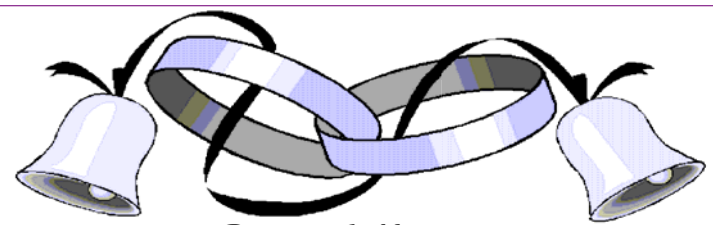


## Help Support the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center at its Annual Spagetti Dinner

Don't forget to participate in the annual Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's Spaghetti Dinner May 7. The dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Neighborhood Center on 18th Street in Wheeling. Officials at the Catholic Neighborhood Center, said the event is the Neighborhood Center's only fundraiser for the year and usually draws a big crowd. The Center serves more than 12,000 meals every month both through

home delivery and those served here at the center. The dinner also helps fund food for the food pantry and other services, such as cleaning supplies for families and emergency utility assistance for families.

At 5 p.m., the spaghetti dinner becomes open to the poor of the community at no charge. If you would like more information on the dinner or to make a donation to the Catholic Neighborhood Center, call (304) 233-7157.



*Banns of Marriage*  
**Chad Bauer & Jessica Lane**  
**April 29, 2017**

*If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.*  
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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

## Saint Catherine of Siena

The 24th child of a wool dyer in northern Italy, St. Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only 6, seeing guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. She became a Dominican tertiary when she was 16, and continued to have visions of Christ, Mary, and the saints. St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to Rome from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavoring to heal the Great Western Schism. In 1375 Our Lord give her the Stigmata, which was visible only after her death. Her spiritual director was Blessed Raymond of Capua. St. Catherine's letters, and a treatise called "a dialogue" are considered among the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. She died when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.



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# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Lord Jesus, I trust in you!')."

A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least

with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341)

This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and



receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.\* [our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me

will I contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

*Diary, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul (c) 1987 Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA 01263.*



# Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

*“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference” (Reinhold Neibuhr)*

We have heard or read these words many times. For some, these words are a daily guide to live their life. With these words you don't seem to worry about little things in life as the spilt coffee, the small stain on clothing, or even the slight scratch on the car door. For others without a serenity prayer, the first words spoken may consist of a phrase that cannot be repeated in Catholic Church writing, (added for its humor). When our daughters were young and living under our roof a phrase they used often was, “life's not fair.” Their loving mother would always respond, “Wait until you are older and living on your own to really see what's not fair.” If they persisted with their feelings of unfairness and pushed Lori beyond her limits of self control, the phrase would change to, “Life is hard, and then you die.” That phrase would quiet them until the next crisis in life, which would usually be within the hour. Both daughters, who are now in their mid 20's, would like to move back home

and live, or so they say. They both agree it was much easier in those earlier days of their life. The dreams of a happier, care free time, seems to creep into our thoughts when serenity appears to have been lost. Another phrase repeated on those stressful days is, “Why is God letting this happen to me?” I don't think God had anything to do with the spilling coffee, or the scratch on the car door. Yet, we blame our Creator for these small inconveniences. Our days of tilling the land for food or being a hunter and gatherer are gone. We have all the conveniences in life we need until the next computerized refrigerator is created. Have you seen the commercial where you can tap on the door to operate a light so you can see inside the fridge without opening the door? I don't know if that is convenient, energy saving or just that this new idea was created by some engineer who had too much time on their hands. I remember my dad working on the rotary dial phone we had in the living room when the cord was pulled to tight and snapped so he would not have to replace the phone. Now we discard our cell phones when a newer version is on the market. Our secular society has the goal of making life easier with less stress and less body pains. We communicate by emails, texts and postings on social media. Have we lost the days of sitting on the front porch talking to neighbors and couples out for an afternoon or

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evening walk? Maybe my parents had the right mind set of working with their hands as well as their minds. If a new refrigerator was needed, money would be saved or store credit was extended. Today, we have credit cards with limits that total or exceed our yearly salary. With all these conveniences do we have the time for God in our life? We should. We call upon God when things don't go our way, or when a disaster occurs. Do we have time to think of Him, to pray, or to thank God for all that has been provided for us? If I am giving praise to someone, placing their name on a plaque, presenting gifts and honoring them for an accomplishment or for the amount of money given, am I taking something away from God? I do believe God provided us with our skills. All that is in this world belongs to God. So why do we take credit for something that is God's? “The earth and everything in it exists for the Lord, the world and those who live in it,” Psalm 24:1. Wow, these thoughts must have been building up for some time. Glad that is off my chest.

