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April 16, 2023

NEW SUNDAY - (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

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JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a 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 are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

The Lord promises specific, extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- "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)
- "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted forgiveness of sins and punishment." (300)
- "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699)

In addition, our Lord says through St Faustina that we are to perform acts of mercy:

- "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742)
- "The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578)
- 92 years ago, on Feb 22, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in her convent cubicle and directed her to "paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You" (Diary of St. Faustina, 47-48)

PRAYER CHAIN



Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to join the prayer chain or with prayer requests

"NEW SUNDAY (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)"

Saturday, April 15- 5:00 PM: — Ed Williams (M) and for prayers for his family by MJ & Warren

Sunday, April 16- 10:30 AM: — for the Healing of Becky Best by Meredith Blalock

Tuesday	Apr 18	9:00 am	St. Thaïs the Penitent, C	For Aiko Reeves (special intention) by Emma & Philip Montaldo
Wednesday	Apr 19	9:00 am	St. Timon the Deacon, M	For the intentions of KIM Ngan Nguyen
Thursday	Apr 20	9:00 am	St, Nathanael the Hermit, C	Elena Ray by Mj & Warren Hahn & Patty Reynolds & the family
Friday	Apr 21	9:00 am	St. Anselm, the Doctor of the Church, C	Special intention by Thanh and Han Vo

"3RD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION"

Saturday, April 22- 5:00 PM: — in Thanksgiving of Blessings received by MJ & Warren Hahn

Sunday, April 23- 10:30 AM: — for the Vo Nguyen family by Thanh and Han Vo

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!



Every Thursday 9:30 am - 2:00pm Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Kindly Place your donation of (jelly -Peanut butter) donations in the basket next to the Confessional.

Mar: Donations 158lbs. plus toiletries

READERS

4/15	Bert Andres	4/16	Chris Cooper
4/22	Nicole Andres	4/23	Ace Acevedo
4/29	MJ Hahn	4/30	Jason Byrne
5/6	Darlene Darling	5/7	Marie Catalana

We encourage those who wish to participate in The Divine Liturgy by Reading please see Kim Phelan

SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday of the Resurrection New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

2 Cor 5: 11-21/ Jn 20: 26-31

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection 2 Tim 2: 8-13/ Lk 24: 13-35

4th Sunday of the Resurrection Heb 13: 18-25/ Jn 21: 1-14



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

APRIL GIFT OF THANKSGIVING
In Thanksgiving
By Ed Baez

My Offering	2
Collection (Holy week + Easter)	\$ 2846.00
Candles	\$ 00.00
Holy Land (2nd Collection)	\$ 281.00
Building Fund	\$ 1500.00

REMINDER:

A 2nd Collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal: <u>April 23</u> (this collection is used for Missions in the USA)



Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel
Ladies Guild, established in 2013,
celebrating 10 years of service. Committed
to "promoting the work of the Church &
building a spiritual community of faith
within the Parish." add by: MJ

ONLINE GIVING

Please go to our website for more info on how to donate online

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:

Please make sure to visit the Gift Shop in the church hall. We have new items available for you to enjoy.

VOCATION CHALICE

4/15: Volunteer

4/16: Marie Catalana 4/22: Volunteer

4/23: Volunteer Andres

If your family would like to volunteer to Pray for Vocations to Religious Life, Please see Kimberly P.



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all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!

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Parish!

<u>Aid to Lebanon (2nd collection—pastor collection—Easter</u>

I would like to thank all those who donated for the 2nd collection (Pastor's Easter gift) that I dedicated for the : Aid to Lebanon program . Normally the Eparchy recommends to use it for the priest retirement plan but the needs in Lebanon are more important.

KNIGHTS CORNER

1. The state council raffle ticket sales were extended; this Sunday will be the last chance to buy tickets.



2. The Knights monthly meeting will be this Sunday. HE IS RISEN!! HE TRULY IS RISEN!!

As we reach our 50 years of existence as Saint Michael Maronite parish in the Fayetteville area, we are looking to com-



memorate this important occasion with special events like the (Bishop's visit) and a commemorative / Add book that will feature business adds, personal messages and tribute that honors loved ones. This book will serve as a meaningful symbol of our rich Maronite catholic heritage and strong conservative community of faith.

We are asking for your help and support by volunteering and joining the 50th anniversary committee. God bless you all.

FROM THE LADIES GUILD

HE IS RISEN!! HE IS TRULY RISEN!!

We hope everyone has had a blessed and beautiful Easter.

- 1. The Church's 50th Anniversary is quickly approaching and we are looking for more ideas & suggestions for the celebration. Please put your comments in the suggestion box or share or tell a Guild member. We want your participation!
- 2. This Sunday is our next meeting at 12:30, immediately following the social hour in honor of the military families sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

What is the Ladies Guild up to now?!



Many military parishioners will be leaving us sooner than we expected. New transfers will take effects in the coming months and we want to wish those leaving, our best wishes and our sincere and thanks for the great impact they left on our parish life. May God bless you all and continue to protect you in your

honorable mission of protecting our country and our freedom. For this occasion the Knights of Columbus members will be hosting a special **goodbye / Welcome Thank you coffee hour** on **Sunday, April 16th** in honor and in thanksgiving for those leaving us and to welcoming our new military families who just joined St. Michael.

A special message from Anne Marie Ducôté

This week our family will be departing Fort Bragg for our new duty station, Fort Irwin, California. St. Michael's has been a tremendous blessing to our family, particularly to our children at a time when many stopped considering the spiritual and social needs of children during COVID. This parish overcame the fear that paralyzed so many to continue to serve and ensure children could attend RE, altar serve and receive the sacraments. Our hearts for forever full of gratitude.

I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve as DRE. It is a gift and a privilege to be trusted to pass on the Faith to the next generation. Thank you the teachers and volunteers who selflessly give of time and talent every week. The guidance of Fr Paul, Fr Jack, Deacon / Father Chuck, Marie & Tresa Van Heusen have been essential to our program and I am grateful beyond words.

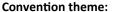
This week Kim Nesbitt will become the new DRE (Director of Religious Education). Her spirit of initiative, love for the Faith and organization will serve the parish wonderfully. I appreciate that she so willingly offered to serve in this role.

Please offer your prayers for us during this move and we will do the same. God Bless.

The 58th National Maronite Convention



sponsored by NAM will be hosted this year by St Anthony of the Desert Maronite church in Fall River, MA. From **July 5 to July 9.** the event will take place at the OMNI Hotel in Providence, RI. Room rate is \$ 189 per night plus tax. Fliers and more details will be published later .



" Eucharistic Amazement - the Maronite Way"



St. Michael's 2nd Annual Children's Clothing Swap

29 April 2023 8:00 to 12:00

Clothing can be dropped off at the social hall during regular church hours beginning April 19th. For questions or item pickup please call Kimberly Nesbitt 910-229-5368. Any remaining clothes will be donated.

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