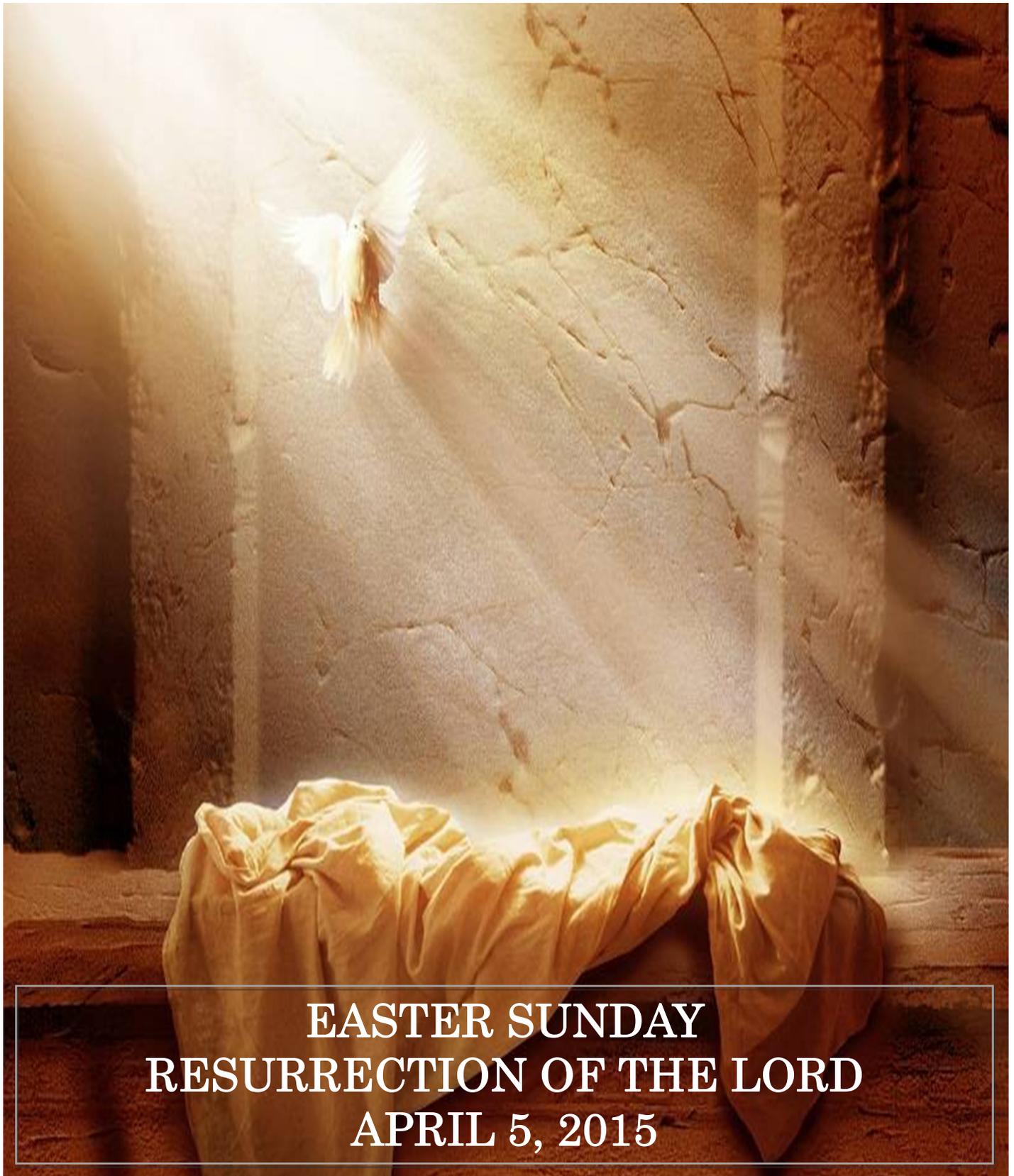


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**EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 5, 2015**

EASTER UNEDITED



In my library there is a children's book, *One-Minute Easter Stories*. I think I bought it not because of its one minute format, but because Shari Lewis was one of its editors. The late ventriloquist and puppeteer charmed us with a hand puppet named Lamb Chop. She made us laugh and left us happier and wiser. Shari Lewis' background was Jewish, but her Easter book expressly tries to "help view this holiday with a fresh eye and pass our enthusiasm on to youngsters." That was an admirable aim.

