Three!<br/>O grant us endless length of days<br/>With Thee in our true country.<br/>Amen.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, I trust in You.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ April 24, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For the sake of Your sorrowful<br/>passion, have mercy on us and<br/>on the whole world!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~<br/>~~~~~</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Intercession</b></p> <p>For those who have committed grave sin and are afraid to go to confession, that their fears will dissolve in the face of Jesus’ longing to forgive and be reconciled to them.</p>  |

## Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Needs Your Help!

So often we hear of people fleeing for safety, starving due to droughts, or dying from curable diseases.

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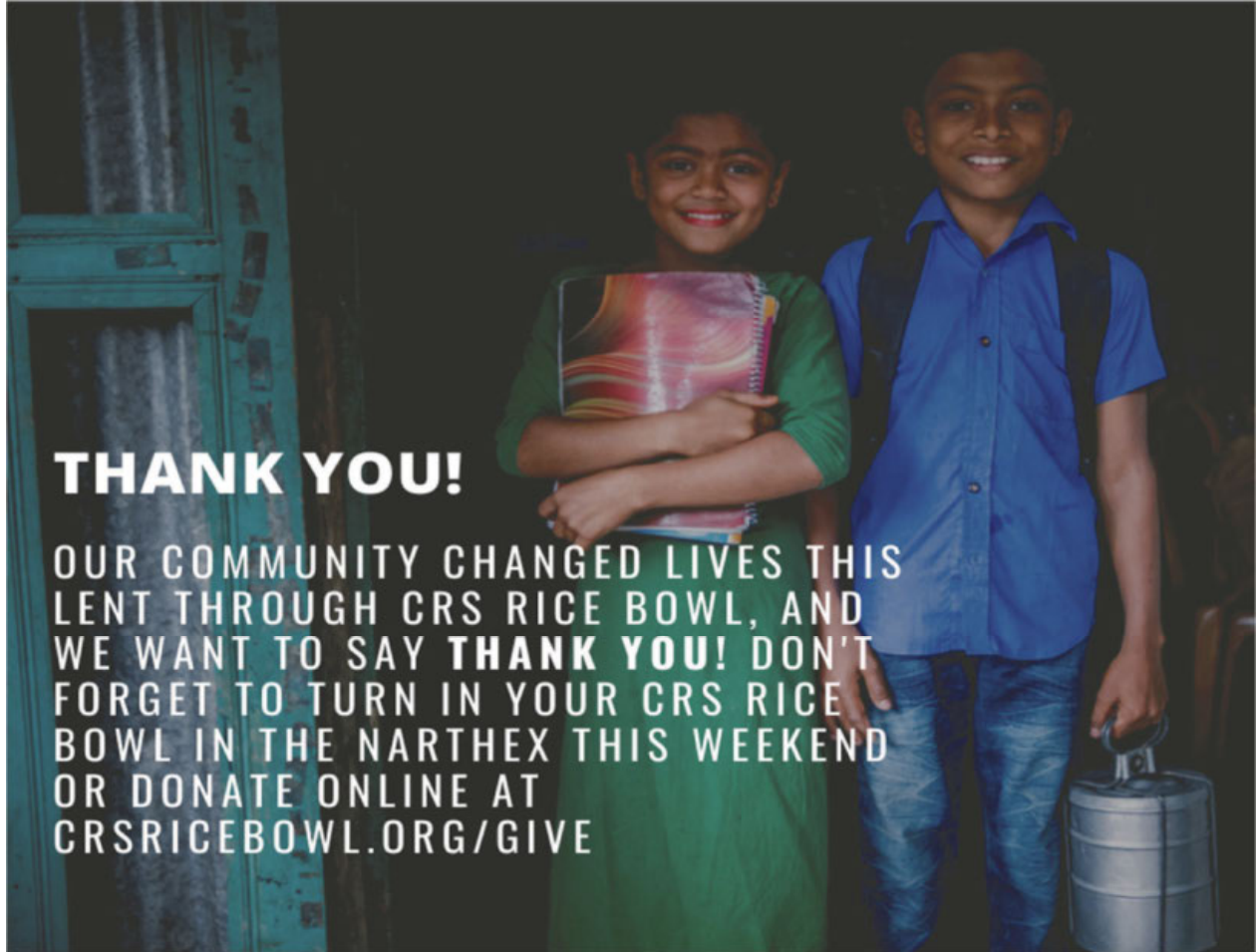
As the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community, CRS alleviates suffering by helping people in over 100 countries without regard to race, religion, or nationality. CRS responds to local problems through programs that both enable survival and teach people to use their resources effectively for sustainable solutions.

You need not leave home to help. CRS provides opportunities for online learning, prayer, almsgiving, and advocacy action along with a network of resolute people throughout the USA.

Interested? Learn more via a “Come and See” virtual event on April 26 at 8 PM or April 27 at 4 PM Register at <https://bit.ly/April2022ComeAndSee>

Join us in living out our calling as missionary disciples by engaging in a movement to end global poverty!





**ALTAR CANDLES**  
for the Month of April

In Memory of:  
**Domenico & Domenica Pontoriero**  
and **Antonia Tripodi**  
From: *The Pontoriero Family*

In Memory of:  
**Jenna Puleo**  
From: *Joan Puleo*  
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**BREAD AND WINE**  
for the Month of April  
In Memory of:  
**Giusseppina & Enza Portera**  
From: *Grace Narcisi*

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**  
for the Month of April

In Memory of:  
**Beatrice Zamborsky**  
From: *Bill Zamborsky*



**Welcome New Families!**  
**To Saint Thomas Aquinas**



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