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We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone visiting St. Peter or St. Julie Billiart Parish. Our goal is to help you know, love & serve Christ together and assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about our parishes, please reach out to us at the office.

Thank you for joining us in worship, and we hope to see you again soon.

To become a parishioner, please register online or stop by the St. Julie or St. Peter parish office.

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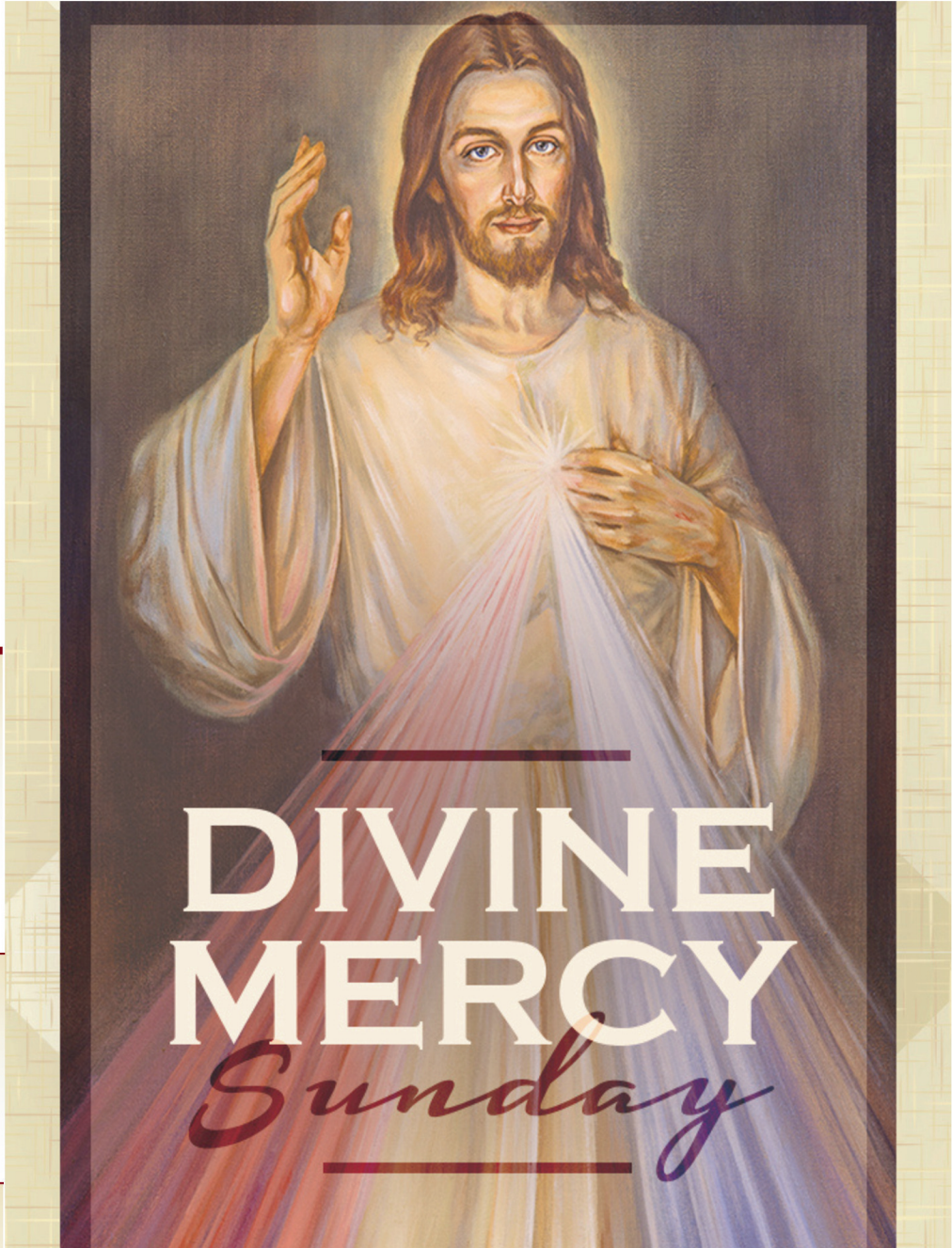
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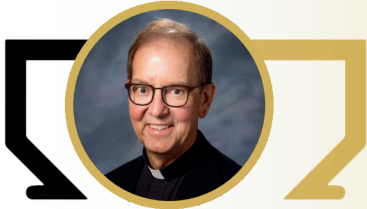


MASS TIMES

ST. JULIE BILLIART
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri 5:30pm
ST. PETER
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm
Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 8:15am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

Today we conclude the Octave of Easter with Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina (+1931) spoke of mercy as God's greatest attribute. Pope Francis (+2025) spoke of Jesus as the face of God's mercy.

The gospel for this Sunday recounts the two appearances of Jesus to the apostles: the evening of Easter day and His appearance a week later. The Apostle Thomas was the special focus of Octave of Easter appearance. God's mercy is woven into both appearances of Jesus to the apostles. On Easter Sunday evening, Jesus gave the apostles the authority to forgive sins, thus laying the foundation for the Sacrament of Penance. Praise God for his mercy toward us!