Of all the stories in *One-Minute Easter Stories*, "The Selfish Giant" is my special favorite. Taken from a fairy tale by Oscar Wilde, it has one major flaw. It has something essential edited out of the story . . . and that is precisely what makes it an **Easter** story and not a myth about Springtime!

"The Selfish Giant" has a "once upon a time" quality, but it is more a parable than a tall tale. It can be read symbolically, which could make it an allegory about the world, sin and redemption. As the story unfolds, there is a beautiful garden that attracts happy children. There they are free to play games, climb trees and enjoy the beauties of nature. The garden belongs to a giant who has been away seven years visiting an ogre in Cornwall. Upon his return, he drives the children from his garden, screaming, "**My own garden is my own garden.**" He posts a huge sign outside on the garden wall:

"TRESSPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED."

Because the Giant is very selfish, everything changes. The following year, Spring does not come to the garden. The birds do not sing there. Flowers and grass do not grow. It is winter all year long! Even the Giant notices that his garden has become a wasteland. Then, one day, he hears the lovely song of a bird and sees children playing in his garden. But - - and this is the part that was edited - - there is one little boy who stands beneath a tree still untouched by Spring. He wants to climb up, but is too small. Pitying the boy, the Giant lifts him up and gently places him in the tree. At that point, the Giant repents. When he appears, the other children still run away in fear. Later, he convinces them: "**Now it is your garden.**" He is sincerely transformed. And the Giant plays with the children and his garden becomes more beautiful than ever. But that is not where Wilde's story ends. The Giant searches for the boy who had helped him. Years pass. The Giant grows old and sick. Then, one day, in winter, he hears once more the song of a bird. Joyfully, he searches the garden. There, he finds a tree with golden branches and silver fruit. Then, he sees the boy who saved him from being a **SELFISH** giant.



Much to his shock, he also sees wounds on the palms of the boy's hands. Furious, the giant asks:

"Who hath dared to wound thee? . . . tell me that I may take my big sword and slay him."

"Nay," answered the child. "But these are the wounds of love."

"Who art thou?" said the Giant, and a strange awe fell on him, and he knelt before the little child.

And the child smiled on the Giant, and said to him, "You let me play once in your garden; today

you shall come with me to my garden which is paradise.”

As the **unedited** story ends, the other children return to the garden later and find the Giant dead under the tree, “all covered with white blossoms.”

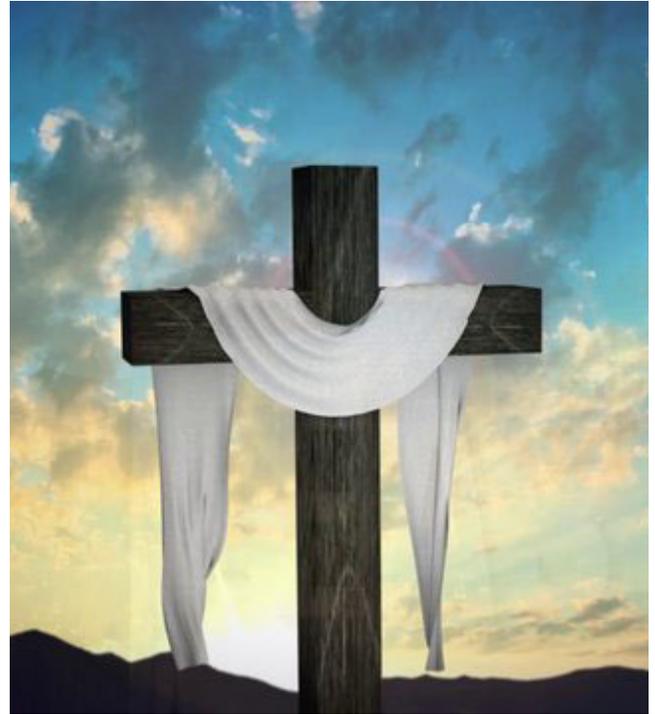
Who else can the little child who has so changed the Giant be, but Jesus? The “wounds of love” are the marks of the Passion. The selfishness of the of the Giant is the perfect image of sin. The blight in the garden is the effect of sin. The Giant’s change of heart is true contrition. The love he has for the child is his redemption. His kindness and welcome of the other children is proof of his firm purpose of amendment.

Oscar Wilde’s unedited version of “The Selfish Giant” is not just a fairy tale. It reflects the nature of Sin - - selfishness - - and its impact on the world. Still, it is a hopeful tale that shows how the “wounds of love” can heal sin and conquer death. The story echoes the words from the cross:

“This day, you shall be with me in paradise.”

