



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**

Roman Catholic Community
in the Diocese of Bridgeport

April 7, 2024

DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday



*This week the Sanctuary Candle
burns in loving memory of
Alexandra Andrade & Jose Andrade
requested by family.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 6

5:30pm **Joyce Saboliauskas** (req. by the Grady family)

SUNDAY, April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am **Maria Cabello Melgarejo**

11:00am ***Jose Pastilha** (req. by Elsa Neto) *correction

MONDAY, April 8

8:00am **Carol Farrell** (req. by Iwaszkiewicz family)

TUESDAY, April 9

8:00am **Rita Clarke** (req. by Glynn family)

WEDNESDAY, April 10

8:00am **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, April 11

8:00am **Lucyna & Stefan Smolik**

FRIDAY, April 12

8:00am **Josephine Giarraputo**

SATURDAY, April 13

5:30pm **John Considine** (req. by Michael Chesonis)

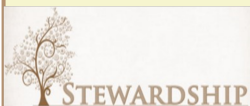
SUNDAY, April 14

9:00am **Edward Joseph Kelly**

11:00am **Frits van der Heijden**

(req. by Deb & Jeff Harrington)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



Last Week Palm Sunday
03/24/24 \$ 6,017.12;

This Year 3/31/24 Easter
03/31/24 \$ 14,103;

Last Year 4/9/23 Easter
04/09/23 \$ 12,779;

Good Friday Holy Land Collection \$ 1,214;

Easter Flowers \$ 521;

Blossoms of Faith \$ 1,660;

Many thanks to everyone for your continued generosity. It's through your donations that we're able to carry on important work both spiritually and in our community. ALLELUIA AND REJOICE!

**No Request
is too
Audacious
for God.**

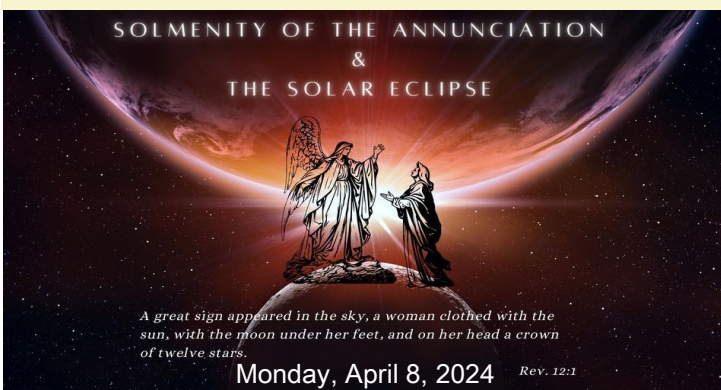
A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The

group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
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Dear Parishioners,

Heartfelt thanks to our adult choir, cantors, music director, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, altar servers, church decorators, and most of all our parishioners and guests who are the very life of our liturgical celebrations!



Liturgy, the public prayer of the Church, and the worship we offer God in this prayer is at the heart of our lives as Catholic Christians. This is true of every liturgy, but especially true of the liturgies of Holy Week. Thank you to all for making our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ such a profoundly moving experience. As we continue our celebration of Easter, the focus on “doubting Thomas” is such a powerful reminder that faith, in the end, is a gift. Thank you all for accepting this great gift, and for helping to pass it on.

Once again, I wish you, your families and friends a very blessed and wonderful Easter Season!

- Father Peter

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 4/7/24
3:00pm



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”

A Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and offer a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) may be obtained by the faithful on this day.



Many thanks to all who gave such generous contributions to the Personal Care Drive. On March 26, we delivered 23 boxes of personal care items to New

Covenant Center, Pacific House, Inspirica, and the Women's Shelter in Stamford. They were very glad to receive these items and put them to much-needed use! We are very grateful to Karen Miranda and the Confirmation Students who packed these boxes very efficiently and to Jeff Harrington who delivered all these items to the charities. If you would like to get involved in our Outreach ministry please contact:

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The 2nd Collection THIS weekend, is a our Monthly Utilities collection to help offset our rising operating costs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Friday, April 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus. Please join in praying for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.



ANNUAL HOMEFRONT EVENT

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30am

All skills needed – painting, cleaning, gardening, carpentry, a cheerful attitude and a willingness to help! Coffee and donuts as well as lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact:

Ken Wiegand at 203. 249. 1890
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Volunteer - Get Involved - We Need You!