

THE STEWARD

Sunday of Divine Mercy

APRIL 16, 2023

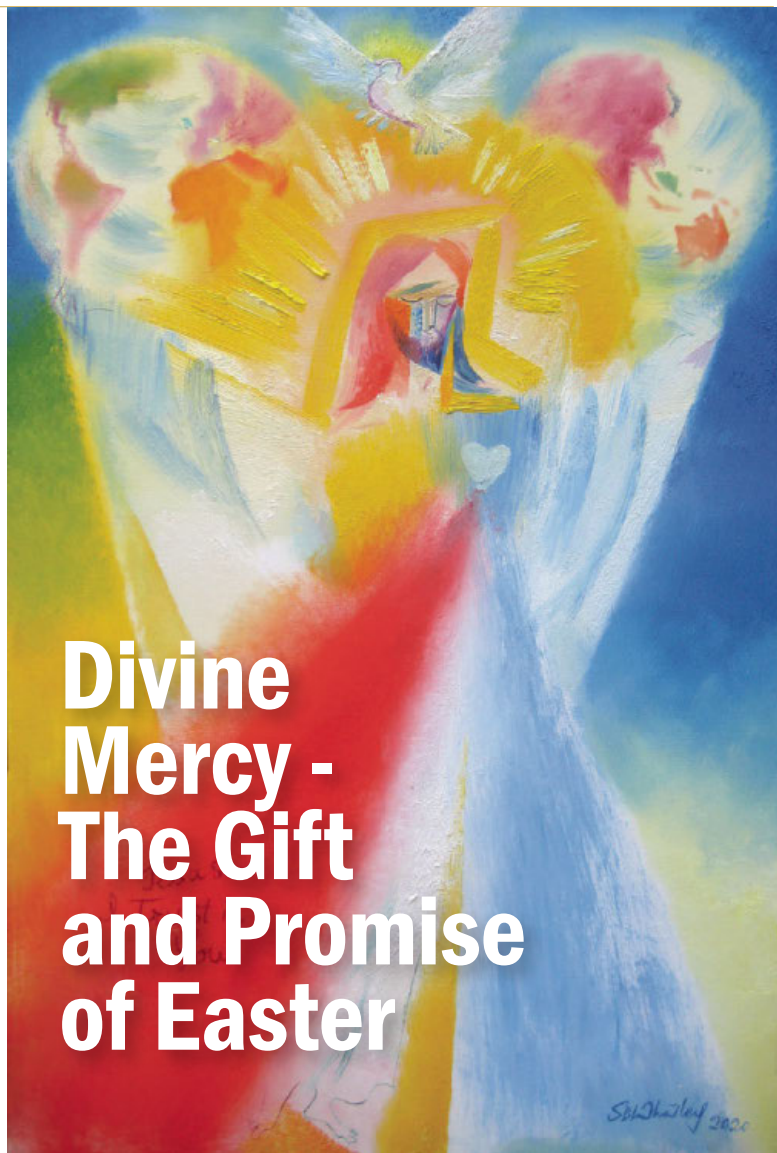


By Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

Today being Divine Mercy Sunday, I have the great privilege to share some thoughts regarding the Easter Season, and meaning behind the devotion that is represented in the Divine Mercy image of Our Risen Lord Jesus. The painting in this Sunday sharing by expressionist artist, Stephen Watley, titled "Divine Mercy For Humanity & The World. 2020" shows a loving Christ with the Western and Eastern Hemisphere of our world on His shoulders. With arms outstretched it looks like a big heart. And it takes a big heart to be truly merciful and compassionate, and that is so the case with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Easter came with all the joy and promise as always to our broken world, from the far-off Ukrainian conflict to the civil strife in Syria, and on the African continent to our own country and city where mass shootings have become very common place you would think it was the roaring 1920's in Chicago and not 2023. That being said, the Easter Season call us to have hope and faith in the goodness of humanity that mankind can figure it out if it just would promote more of what today's feast day is all about: Divine Mercy.