A Blessed Easter!

-Fr. Luczak



A postscript

Of Parables and Allegories

We hear **parables** in the Gospel. Basically they are short stories drawn from ordinary experience to teach a spiritual lesson. An **allegory** is similar to a parable with symbolic persons and actions. The difference is that a parable is a comparison that is quite explicit. An allegory draws a comparison that is implied. Often the two may be hard to distinguish. In “The Selfish Giant” do we have a parable or an allegory? In his new book, **Hints of Heaven**, Fr. George Rutler observes:

He (Christ) used parables as clues to the mystery of paradise. In them are hints of heaven, and they offer profound spiritual advice to guide us on the road to eternal glory.

I believe the “Selfish Giant” **implies** a good deal more than a story about a giant who learns to love children and share with others. It implies Redemption through Christ. On this Easter Sunday, the “wounds of love” are really symbols of the Paschal Mystery.



Easter Sunday Services

Easter Sunday, April 05

Church - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 am., & 12:00 p.m.

Holy Family Room - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 12

In 1931 Our Lord appeared to Sr. Faustina Kowalska in a vision and gave her the mission of spreading His message of Mercy to the whole world. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: 'Jesus, I Trust in You' -- 'Jezu, Ufam Tobie.'" This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies (420...) It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. 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 (600)."

On the first Sunday after Easter 2000, Blessed Pope John Paul II announced that Sister Faustina was to join the ranks of Saints. On that same day the Pope formally announced that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

We will celebrate **The Feast of Mercy beginning with the Noon Mass next Sunday, April 12th**. It will be followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m.** The **Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 2-3 p.m.** with confessions being heard in **English and Polish**. The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in English, Polish and Tagalog at 3 p.m. and conclude with Benediction**. All are invited to observe the end of the Octave of Easter with praise and thanks to God for His Divine Mercy.

Booklets for the Divine Mercy Novena, which began on Good Friday are available at the doors of the Church Please join in praying this novena which our Lord also entrusted to St. Faustina.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

•The youth, faculty and staff of the Religious Education Program wish a Joyous Easter. They share this Easter Prayer: *Jesus, Risen Savior, we rejoice with You today. You are risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! With You we celebrate new life, new beginnings, new hope and new joy. May Your risen glory shine through us in all that we do and say. We praise God for raising You up and for giving us the gift of Your eternal presence. Amen.*

•Religious Education Classes will not meet on Easter Monday, April 6. We'll see everyone back on April 13. Students who did not bring in their Rice Bowl donations are asked to bring them that night.

•Confirmation Year II Candidates and their Sponsors or a Parent have practice on Monday, April 13th, in Church. Please arrive at the usual time and come right to the Church so we can begin to seat you. Students with reading parts should bring them to the practice.

•Permission slips for the April 18th First Communion Retreat are due by Monday, April 13th.

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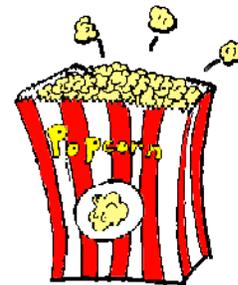
The St. Joseph Table Planning Committee thanks Palm Court Fine Dining in Arlington Heights for their donation to the St. Joseph Table, along with all who were mentioned in last week's bulletin. We appreciate everyone's support and generosity!

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed on the third Friday of each month beginning in April (April 17) and prior to national holiday Masses such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, etc.



FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES...



resumes this Friday, April 10th, when we will be showing "The Hundred Foot Journey" with Helen Mirren, Om Puri and Manish Dayal. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film begins at 7 p.m. The movie is about an Indian family whose restaurant in India burns down and their decision to re-open the restaurant, but not in India...in France. They choose a place near a small town directly across from a very popular and expensive French restaurant and that when things start happening. This is a charming, delightful, warm and funny picture that will touch your heart. As always it's all complimentary including the popcorn and beverages. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

SAVE THE DATES...

- The **Mass of the Anointing of the Sick** will be on **Saturday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m.** in Church. A reception will follow.

