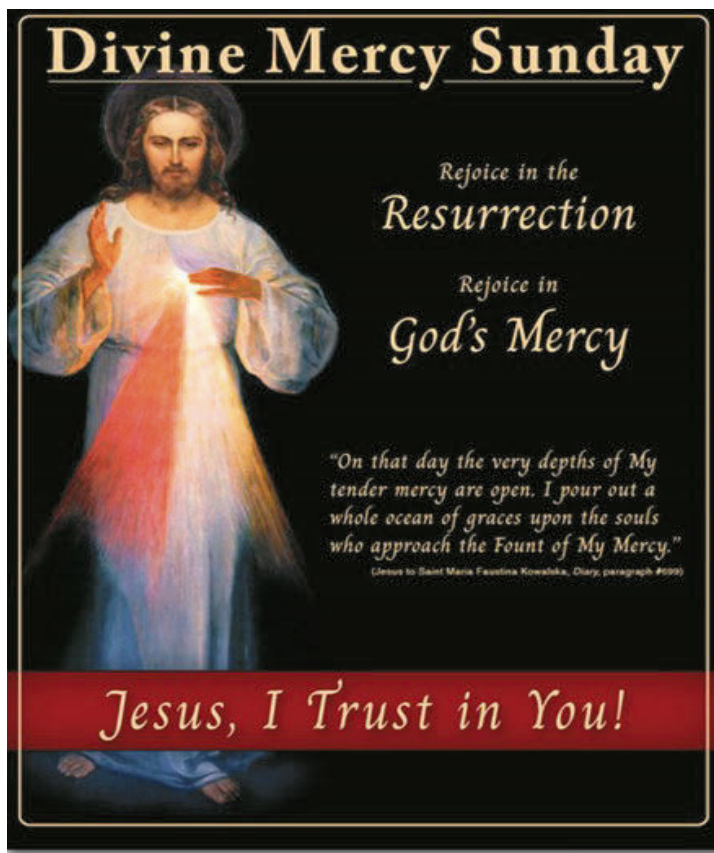


ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



APRIL 16, 2023

**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY**

**JESUS, I TRUST IN
YOU !**

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF TROY

St. Jude the Apostle		Sacred Heart		St. Michael the Archangel	
Saturday, 4/15 4pm - Fr. Rice	Sunday, 4/16 8am - Fr. Rice 10:30 - No Mass	Saturday, 4/15 4pm - No Mass	Sunday, 4/16 8am - Fr. Yanas 10:30am - Fr. Yanas	Saturday, 4/15 4pm - Fr. Yanas.	Sunday, 4/16 8am - No Mass 10:30am - Fr. Rice
Saturday, 4/22 4pm Fr. Yanas	Sunday, 4/23 8am - Fr. Rice	Saturday, 4/22 4pm No Mass	Sunday, 4/23 8am - Fr. Yanas 10:30am - Fr. Yanas	Saturday, 4/22 4pm Fr. Rice	Sunday, 4/23 10:30am - Fr. Yanas

Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office or email
Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Upon request and is administered at special celebrations during the year.



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm. Individual Confessions:
arranged by calling the Parish Office.



PASTORAL CARE

Please call the Parish Office for visitation
and Communion for the homebound.



MARRIAGE

Couples please call the Office six months in
advance and prior to making reception plans.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please call the Parish Office for information.



From Deacon Warren

Reflection 2nd Sunday of Easter

In today's world it can be very difficult to hold on to our hopes of the treasure we have in Christ, especially when our belief is based on the witness of others. There have many nay-sayers through the years who claim that all believers in Christ are crazy to place all their hopes in Jesus and in a God that we have never even seen. Yet today, our Gospel reminds us that "blessed is the one who has not seen, but still believes."

After the apparent death of the Lord all of the disciples in the Gospel were struggling to keep their faith. But they remained together in the upper room, with the doors locked trying to make sense of all that happened.

It was not long before the Lord, in His mercy, kept their hope alive, first through the message delivered to them by Mary Magdalene, the other women, and his appearance to Peter. Then, He returned in their midst to give them peace and to reassure them that he has not abandoned them. Finally, He strengthened them with the Holy Spirit and sent them to bring God's mercy to the world.

But, Thomas, unlike the other disciples who remained together, reacted to the events in a different way. He did not stay with the others in the community, so he struggled alone with the events that happened. As a result, Thomas nearly lost his faith in Jesus completely. While away from the community, he did not get the news that God sent through Mary Magdalene and Peter, and He wasn't there to see the risen Lord or receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

Even though all the others gave witness to Thomas, his ability to believe had diminished so much that He could only accept what he could see and touch. Were it not for the mercy of Christ to return a second time in their midst, he may not have been able to regain His faith.

So, even in the earliest days in the life of the Church we find a lesson about what happens to our faith when we abandon our community. We can only continue to see with eyes of faith when we stay connected to our faith community. Like Thomas, our faith would erode quickly outside of the church, and we too might soon need some kind of a sign to regain our faith.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the first Christians kept their faith strong. They did it by coming together in prayer, by devoting themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, by the breaking of bread and by caring for each other in their needs.

In the same way, God safeguards our faith by placing us in a community of believers. When we choose to be absent from that community, it is not long before the influence of our modern world starts chipping away at our belief. Sin ceases to exist, and we fall further and further away from Christ.

Today, we call Mercy Sunday, because of the mercy that God shows us. He gave us our community to build us up in our faith and He commissioned His disciples to forgive our sins despite of all the ways that we turn away in doubt and wander off.

So, on this Mercy Sunday, let it be our resolve, to remain always close to the community God gave us and to share fully in the life of our church.