The whole Divine Mercy Devotion or Movement is not even 100 years old but has become quite popular around the world mainly due to our Polish brethren who find great fortitude and peace through its promotion and practice. The entire devotion is a reminder that the Risen Lord provides both His love and mercy to us as we journey through both the joys and difficulties in life. The challenge that Christ puts to us is to be that to the world. But it is easier to not promote love and mercy, as selfishness, violence, hatred, and revenge seem to rule the day from our politicians down to young people desperate for purpose in life, in despair, and victims of poverty and unemployment. What the world needs now is mercy and forgiveness. In the Gospel of St. Matthew story of the person presenting an offering, Our Lord reminds us all that if you are not reconciled with your



Divine Mercy - The Gift and Promise of Easter

brother that must come first before making an offering at the altar. Promoting reconciliation is essential to solving the world's problems. At some point the Ukrainian and Russian people are going to have to reconcile over the nightmare that has been unleashed over the last year. People have to stand up to

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evil in their midst. In the end, truth, mercy and love will win out. That is the hope of Easter. But it will take many more Easters to pass before it happens. But it takes faith too. Faith in the goodness of mankind, faith in the grace provided by Divine Providence, faith that eventually will need "to move mountains". So unlike St. Thomas, we need to not doubt, to not be discouraged and depressed, to not feel that the world is coming to an end. As in the case of the Apostles after the Resurrection, Christ comes to them and says "Peace". This is the "product" of mercy, trust, and faith. Peace comes to our homes, our neighborhood, our world when those three coincide. We need to be the channel of that peace that St. Francis of Assisi composed in his prayer, "where there is hatred, love.

An enormous amount of love has been shown for one of the important ways this parish ministers to its people by providing quality Catholic education in our parish school. When you read this either on Saturday, the night of the Gala event or after it on Sunday morning, An Evening under the Big Top, is sure to be one for the record books. The outpouring of love by our generous sponsors came in at a record high, over \$115,000. By underwriting the cost of the Gala, which like so many other things has gone through the roof, more of the funds raised for our school's operating budget can be realized through live and silent auctions, ticket admission sales, school projects, and after parties. Our Fund-A-Need for Tuition Scholarships is also sure to be a hit. The love for our school translated into over 220 silent auction packages created from 357 items donated, along with 150 bottles of wine and bourbon. Through everyone efforts, the Gala keeps getting better and better. We are grateful for the leadership, sacrifice, and so much hard work put in by our committee, but especially by our Gala co-chairs, Amy Cupples, Kat Neenan, and Becky Schick. Leading by example is always the way to go. May we apply their example of self-sacrifice, dedication, and love, to how we respond to the challenge of Easter. Can we spread the message of God's infinite mercy? We have 50 days of the Easter Season to begin. My prayer is for your success.

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April 16, 2023

Written by
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Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE


“I’ll believe it when I see it.” We’ve all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today’s Gospel when he wasn’t there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb – “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ’s hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ’s body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially – parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives – but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ’s disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let’s act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is “more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire.” We certainly aren’t perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ’s name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

INVITATION People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?



*“Do not be
unbelieving,
but believe.”*

(Jn 20:27)

Christ's appearance to the apostles, by A.N. Mironov, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

Sunday, Apr 16, 2023

Put disappointments behind

Learn a lesson from the experience of the apostle we've come to know as "doubting Thomas." Insisting that our expectations be met is often the path to disillusionment and heartbreak. The way to peace is another route entirely. As Saint John Chrysostom taught, "So you want peace of heart? Then do not seek health, nor wealth, nor fame, nor power, nor luxury. Seek wisdom in God's sight, stick to the virtues, and nothing will be able to make you sad." Start by cultivating the seven big virtues: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, courage, and justice. And leave disappointment in the rearview mirror.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (43).
"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Monday, Apr 17, 2023

Reborn and renewed

Are Catholics "born again"? Yes, when we are baptized. In Baptism, we die with Christ, in that all sins are purified, and are reborn as children of God. Once done, it need not and cannot be repeated because by Baptism we are incorporated into Christ, configured to Christ, and sealed forever with the "indelible spiritual mark" of belonging to Christ. Catholics can, however, renew baptismal vows—and often do at Mass, especially during the Easter season, including the Easter Vigil Mass. Cherish this opportunity to restate your promises, profess your faith, and strengthen your commitment to Christ and church once again.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*

Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023

The high cost of beauty

On this day in 1506, Pope Julius II laid the cornerstone for today's St. Peter's Basilica, initiating the most celebrated architectural project in all of Christendom. The work involved renowned Renaissance artists Raphael and Michelangelo and took 120 years to complete. The result? Ralph Waldo Emerson declared it "an ornament of the earth . . . the sublime of the beautiful." To appreciate its beauty and grandeur, take a virtual tour of St. Peter's Basilica.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). *"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."*

Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023

Free advice

From the Book of Exodus to the Book of Acts, biblical literature is filled with stories of God delivering people from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light. And, as the church instructs in its 1984 document on liberation theology, the "most radical form of slavery is slavery to sin." Reflect on God's activity in your own life, especially during times that you were stuck or caught in a

destructive pattern. God created us free and longs to see us free. Whatever fetters might have you tied down or wrestling in the dark at the moment, know that you can turn to God for release. Liberation is what God loves to bring!

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). *"The angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison [and] led them out."*

Thursday, Apr 20, 2023

More than enough to go around

If you grew up in a household marked by scarcity, the "theology of abundance" might be hard to embrace. This concept, popularized by Lutheran theologian Walter Brueggemann, is that God's generosity and abundance are overflowing, and that discipleship means sharing freely of both material and spiritual riches to rid the world of poverty in all its forms. How do you experience God's overflowing generosity? And how are you paying it forward?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). *"He does not ration his gift of the Spirit."*

Friday, Apr 21, 2023

Sad face emoji

Behind smiley emojis and Instagram-worthy photos, many people are struggling to make it through the day. With so much heaviness of heart, Easter can seem totally out of place. Yet, the Paschal Mystery reminds us that we need not be struggle-free in order to allow the warmth, light, and new life of Easter to wash over us, if even a little. God welcomes us in just as we are and offers to us abundant love, holding us when we ourselves can hold no more. As we continue this season, what might you allow God to hold for you?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). *"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

Saturday, Apr 22, 2023

Calming the waters

The Sea of Galilee is said to be prone to sudden, violent storms, with temperature swings and gusty winds provoked by the high mountains that surround it. Whether we understand Jesus walking on the choppy waters literally or figuratively, the message is clear: Jesus is our bridge over troubled waters. Whatever turbulence you might be experiencing, reach out a hand to the many incarnations of Christ in your life—those who will stand by you and stand with you, those who are ready to reach out a steadying hand as you face the storms of life.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). *"The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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YOU ARE INVITED! JOIN US AS WE WATCH AND DISCUSS INTO THE BREACH

Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands, and men fit for the breach.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH BEAVEN HALL SUNDAY, APRIL 16 AFTER NOON MASS

The afternoon's 90 minute session will consist of a viewing of the short film, "Into the Breach" and presentation by Father Steve on the transformative role of the Knights of Columbus has had and continues to have in new evangelization, followed by discussion and questions and answers session. Families are invited and lunch will be served. Childcare will be provided in the gym.

Scan the QR code below to check out the following trailer link for the "Into the Breach" film.



BUNDLE SUNDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Join us on Sunday, May 7 from 9am-2pm for the return of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday! Now is the time to start setting aside items to help us help our neighbors in need.

WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT:

- Gently used clothing, shoes, household items
- Furniture
- Small appliances
- Household decorations
- Kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans
- Jewelry
- Tools
- Sporting goods, including bikes

Please, no TVs, computers, pianos, baby seats, or pillows/mattresses!

Clothing should be packed in plastic bags. Household and other heavy items should be boxed. Please wrap glassware and other fragile items in paper or bubble wrap.

The trailer will be parked in the St. Ben's courtyard throughout the day and convenient to Mass times. Volunteers will be available to help load your items. We hope to see you there!



OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT COMES TO AN END

Now that Lent has come to an end, we are asking all our parish families to return their Lenten Offering Box over the next two weeks by bringing them to Mass and putting them in the baskets at the altar or return it to the rectory or school offices during regular business hours. If you misplaced the Lenten Offering Box or never received one, consider taking an envelope made by our school children found at all the entrances of the church and contribute to the Catholic Extension Society as part of your Lenten Almsgiving. PLEASE REMEMBER to put your family's name on the box/Ziploc bag or envelope.