I came across the lines from 1 Corinthians 10 in my readings. This may explain my thoughts above. “Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. Try to please everyone in every way. I am not trying to do what is good for me. I am trying to do what is good for the most people so that they can be saved.” The Seren-

ity Prayer attempts to provide us with the right frame of mind to allow for the experience of joy in our life that God intends for us, right? The prayer, also, helps in those times when we feel pain and sorrow beyond our control. Of course we don't take pain and sorrow lightly, but we shouldn't blame God for them either. Instead we should ask God for blessings to endure with some patience for what we face. Now of course that is easier for me to write than to experience, or to experience again. We fear the unknown and uncertainty. There are situations that are beyond our control. I sound like a parent, don't I? It comes to me freely having two daughters. We are likely to make a mistake today. We may spill the cup of coffee, or scratch the car door with our keys. We may also receive an unexpected gift or be the giver of the gift. For all we do, our sufferings and joys should be with God in mind. God had us in mind for all he has done. We should give God the praise and honor he deserves.

“Peace I leave with you...My peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid – Jesus of Nazareth,” John: 14:27.

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours.

*“Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit”*

Alex J. Nagem

## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—April 23rd—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Sat 6:00p Mass for Jack Scott  
8:00a Mass for Ann Schlatt  
9:15a 1st Communion Class—Parish Office  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31  
2:00p Confirmation

**Monday—April 24th—Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

12:05p Mass for Fidelis Shutler  
RDGS: Acts 4:23-31 PS 2:1-9 JN 3:1-8

**Fidelis**, died 1622 in Switzerland; from Swabia; known as the “lawyer of the poor” before becoming a Capuchin; preached in the canton of the Grisons; protomartyr of Propaganda Fide.

**Tuesday—April 25th—SAINT MARK, EVAGELIST**

12:05p Mass for James F. Quirk  
RDGS: Acts 1 Pt 5:5B-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
Mk 16:15-20

**Mark**, 1st c.; cousin of Barnabas; associated with Sts. Paul and Peter; the Gospel ascribed to him is the oldest (written probably prior to the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD) and shortest; largely a collection of narratives that depict Jesus as being almost constantly active; presents Jesus as the Son of God whose ministry was marked by a series of mighty works, signs of God's power and kingdom; tradition holds Mark the first bishop of Alexandria; portrayed as a winged lion; patron of nataries, of Egypt, and of Venice.

**Wednesday—April 26th—Easter Weekday**

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes  
RDGS: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday—April 27th—Easter Weekday**

6:30p Mass of the Thomas Trunzo  
RDGS: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday—April 28th—Saint Peter Chanel, priest, martyr;  
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest**

12:05p Mass for Jack Jochum  
RDGS: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15  
5:00p Wedding Rehearsal

**Peter Chanel**, died 1841; French Marist missionary on the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futuna where he was martyred; destroyed cult of evil spirits; protomartyr and patron of Oceania.

**Louis Mary de Montfort**, died 1716; from Brittany; studied at Saint Sulpice; hospital chaplain and founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; apostolic missionary whose preaching led to a spiritual revival in his

native Brittany; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the rosary; founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary; chief work: *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

**Saturday—April 29th—Saint Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

9:00a Mass for Norman Keeps  
2:00p Bauer/Lane Wedding  
5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for the Parishioners

RDGS: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

**Catherine**, died 1380; O.P. tertiary, mystic, and author; peacemaker within the Church and renewer of religious life; worked toward ending the Avignon papacy under Gregory XI; declared doctor of the Church in 1970; patroness of Italy and, together with St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, co-patroness of Europe.

**Sunday—April 30th—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00a Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
9:15a 1st Communion Class—Parish Office  
10:30a Mass for Nancy Rodgers  
RDGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
1Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

## Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisch, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiccki, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyrk, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher