

“Whenever we take a
step towards Jesus,
we come to realize
that He is already
there, waiting for us
with open arms.”

POPE FRANCIS
1936 – 2025

POPE FRANCIS BIOGRAPHY

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a “poor Church for the poor,” interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

“THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN”.

I want to thank you for your many well wishes, cards & heartfelt prayers.

I have finished two months of chemotherapy. Am feeling much better after some weeks of feeling “not so good”.

I have pretty much resumed my normal “work” load.

The recent PET Scan showed remarkable improvement.

I will see my surgeon April 21st to “talk turkey” and schedule the date for the removal of my cancer prone esophagus.

I will keep you apprised. Let me thank you again for your support and prayers which have been crucial for my positive, faith-filled outlook. I thank Fr. Terry, too, for his constant support and encouragement that I take whatever time needed to attend to my recovery.

God Bless You All,

Deacon Tom

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alyssa Atkinson	Lena Castlevetere	Melanie Heikkila	Dcn Tom Leonard	Stan Sajewski, Jr.
Norma Jean Bak	Lora Christopher	Emily Hudson	Joan Lewandowski	Rose Mary Schimizzi
Aurora Balino	Phil Ciavaglia	Melissa Kenney	Marcella Linda	Deborah Slowik
Colleen Barston	Michelle Ciccarelli	Fr. Terry Kerner	Marie Maurees	Kelly Sobon
Ana Bautista	Bob DeSantis	Joan Carole Kopcik	Anne Munir	Rob Sobon
Connie Belzer	Janice Dumas	Christine Kowalski	Cynthia Nepjuk	Nicholas Stefan
Kathy Brown	Rachele Esper	Stanley Kozlowicz	Patricia Nowak	Roy Swift
Kevin Brown	Esther Fonseca	Anthony Kuras	Victoria Porter	Susan Swift
Irene Bruen	Delphine Gray	John Krzyston	Gail Remily	Aubrey Uhl
Rusty Burrell	Mary Hepler	Patricia Lambert	Chris Renteria	Joseph Winslow Sr.
John Cassar	Kym Heikkila	Les Langlois	Dean Rodriguez	Bernice Ziaja

All in the Family

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti
Our needs for April:

Dollar Store:

Shampoo

Food:

Canned Carrots	Beef & Chicken
Canned Spinach	Broth or Gravy
Boxed Mashed	Chef Boyardee
Potatoes	Spaghetti Sauce
Special K Cereal	

The Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations.

- For a cash donation, please enclose in an envelope clearly marked for the **SVDP Food Pantry**.
- For a check, make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti-SVDP** and in the memo line **FOOD PANTRY**.

Trivia Answer from page 5:
A sword.

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF MAY 3/4

Saturday, May 3rd, 4:00 PM
Theresa Jordan

Sunday, May 4th, 9:00 AM
Stefano Ciavaglia

Sunday, May 4th, 11:00 AM
Nancy Coyne

Easter Floral Tribute

Late Arrivals

In Memory of:

Bayley, Dr. William

Cassar, Rose

Cundy Family

Dalla Vecchia, James R.

Depoli, John

Depoli, Mary

Kwiecinski, Leonard

Pinch Family

Powaser, Joseph (Tom)

In Honor of:

Pinch Family

Powaser Family

Rizzo Family



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!" — Jn 20:27-28

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

E-MAIL

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday:
9:00 AM-Noon and 1:00-4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-Noon

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:40 PM

Wednesday—Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday at 6:30 PM and
Thursday at 9:00 AM

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before
and after Masses

Welcome

New Parishioners!

To register, change an
address, or if you moved,
please contact
the parish office

Let us
be renewed
by God's
mercy.

