

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

“THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD!” Holy Week, Great Week, was truly a week of grace and blessings for our parish of St. Mary’s. After last year’s lockdown, it was good to once again have people in church to celebrate our Lord’s Passion, Death and Holy Resurrection. We were pleasantly surprised by the number of people who participated in all of the services of the Easter Triduum, but especially the Easter Sunday morning Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 a.m. The music was uplifting at all of the services, but especially at that early Easter Mass. It was perfect weather for the procession. The sun was just coming up and with the exception of the birds chirping, there was a mantle of stillness over the neighborhood. Our men were up in the bell tower ringing the bells by hand, keeping our Slovenian tradition of “pritrkovanje” greeting us as we came to Mass. The church was beautifully decorated reminding us of the new life of the Resurrection, especially after the stark barrenness of the sanctuary earlier in Holy Week. Our sincere thank you to our organist Ed Ferrazzoli and all the members of the choir, and to Maria Fiorta, our trumpeter at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Our thank you to Deacon David Kushner and his assistance during all of the services of Holy Week, especially his beautiful intonation of the Easter “Alleluias” and the singing of the Exultet. To our council members who helped decorate the church, our bell ringers, so many of our parishioners who dressed in narodna noša for both the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday processions, and even though our altar servers were few in numbers this year, they did a tremendous job. As a community of faith, we were blessed to witness the baptism of Julianne Sandstrom at the Easter Vigil and welcome her as a new member of the Church. Our thank you to all who sent Easter greetings and gifts to the rectory. We are very grateful for your kindness. It was a very prayerful Holy Week and joyous celebration of Easter. May we continue to rejoice and be glad in the gift of new life, new hope, new peace, and new courage given to us in the resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Continue the celebration, and always with gladness and laughter in our hearts, for Christ is Risen!

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE will be this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Join us in praying for an outpouring of God’s much needed mercy on us and on the world.

OUR LAST FISH FRY THIS YEAR will be on Friday, April 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carry-out dinners, as well as socially distanced dining in the parish hall is offered. Come and join us for one of Cleveland’s best fish fries.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Slovenian Room.

Last Sunday’s Offering: \$7,033

On-Line Donations: \$2,020

Easter Collection: \$30,589.06

Holy Land Collection: \$2,237

Church Needs: \$500 anonymous; \$400 in memory of Mary & Dušan Maršič from Vera Maršič; \$20 in memory of Marica Lavriša from JoAnn Stinziano; \$50 in memory of Marica Lavriša from Bob & Ursi Wein; \$200 in memory of the Klemencic & Zaller Families from Michael & Deborah Peppard; \$15 in memory of Eleanore Lonchar from Vida Zak.

The following in memory of Ann Kosir: \$120 from John & Susan Kosir; \$25 from Bill & Nada Malone; \$25 from Veronica Petric; \$15 from Vida Zak; \$20 from Janet (Zorichak) Miller, \$10 from Marija Draginc.

The following in memory of Ivan Hauptman: \$100 from Peter & Susan Osenar, \$50 from John & Liz Skalicki, \$50 from Zachary & Maria Bruner, \$20 from Kristjan & Marija Sedmak, \$40 from Julka Zalar, \$50 from M/M Tom Stepec, \$25 from Bill & Nada Malone, \$50 from Vida & Nace Omahen, \$35 from Tončka Urankar.

The following in memory of Stephen Stefancic: \$100 from Richard Stefancic Family, \$60 from Kathy Minnis & Family, \$50 from Mike & Dorothy Brozina, \$40 from Rick & Maureen Bihn, \$25 from Mary St. Cyr, \$20 from Mike & Margaret Henk, \$20 from Julia DiFranco, \$20 from Sandy Wilick.

SPECIAL EASTER GIFTS: \$1,000 anonymous; \$400 anonymous; \$100 from Josephine Kastigar; \$100 in memory of Matt & Lillian Dolenc from Laura Dolenc; \$200 in memory of Matt & Lillian Dolenc from Christine Dolenc; \$100 in memory of brother Syl Sekne killed in Vietnam 52 years ago, April 12, 1969 from sister Flori Zazula; \$100 in memory of Ivan Rajk and Juršič Family from Amalija Rajk.

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA SOCIETY: \$100 in memory of Jim Griff from Dorothy and Laura Griff; \$100 in memory of Ivan Hauptman from Jim & Madeline Debevec, Food Blessing Collection \$1,060.

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2nd. We have five youngsters who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. They have already received First Reconciliation on March 25th. Oftentimes we are asked about who these children are, so we asked the parents if they would be willing to allow us to feature their children in our bulletin. Our featured student today is MATTHEW HOCEVAR. Matthew is eight years old and is in the second grade at All Saints School. His parents are Kris and Jaime Hocevar from Euclid. He has one brother and two dogs. He loves gym class. His favorite color is blue. Pizza is his favorite food. Among the stories of the Bible, his favorite is Jonah and the whale. The one holiday that excites him is Christmas. In addition to his school work, he likes to spend time reading his favorite book, “Spiderwick”. May we keep him in our prayers as he continues to grow in his faith and in his love of Jesus.

Today’s Psalm Response:

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting.”