FATHER JACK WALL, PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY, will be here to celebrate Mass on Tuesday, May 9th at 8:30 a.m. Our school children will present him with what we hope to be a most generous total of everyone's efforts during these 5 weeks of Lent. Many thanks to our Middle School Service Committee for the promotion of this project. Thank you for your support of all those who work with the poor and needy.





LIL' BENGALS PLAY & PRAY

Play & Pray with your young cub (6 months – 2 years old) at St. Benedict Preparatory School. Play & Pray provides you the opportunity to socialize, build community, and connect with members of our parish and school. Sessions are held in the Preschool Gross Motor Room with padded floors and age-appropriate play equipment. Parents and children only please. Questions? Contact Janet Gallagher, Director of Enrollment & Marketing at jgallagher@stbenedict.com or 773-509-3814.

FRIDAYS 11:30AM-12:30PM : April 28, May 5, May 19, & June 2

St. Benedict Preparatory Preschool 3901 N Bell (corner of Byron and Bell)

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Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar will rocket kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.



Register for 5 days of Vacation Bible School which will run from July 17-21. Vacation Bible School is for students ages: rising kindergartener thru rising 4th grader. This will be a 3.5 hour day running from 9:00am-12:30pm. Each day our astronauts will learn new songs, participate in STELLAR games, create out of this world crafts and have an amazing adventure learning about God's Love and learning how to shine Jesus' light in the world. If there are any questions, please reach out to Kim McMillan at kmcmillan@stbenedict.com. Space will be limited to 50 children.

Scan the QR CODE (right) to enroll your child in this Vacation Bible School adventure to equip them to "SHINE JESUS' LIGHT"! >>>>>



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

NorthCenter Chamber of Commerce is hosting TinyFest on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st in the NorthCenter Town Square at 4100 N. Lincoln Ave.

This "mini" street festival will have entertainment, food and beverages, and activities for all ages. St. Benedict Parish has been asked to recruit some volunteers to man a number of shifts. We would like to get a couple of groups together to fully man the beer tent (group of 6) on Saturday or Sunday. If you are open to joining one of these groups please email Joe Accardi at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. There are a number of different opportunities to volunteer in other areas as well.

Please check out their sign up genius using the QR code. Thank you for your consideration.



THE ST BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CLUB - NEXT MEETING 4/19

The St. Benedict's Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:30 in the Pine Room. For our April service project we will be collecting new and/or used plastic food containers for The House of the Good Shepherd, a parish ministry. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Education

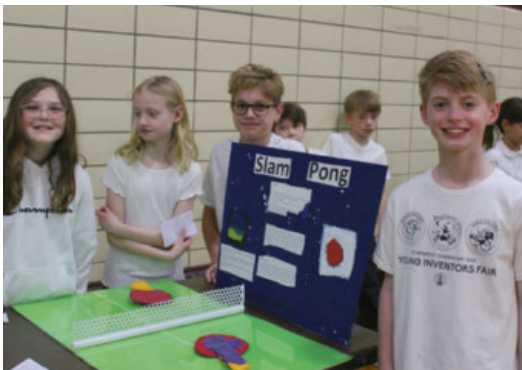
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Benedict Prep 8th grade students helped remind the school and community of the importance of remembering Jesus' sacrifice during the Living Stations of the Cross. Students led the school and parish community through a prayerful devotion of the final hours of Jesus' life. Through this special prayer, participants meditated on the great courage, compassion, and love Jesus shows us as He continues to be with us on our journey.



ST. BENEDICT PREP YOUNG INVENTORS

Mars Exploration. Olympic Games. Structures that Survive Strong Winds. These are just a few of the "inventions" presented recently at the 2023 Young Inventors Fair. Students created "inventions" addressing issues of extreme weather, Olympic events, and space exploration. Parents, visitors, and students enjoyed learning about these special projects during the morning viewing. Congratulations SBPS 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade inventors!