What does the Second Sunday of Easter mean?

The Second Sunday of Easter is **the day that occurs seven days after the Christian celebration of Easter**. Those churches which give special significance to this day recognize it by various names. In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, this day is generally known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

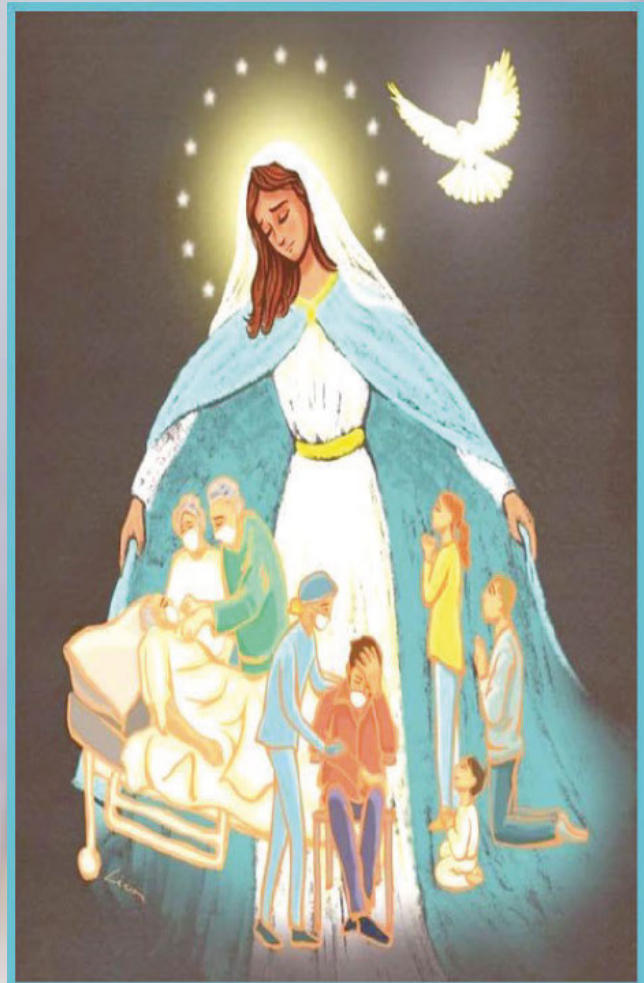


New for the Parish Bereavement Ministry — Living with Loss

Living with Loss Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father-Be with us today as we journey through our grief. The more we can learn and the more we can share with others will help us heal the holes In our hearts. We ask the Blessed Mother to be with us on this journey called life. May her gentle arms be wrapped around us as she knows how painful losing a loved one can be. We can do this with your guidance, Father. Stay close to us today and every day. Amen

Author of: Living with Loss
Johanna Flanigan



MINISTRIES



First Annual Art Night Out April 21, 2023

Do you love art? Do you create art in your free time?
Please consider donating a piece of artwork to the

Silent Auction Art Gallery

Hosted at St. Jude the Apostle School
Artwork and Class Baskets will be auctioned!
Tickets being sold in advance

Art to be submitted by April 18

All proceeds will go directly to updating the
School Media Lab

Questions: contact Analise
@ aagy@stjudetheapostleschool.org



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

St. Michael's Church is having a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Saturday, April 15, 8:00am - 1:00pm**. The American Red Cross reports that the number of Blood donations continues to be lower than the need. Did you know that very two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.

PLEASE CONSIDER
DONATING AT THE BLOOD DRIVE
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

OUR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE JUNE 24 SO YOU CAN DONATE AT BOTH!

ONLY 56 DAYS ARE NEEDED
IN BETWEEN DONATIONS!



*Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving
April 8-9, 2023:*

STEWARDSHIP

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE (7/1/22-6/30/23)

\$7,484.00 (Offertory)
\$ 345.00 (E-Giving)
\$7,829.00 TOTAL

\$173,181.26 (Offertory)
\$ 35,715.25 (E-Giving)
\$208,896.51

To cover our expenses for the
week, we need \$4,808.00
We are OVER budget \$3,021.00



To cover our YTD we need
\$197,128.00
We are OVER budget
\$11,768.51



MASS INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Votive Light

James Kern, by Ernest & Sheila Kern and Son

Saturday, April 15, 4pm

David J. Castle, Dorothea Castle
Karen Anne Parrotta, Linda & Marilyn Signorelli
Claire Garcia, Hannigan Family
Don Mihalko, Family
John Hardie, Anne and David Cannon

Sunday, April 16, 8am

Joan Prock, Phibbs Family
Bianca Razzano, Martino and Maria Rosaria Tedesco

Wednesday, April 19, 8AM

Carol & Bob Webb, Family

Friday, April 21, 2023 8AM

**For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude the
Apostle Catholic Community**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 4PM

Stephen Olchoway, Family
Alice & Joe Hunt, Family
Karen Ann Perrotta, Hannigan Family
Thomas J Higgins, Mary McDade
Jack Perkinson, Family
Jerrie Richards, Husband

MASSES - LIVE STREAM Via Facebook Pages

St. Jude & St. Michael Masses

St. Jude's Masses

4pm on Saturday & 10:30am
on Sunday

8am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

St. Michael the Archangel

12:10pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Rosary for Respect For Life

Last Saturday and Sunday of the month
Preceding Mass

Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am

**RECITATION OF THE
MOST HOLY ROSARY for Vocations**
Wednesday, 7:30am

**ADORATION OF THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT .**
St. Jude, Fridays with Benediction 5:30-6:30pm
St. Michael the Archangel
Tuesdays / 5:30-6:30pm



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