Masses for the Week of April 12-18

Monday:	(4/12) EASTER WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Milena Ferkul (30 Day)
Tuesday:	(4/13) ST. MARTIN I (Pope & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Gorenc Family (Paul & Josephine Hren)
Wednesday:	(4/14) EASTER WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members Spehar & Merela Families (Spehar Family)
Thursday:	(4/15) EASTER WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Spinnler & Vadnal Families (Richard & Suzi Vadnal)
Friday:	(4/16) EASTER WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Agnes Jerin (Julia Zalar)
Saturday:	(4/17) EASTER WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Zdravko & Milka Novak (Zdravko & Andrea Novak)
5:00 p.m.	Frank & Terezija Mihelich, Teresa Meinhardt & Helena Perčič (Family)
Sunday:	(4/18) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Stane Krulc (Wife Milka & Family)
12:00 noon	Alexander Ferrazzoli (Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Rev. Frank Godic, Brenda Prebevsek, Tom McNulty, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Robert Menart, Veronika Udovič, Paul Tomazic, Matt Golobič.

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of April 18/19th)

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Judi Ferra/Cindy Smith
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Florian Osredkar/Kathy Spilar
	10:00 a.m.	Urška Pišorn/Vince Rozman
	12:00 noon	Andrew Liptak/Marie Kushner

APPLE STRUDEL. St. Mary Slovenian Language School continues to offer homemade frozen apple strudels. Donation is \$11.

NAŠA ZADNJA VEČERJA Z RIBAMI LETOS, bo 16. aprila od 3:00 do 7:00 zvečer. Večerjo lahko vzamete domov ali pri mizah na razdaljo v župnijski dvorani. Pridite na eno najboljšo večerjo z ribami v Clevelandu.

PASTORALNI SVET ima sestanek v torek 13. aprila ob 7:30 zvečer v slovenski sobi.

JABOLČNI ZAVITKI. Naša Slovenska šola nadaljuje s prodajo jabolčnih zavitkov. Dar je \$11.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
ZAHVALUJTE SE GOSPODU, KJER JE DOBER.**

NEDELJA BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA
BELA NEDELJA.

“TO JE DAN, KI GA JE NAREDIL GOSPOD, RADUJMO IN VESELIMO SE GA!” Veliki teden, je bil resnično teden milosti in blagoslova za našo župnijo. Po lanskem letu zaprtosti, je bilo lepo imeti ljudi v cerkvi za proslavitev Gospodovega trpljenja, smrti in svetega vstajenja. Bili smo razveseljivo presenečeni s številom ljudi, ki so sodelovali v obredih velikonočnega Tridnevja, in posebno na velikonočno nedeljo pri maši Vstajenja ob 7:00 zjutraj. Petje je bilo dvignjeno pri vseh obredih, posebno pri vstajenski maši. Vreme je bilo lepo za procesijo. Sonce je vstajalo in z izjemo ptičjega petja je bila soseščina ovita v tišino. Naši možje v zvoniku so pritrkovali, da ohranijo slovensko tradicijo pritrkovanja, ki nas pozdravi ko pridemo k maši. Cerkev je bila lepo okrašena, spomni nas na novo življenje vstajenja, posebno po pusti praznini prezbiterija prve dni Velikega tedna. Naša iskrena hvala našemu organistu Edu Ferrazzoliu in vsem pevcem in hvala Maria Fiorta naša trobentačica pri maši ob 9:30 zjutraj. Naša zahvala diakonu Davidu Kushner za njegovo asistenco pri vseh obredih Velikega tedna, za lepo intonacijo “Aleluje” in za petje Velikonočne “Hvalnice.” Hvala našim članom Pastoralnega sveta za pomoč pri okrasitvi cerkve, pritrkovalcem in lepo število župljanov, ki so bili v narodnih nošah za Cvetno nedeljo in Velikonočno procesijo, in tudi letos, čeprav v manjšini so ministranti bili izredni. Kot skupnost vere, smo bili blagoslovljeni biti priče krsta Julianne Sandstrom pri Velikonočni Vigiliji, in jo sprejeli kot novo članico Cerkve. Naša zahvala vsem, ki ste poslali voščila in darove v župnišče. Zelo smo hvaležni za vašo prijaznost. Bil je zelo molitveni Veliki teden in veselo praznovanje Velike noči. Naj naprej nadaljujemo to veselje in bodimo srečni v daru novega življenja, novega upanja, novega miru in novega poguma nam danega v vstajenju Jezusa, našega Odrešenika. Nadaljujmo praznovanje in vedno z radostjo in smehom v naših srcih, ker Kristus je vstal, resnično je vstal!!!

POBOŽNOST BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA bo danes ob 2:30 popoldan. Pridružite se nam v molitvi za izliv zelo potrebne usmiljenja na nas in na ves svet.

PRVO OBHAJILO, bo v nedeljo 2. maja. Imamo 5 otrok, ki se pripravljajo prejeti Jezusa, prvič v svetem obhajilu. Oni so že prejeli prvo spoved 25. marca. Velikokrat smo vprašani o naših malih kdo so zato smo vprašali starše če dopustijo nam predstaviti njihove otroke v Oznanilu. Danes predstavimo **Matthew Hočevar.** Matthew je star 8 let in je v 2. razredu v All Saints School. Njegovi starši so Kris in Jaime Hočevar in živijo v Euclidu. On ima enega brata in 2 psa. On rad telovadi. Njegova barva je modra. Najrajši ima za hrano Pizzo. Od povesti sv. Pisma ima rad Jona in kit. Edini praznik, ki ga vzbuja je Božič. Poleg šolskega dela, on rad bere knjigo “Spiderwick.” Spomnimo se ga v molitvi ko nadalje raste v njegovi veri in ljubezni do Jezusa.