Coming Up at St. Ben's | April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Dads Group Get Together after 10AM Mass Beaven Hall Mass at 11am at Kateri Center Convent Chapel Knights of Columbus Meeting 12:30pm Beaven Hall	17 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orchestra Practice 7pm SS Library	18 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Parish Commission Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Ben's Women's Club Meeting 9:30am Pine Room Daisy Girl Scouts Kindergarten 2:30pm Beaven Hall Advisory Board Meeting 7pm SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Cub Scout Pack 3865 Wolves Den Meetings 6:30pm Beaven Hall	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Class of 2019 Get-Together 10AM Beaven Hall Pack 3865 Meeting 3pm Ackerman Center	24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Mtg 6pm Sewing Room Webelos II Meeting 7pm Cafeteria Troop 865 Meeting 7pm Heidenreich Hall Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall Ravenswood Orch. Practice 7pm SS Library	25 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Tiger Scout Den Meeting 5:30pm Beaven Hall Covenant Teams of St. Andrew and St. Benedict 7pm SS Library	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church 1st Grade Daisies 2:30pm Room 317 - Global Lab CONFIRMATION 7PM IN CHURCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW 8:30PM GYM	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church	29 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 25/26

St. Benedict parishioners generously contributed a total of \$3,801 for the Little Sisters of the Poor weekend!

The cash has been deposited and a check in kind sent to the Little Sisters early in the week. If you were not able to join us for Mass but would like to contribute to their mission, you may donate online by scanning the QR code, or by sending a check to: Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614



Sunday & Holy Day Offertory Week of April 2



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- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
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Electronic Giving: \$7,911
 Envelope: \$2,393
 Loose: \$5,532
 Total: \$15,836 (122% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com. Thank you for your remarkable generosity to the parish.

Fiscal YTD: \$510,331 (98% of goal)
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Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 15 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 8:30AM Special Intention for Charlene Johnson
- Family
- 5PM Coleman "Sonny" McDonough
- Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor

Sunday, April 16 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 8AM Ross Mannina - *Barbara and Karl Laber*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Cesar Guzman - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Irene Esqueda - *The Cromwell Family*
- 12PM Living and Deceased Members of
Joseph Babbo Family - *The Sadofsky Family*

Monday, April 17 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Cesar Guzman - *Family*
Barbara Ott - *Marilyn Jerger*

Tuesday, April 18 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*
Josefina Zarate - *Terencia Z. Limon*
Special Intention for Belen R. Cortes
- *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Wednesday, April 19 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Gloria C. Recede - *Family*
Ida Loser - *Rachel Bernhardt*

Thursday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Catalino S. Calimutan
- *Lito and Marylyn Aguilan*
Manuel Sadiua - *Terencia Z. Limon*

Friday, April 21 - Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM John Larson - *The Cromwell Family*

Saturday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Special Intention for Elaine LIndia - *Friends*
- 5PM Donna Jarvis - *Christa O'Keefe and Marge Lawlor*
Jean Tashiro - *Jerry Buldak*
Special Intention for Loretta O'Donnell
John and Ann McDonagh - *Family*

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8AM Ross Mannina - *Barbara and Karl Laber*
Special Intention for Starla Vertucci
- *Rachel Bernhardt*
- 10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Adelaida Bolinas - *Family*
Lio Wildner - *Leda Wildner*
Special Birthday Blessing for Leda Wildner
- 12PM Special Intention for Judith Snarski
- *Family*
Christopher Dino - *The Dino Family*
Benjamin Linatoc Ola - *The Ola Family*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

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Patricia Ann King	Leda Wildner
Pepito Lim	

The polls are closed. No, not for the election, but for the DMI survey. Thank you to those who have taken the effort this last month to complete the DMI survey. We had 168 people fill it out. I hope it was helpful to think about the questions and not only think about how the parish is serving your needs, but also how you, yourself, is growing spiritually.



The next step is to wait until all the results are tabulated and a report is generated. Hopefully this will be done around June. Once the report is finished, we can go over the report, learn from it, and create an action plan in moving forward with what we learned. Thanks again for the time and effort you put into it. Stay tuned for results and updates. Your input was greatly appreciated. Fr. Tom



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! **To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com.** One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Sunday Eucharist: Saturday 5PM,
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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
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**Exposition and Benediction of the
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Baptisms: Scheduled on all Sundays at
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