- The **annual concert in memory of** parishioner/musician extraordinaire **Buddy Charles Gries** will be held on **Sunday, July 19th, at 3 p.m.** in the Holy Family Room. It will feature some of Chicagoland's best entertainers who are performing Music of the Roaring 20's and donating their time and talent so that all proceeds from the concert benefit St. Isaac Jogues Parish. Invite your family, friends and neighbors now for an afternoon of great entertainment and fun! Tickets will go on sale in late June.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

- The Spiritual Life Commission interested in your feedback regarding this year's Parish Mission with Fr. Dennis Lyle and the Lent Soup Suppers and Presentations. Please give your comments and/or suggestions for future Mission Retreat Afternoons or Lent Presentations to one of the SLC members – Betsy Garcia, Julie Higgins, Elizabeth Houlihan, Rose Santos, and Dee Stanton – one of the priests, or email sijre2004@yahoo.com or call the RE Office, 847/966-1180. Thank you!
- The Spiritual Life Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. in the RE Office.

EASTER MEAL GRACE

Creative God and Lord of life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead. *(pause)* May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy. May You, then, bless this table, this food, and each of us in Your holy name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday:	Saturday in the Octave of Easter

He is Risen...



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Strengthen



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The very word *confirm* means to **strengthen** or to make stronger. Baptism gives us new life in Christ and makes us sons and daughters of God in the Son, Jesus Christ. Confirmation strengthens us in that identity with another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Even more, Confirmation makes us stronger to live out that identity.

As we walk through this world, we often feel pulled in many directions. There are many forces, some good but many quite negative, that press in on us. How will we respond? Will we feel overwhelmed and unable to do anything? From what can we draw the strength and courage to make the right decisions, to stay on course, and to follow through on our commitments? For believers who have been confirmed in the Holy Spirit, the answer lies in the strengthening that is already within us. Faith alerts us to the precious and graced resource that we carry within ourselves.

POPE FRANCIS'S VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

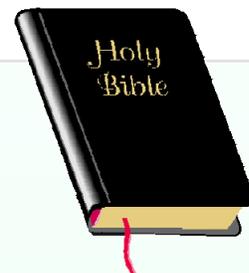
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



St. Isaac Jogues Women's Club is again making Mother's Day gift bags for the moms at Maternity BVM. Please start to collect or purchase new cosmetic samples, nail files or polish, small cosmetic bags, perfume samples, small combs or brushes, etc. Actual collection of the items will be after Easter.

Let us share the joy of Mother's Day with the moms at Maternity BVM.

The 2016 Mass Book
is now open at the rectory.



Mass
Intentions

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Adults interested in being baptized, received into the Catholic Church or completing their Catholic Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com, for more information.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015, at 2:45 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Couples married in 1965 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information, call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org.

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United States Army
United States Marines
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Brian Caplin, Gale Renner
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William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly
Christopher Dexter, Nathaniel Janzen



If you have a family member or friend you would like to add to our prayer list, either because they serve in the military or are a first responder (police, firefighter, paramedic/EMT), please contact the RE office at 847/966-1190 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, April 5, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Ed Brezinski
10:00 a.m.	<i>For The Living & Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Martha Lucia-Church Hilda P. Dizon-HFR
12:00 p.m.	Patricia Hildebrandt-Church Leslaw Krzesaj-HFR
Monday, April 6, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Helen Polinski
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Marian Bragiel & Emilia Biernacka
Wednesday, April 8, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Steven Zourkas
Thursday, April 9, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Leslaw Krzesaj
Friday, April 10, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Lech & Maria Kaczynski
Saturday, April 11, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service-No Intentions</i>
5:00 p.m.	Boleslaw & Josephine Chmielewski Dolores Chmielewski Special Intention -Richard Chmielewski Jr. Mike Cleghorn
Sunday, April 12, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	Liswoski Family
10:00 a.m.	Dreyfuss Family, Augusto Ramirez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Jeffrey Musni
12:00 p.m.	<i>For The Living & Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Adam Rudziewcz

Liturgy Next Weekend April 11-12

Confessions	Fr. Luczak
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pereira
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Pereira
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul (Feast of Divine Mercy)
Confessions English & Polish 2-3 p.m.	Frs. Luczak, Pereira & Janas
Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction 3 p.m.	Fr. Luczak, Fr. Janas, Teresita Sitjar & Deacon Paul

**Weekend of
April 11-12**

Altar Servers



5:00 p.m.	Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Eugene Villarino Ann Benoy
8:00 a.m.	Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto Alyssa Fortaleza
10:00 a.m.	Khayla Santiago Matthew Magno Mark Magno
12:00 p.m.	Anna Koziol Ged Vallo Tara Vallo Alexis Janik

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 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
 Saturday: -5:00 PM
 8:00 AM Communion Service

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:
 Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
 Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
 Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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