— Pope Francis

Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God’s mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle’s Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” followed by ten Hail Marys and the words “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

In the aftermath of Jesus’ resurrection, the Apostles performed “many signs and wonders,” healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. **Is there something in your life that needs healing?**

2nd Reading Question:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, “Do not be afraid.” **How does Jesus calm your fears?**

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus’ first words to his disciples are “Peace be with you.” **How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:40 PM

- **Fr. Terry, Special Intention**
(by Parishioner)

Wednesday, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope

9:00 AM

- † **Christine Attard**
(by Carol Uniewski)
- **Dan Bazner, Special Intention**
(by Ann & Rick Lewandowski)

Thursday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

9:00 AM

- **Deacon Patrick Bruen**
(by Friends & Family)

Friday, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

- **Deacon Tom Leonard, Health & Healing**
(by Cindy LaGosh)

Saturday, May 3rd

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

4:00 PM

- † **Maria & Juan Benitez** (by Mary Meyer)
- † **Greg Boik** (by Zell Family)
- † **Maria & Benjamin Esquivel**
(by Family)
- † **Mary Suter** (by Zell Family)
- † **Ann Uicker** (by Family)
- † **Jim Uniewski**
(by Carol Uniewski)

Sunday, May 4th

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM

- † **Esther Forster**
(by James Forster)
- † **Ken Kuzava** (by Family)
- † **Michael Leonetti** (by Family)
- † **Frank & Anthony Serazio**
(by Ruth Ann Youness)
- † **Paul Sullivan** (by Kathy)

11:00 AM

- † **Leonard Kwiecinski** (by Family)
- † **Bridget & Mary Lakatos**
(by Katie Lakatos)
- † **Gaye Olah** (by Angela Sammut)

Stewardship Report

@LPI

WEEK ENDING	Apr 13	Apr 20	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 8,347.00	\$ 7,902.00	\$ 229,247.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 895.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 38,555.00
ACTUAL	\$ 9,242.00	\$ 8,982.00	\$ 267,802.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 252,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 2,982.00	\$ 15,802.00

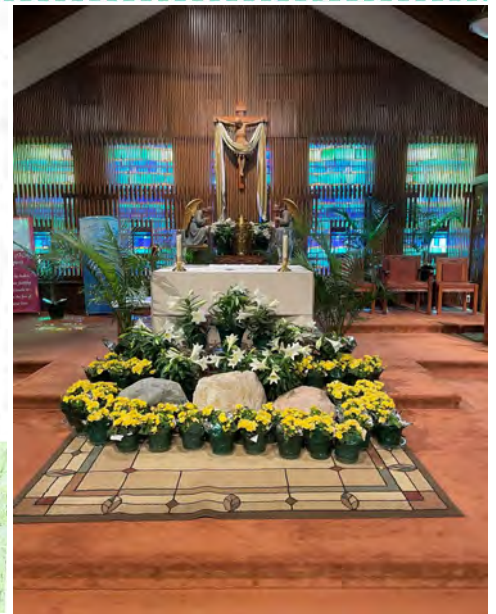
AROUND THE SHOP

A Blessed Easter Sunday and Season to you and your families from the Gift Shop Volunteers! May the Risen Christ bring renewed hope, energy and strength to us on our journeys going forward.

Although our shop will be closed on Easter weekend, we will reopen on Saturday, April 26th. First Holy Communion and Mothers' Day gifts and cards are available. Thank you for your continued support!



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Trivia

God turns trials into triumphs!

Question: The archangel Michael is traditionally depicted holding what item?

Answer: Page 3

**PLEASE
UPDATE**

Our Military Prayer list needs your input. If there is someone who is no longer in the Service, please let the office know. If there is someone who has joined that is not on our list, also, please let us know. Thank You.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

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

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

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

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Pray for Our Military

Lord, hear our prayers those who are serving in military forces. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May they know our appreciation for their valiant service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



U. S. Air Force
Diamond Knight
Kathleen Lyons
Teresa Lyons
Timothy Lyons
Connor Plate

U. S. Navy
Anthony Baldwin
Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Jacob Fader
Ben LePage
James Smith
Rob Swales
Alex West

U. S. Army
Nick Calvas
Mary Beth Myers
Rocky Myers

U. S. Marines
Noah Aiello
Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker
Evan West

National Guard (Army)
Joey Enright