



ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

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My dear friends:

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Happy Easter! I hope and pray that you all had a very blessed celebration of our Lord's Resurrection... although, I'm sure it was much different this year than last. You were remembered in a special way in our prayers as we joined with the Bishop at the Cathedral to celebrate the Rites of the Church.

It is rather quiet here at the parish, and we miss having you all around. I have been edified by the many notes and emails and phone calls that we have received from parishioners explaining how they continue to foster their faith and their relationship with Our Lord. I am also extremely grateful for your continued generosity to the parish.

In your kindness, as you continue to offer prayers for an end to this pandemic, I would ask that you especially remember those of our people who have lost their jobs during this time and are faced with many difficult decisions in the days ahead. I was especially touched this week when a parishioner who had lost their job stopped by with their church support and capital campaign envelopes... what an example of faith! What a witness! To all of you who are sacrificing in so many ways this Easter Season... THANK YOU! Your own faith builds mine up.

This coming Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Pope St. John Paul II declared it so in the year 2000. It is particularly important this year where we beseech the Lord of Heaven and Earth to bestow His Mercy upon His creation and bring about right order in the world. Bishop Foy has announced that from **2:00pm – 3:00pm** he will live-stream a **Holy Hour** from the Cathedral Basilica where we will pray especially for an end to the pandemic. Then around 3:00pm he will process with the Blessed Sacrament out of the Cathedral to St. Mary's Park (across the street from the Cathedral) where he will invoke the blessing of the Lord by offering benediction over the entire Diocese of Covington. I hope you will join us at 3:00pm on Sunday, and every day to pray for an end of the pandemic. I would especially encourage you to pray the Chapel of Divine Mercy. If you are unable to do that, at least to pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

I hope you have had the chance to visit our parish website www.staugustines.net (don't forget the "s" at the end) to see the different videos that have been produced. As we continue these days of isolation, Fr. Michael and I (and maybe the deacons... I haven't talked to them about it yet) will be continuing to make videos to help encourage your faith. No one has ever accused me of being short of words, but it is a lot easier to talk when answering questions about faith... so, I'm asking you, our parishioners, to offer questions about faith, morals, liturgy, sacraments, prayer, theology, etc. that we can answer. You can either email us, or write, or call with the questions that we can then answer for everyone... don't worry, we won't say who asked the questions!

If you have visited the website in the last few days, you will have noticed that a video tour of the church has been made. This was done to allow our parishioners (and others) to see how the work on the church has progressed. If you want your first look at the church to be a finished product, **DON'T WATCH!** It was also done because it looks like we will be able to start taking down the scaffolding next week!!! They continue to do touch up work up high; and the pillars are about halfway finished... to make them look like stone they "sponge" about 6-7 different layers of different color paint on each pillar and then give it a satin finish (makes it look a little shiny). The goal is to have the stencil patterns that go behind the shrines to

Our Lady of Lourdes and the Pieta up before the scaffolding comes down. The stencil patterns for behind the high altar on the circular apse wall and the wainscot will be put up after the scaffolding is down.

As a reminder, we continue to open the gym for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday from 8:00am – 9:00am. Father Michael and I continue to offer Mass privately each day for the intentions for the parish, as well as for all of you, your faith and well-being. We have not been producing a bulletin. So, I will start including the intentions for the Masses in my weekly letter so that you can join in prayer for these parish intentions. Remember, even though we aren't able to gather together physically, we are always spiritually connected! And as Catholics, I need you, and you need me, and we need each other to get into Heaven! Let's pray each other there!

Finally, as I announced earlier, I have made the decision to cancel the summer festival: **but**, I just got word from the Commonwealth that we will be allowed to sell our raffle tickets so long as we live-stream the drawing. By not having the festival, we will be putting a strain on the budget. We usually bring in between \$20,000 - \$25,000 for the parish operation. I'm hoping that you will purchase tickets yourself and encourage others to do so. We will be selling a total of 4,000 tickets at **\$10.00 each**. On Saturday, June 13 we will pull three tickets, splitting the pot with those winners (I believe first place gets 35%, second place 7%, and third place 3% and the parish 55%). If we can sell all 4,000 tickets the parish will make \$22,000, easily making up what we would normally make at the festival. In my next letter, I'll let you know when and how we will start selling them.

As always, if you need ANYTHING – call the rectory/office – 859-431-3943.

Prayers and Blessings!

Very Reverend Daniel L. Schomaker
Pastor

Parish Mass Intentions

Monday, April 13 – **Clarissa Gaines**

Tuesday, April 14 – **St. Monica Society**

Wednesday, April 15 – **People of the Parish**

Thursday, April 16 – **Purgatorial Society**

Friday, April 17 – **Jeanette Herzog**

Saturday, April 18 – **Deceased of the Wermeling Family**

Sunday, April 19 – **Deceased of the Voskuhl Family (9am) & Carole Kramer Stokes (11am)**

Monday, April 20 – **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, April 21 – **Joe Lestingi**

Wednesday, April 22 – **John Grefer**

Thursday, April 23 – **Matt Parton**

Friday, April 24 – **Purgatorial Society**

Saturday, April 25 – **Charles Dusing**

Sunday, April 26 – **Jack Haas, Sr. (9am) & Anna Romito (11am)**

PS – The holy card image is of St. Benedict from the old Archabbot's chapel at St. Vincent Archabbey. This is where Deacon Jordan attends the seminary. St. Benedict's motto was *ora et labora* (pray and work). Let us together pray and work to get each other to Heaven and for an end to this pandemic.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

1. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. OPENING PRAYERS

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. THE ETERNAL FATHER

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.

7. ON THE 10 SMALL BEADS OF EACH DECADE

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. REPEAT FOR THE REMAINING DECADES

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. CONCLUDE WITH HOLY GOD (REPEAT THREE TIMES)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