God's mercy in Christ was on display a week later. The Apostle Thomas resisted what the other apostles had told him, that they had seen the Lord. Jesus did not give up on Thomas. He pursued Thomas, inviting him to touch his hands and side. The response of Thomas to the special invitation that Jesus gave him demonstrated a complete turnaround: My Lord and My God!

As we celebrate Mercy Sunday, let us thank God for the ways that we have experienced God's mercy in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. As we recognize God's mercies toward us, let us pray to pay it forward. We must be merciful toward one another.

Our parishes will be hosting a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 PM at St. Peter Parish. Details are on page 6 of this week's bulletin, and all are welcome.

Again, I thank the volunteers who helped pick up branches at South Central Park. St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes were participating in a larger week of service that was organized by the Diocese of Cleveland. The idea was that local Catholic parishes were to do something that would bless the greater community in which they live.

I recognize the need to pick up branches at our parishes. That need is more deeply felt at St. Julie Parish where the staff is smaller and the trees are plentiful. I am calling anyone who can join me at St. Julie Parish for 90 minutes of tree branch pick up on Saturday, April 18 from Noon to 1:30 PM. Please wear boots and old gloves. All are welcome!

Deacon Mitchell Carson of St. Peter Parish has been called to be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 16th. Details are on page 5 of this bulletin. Please keep Deacon Mitchell Carson in your prayers as he approaches his ordination to the priesthood in service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

And please keep our young people in your prayers in a special way over the next month. Second graders and Eighth graders from both St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes will be making their First Communion and Confirmation very soon. Also, both parishes have weddings in April and May. We pray that the graces given to us by the sacraments will bear fruit in the lives of our young people. As Jesus promised in today's gospel, may we know the blessings of those who have not seen but have believed.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

THE MASS INTENTIONS

 LIVE STREAMING

SATURDAY VIGIL April 11

4:00pm St. Peter Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Thimke
5:00pm • St. Julie Billiard Barbara Guerra (Richard & Elaine Galik)

SUNDAY April 12

8:00am St. Peter Grace Malone
9:00am St. Julie Billiard Patricia Hancharick (Bob Fagan Family)
10:00am • St. Peter Church JoAnn Tomasheski
11:00am St. Julie Billiard St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
12:00pm St. Peter For the People of Saint Peter Parish

MONDAY April 13

8:15am • St. Peter Rita Price
5:30pm St. Julie Billiard Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)

TUESDAY April 14

8:15am • St. Peter Alex Sismour

WEDNESDAY April 15

8:15am • St. Peter Maria Kaga
5:30pm St. Julie Billiard Steve and Mary Szewczyk (Family)

THURSDAY April 16

8:15am • St. Peter Maria Kaga

FRIDAY April 17

8:15am • St. Peter Maria Kaga
5:30pm St. Julie Billiard Chuck Hagerty (Judy Cummings)

SATURDAY April 11

4:00pm St. Peter Bob Finney
5:00pm • St. Julie Billiard Kathleen Skrovan (Elaine Payne)

SUNDAY April 18

8:00am St. Peter For the People of Saint Peter Parish
9:00am St. Julie Billiard Fidelis Harvan (Bak Family)
10:00am • St. Peter Francis E. Halagan
11:00am St. Julie Billiard St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
12:00pm St. Peter Mr & Mrs. Richard Walters

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

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

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St. Peter:

Wednesday: 9:00am (after 8:15am Mass)

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

St. Julie:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm in Library
(by the PSR Office)

BAPTISMS

First-time parents must attend Pre-Baptism instruction. This should be done during pregnancy so as not to delay the time of Baptism. Call your parish office for class registration.

St. Julie: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:15pm

St. Peter: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:15pm

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the date for marriage.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact your parish office with questions. Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will be facilitated through your PSR, St. Peter School, OCIA, or OCIC programs.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA & OCIC)

To join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact your parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Peter: Tuesday: 9:00am to 6:15pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm

St. Julie: Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 4:45 pm.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:15am Mass at St. Peter.

Morning Prayer: Monday thru Friday at 7:35am at St. Peter.

Rosary: Pray with members of St. Peter's staff every Saturday at 10:00am on-line on St. Peter's website or Facebook page. You can also pray in person immediately after the 8:15am daily Mass in St. Peter's Church and at 1:00pm on Wednesdays in St. Julie's Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Prayed on-line every Friday at 3:00pm at St. Peter's website or Facebook page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

St. Julie Billiart Parish

For the health and caregivers of: Marissa Napoli (Niece of Pat Casement) Susan Mahoney, Terry Shepler, Myra Shepler and Icie Dillon, Roseann Regula and Family, John Witkowski, Carly Guerra (Niece of Elaine and Rich Galik), Pat Hoffman, Jennie Cook, Trevor Matthew, Jim Nolan, Richard & Elaine Galik, Lola Cook, Carol Gosselin, June Kearney, Karen Casement, (Daughter in law of Pat Casement), Lynn Frisbie, Lisa Ramsey, (Daughter of Tony Frameli), Daniel DeLaat, Louise Alexander, Dolores Rivera, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Ann Homola, Mark & Phyllis Turk, Robert Popelas, Father George and Father Gonser.

St. Peter Parish

Hope, Evelyn Coon., Mark G., John Reno, Doug R., Susi, Bryan, Margaret, Alec R., Jacqueline, Debbi J., Cheryle K., Paul B., Carl A., Kristin, