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The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday—April 23, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: *You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! John 20:29*

Traditional Latin Mass: will be offered Sunday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m. Father will be celebrating a *Missa Cantata* in the Extraordinary Form. Everyone is welcome.

Taking Home Easter Water: Be sure and take home some holy water which was blessed at the Easter Vigil. Any clean container will do for taking the water home.

Thanks to Everyone who has Worked so Hard lately: We have really gotten some good work done around here. Thanks so much to **Barbara Patterson** and some of our ladies who did such a wonderful job decorating the church -and decorating some more- for the Easter Triduum. Thanks also to **Vernon Crowe** and some of the men of the parish who have been preparing the grounds.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, April 23

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Missa Cantata, Traditional Latin Mass - 12:30 pm
Divine Mercy Holy Hour - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, April 24

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, April 25

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, April 26

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, April 27

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm

Friday, April 28

Holy Mass - 6:30 am
Spring Party - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday, April 29

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, April 30

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
No Meeting: Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Divine Mercy Devotion: Pope John Paul II proclaimed the second Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday" back in the year 2000. In doing so, he recognized the authenticity of the apparitions of Jesus to a Polish nun named Sr. Faustina (who is now a saint). Jesus revealed to this nun the depths of the infinite mercy of God and invited everyone to come and experience the healing power of God's mercy. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Pick up a pamphlet at the back of the church so that you can participate.

***Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, April 23rd 3:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Congratulations to our New Members: Congratulations to Phylecy Cheatham who received the Sacraments of Initiation. Congratulations as well to Jamie Laverette, Matthew Young and Seth Hundley, all of whom are college students, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We are so happy to have them as part of our parish family.

Sprinkling Rite & the Easter Season: The Easter Season is the most proper time to use the sprinkling rite. It is used in place of the Penitential Rite where we ask for the Lord's mercy at the beginning of Holy Mass. The sprinkling rite reminds us of our baptism where we first received the forgiveness of our sins, the removal of the stain of original sin, and the new life of God. In the sacrament of baptism, we die to our old self and rise to new life in Christ. This is a reality into which we all need to be constantly renewed. That is, we need to be freed of our sins and renewed in God's forgiveness. This happens when we confess them in the sacrament of reconciliation. This is how we experience the new life of God. In using the sprinkling rite during the Easter season, we rejoice in the new life the Lord has given us already and the promise of eternal life which lies ahead of us.

Yard Workers Needed: if you could help mow, edge, & trim the grass on our property, please give Vern Crowe a call (██████). We could really use your help, and it is a great service to the parish.

Parishioners, All Children & Teens, come to First Holy Communion Reception/End of Year Party May 7: following Holy Mass. We want to celebrate with our children who will have received their First Holy Communion. We also need to celebrate another good year of religious education. There will be some great food and two piñatas, once again. Dear parishioners, please make a special effort to come to First Holy Communion Sunday morning and the reception afterwards. These are the kinds of events that only happen a couple of times a year and that we should celebrate as a parish. It is important that we come to them and build community. This also gives our children an unmistakable signal of how much we care about them and how important it is that they can now receive Holy Communion.

Thanks for the Reception Saturday Night & the Easter Egg Hunt: Special thanks to Cheryl DiChiara, Marilee Hussey, Catherine Rider, Jana Rogers, and Kelsey Burgans who prepared and/or served food for the reception for our newest members. Everything was excellent. Thanks as well to Doug and Anna Gooden for putting on our Easter Egg hunt. Finally, thanks to everyone who brought Easter eggs. Our kids had a blast.



Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am

Let us Pray for:

Raymond F. Klein, Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Spring Party, Friday, April 28th: Come on out from 7 pm until 10 pm for some good food and live music from Chris and Zack. These two perform all over Montgomery and are popular because they simply play well-known popular songs and not their own stuff! This is an outdoor and adult-only event which is open to those who are in college (or college age) and older.

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Talk:

- Why God Still Matters by Karlo Broussard
- My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron
- Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession (Series)

Children's Movie: "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – April 29, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Anna Gooden
Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski
Gift Bearers: The Messick Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Julia Tran
Altar Servers:

Sunday – April 30, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair
Lectors: Chris Huner, Kelsey Burgans
Ushers: Mike Kreis, Christopher Marco
Gift Bearers: The Hussey Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Stacy Graning, Donna Newell
Altar Servers: Isabel Robledo, Mario Robledo, Dominic Estes

Calling all Adults who have not been Confirmed: please call Adriana in the office or email us if you are interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation this coming fall when Archbishop Rodi comes to our parish to celebrate this sacrament. We are planning some meetings for adults only (separate from our teens) to prepare for the sacrament. The meetings will begin in early May.

Abstaining from Meat each Friday of the Year: Catholics are to abstain from meat each Friday of the year, not just during Lent, in commemoration of the suffering that our Lord endured for us on Good Friday. Unfortunately, this worthy and traditional practice has been lost to some of us, probably because it has not been taught and promoted properly. The only difference between our current practice and that of years gone by is that our bishops have given us the option to offer up some other sacrifice on Fridays outside of the Lenten season. Nevertheless, abstaining from meat is still the recommended penance. Exceptions to this law occur when major feast days (called solemnities) fall on Friday; examples are: the Fridays within the Christmas & Easter octaves, as well as the major feasts of our Lord, the Virgin Mary and the saints. When this occurs, we would not need to do any penance.

Thanks to Fraternity Members for Service Work: The men of Phi Mu Alpha, music fraternity, came over and did some yard work around the rectory, as well as some work in our classrooms. We really appreciate their help.

Diseased Trees on Church Property: Unfortunately, some of the trees on our property are rotten or diseased and need to be removed. The tree that we will probably miss the most is the one near our new statue of St. Martin.

Personal Hygiene for Prisoners & Canned Goods for the Troy Area: About 250 of the prisoners at Easterling Prison, where Fr. Irwin visits once a month, are indigent and cannot afford to buy their own supplies. Therefore, please only donate the following: deodorants (non-aerosol), bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for these men (there is not a lot of need for shampoo). Please note: the prison has strict rules as to what you can bring in! These items are given only to those who cannot afford them. Please leave these items in the box in the parish hall. Our Lord said, "I was in prison and you visited me" Matt 25. **Please turn these items in by Easter Sunday.**

Rice Bowls are Due: please turn them into the sacristy as soon as you can.

Tithing Report April 16, 2017

Regular - \$4,325.12
Holy Land - \$362.00

Total - \$4,687.12

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$92,759.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 88%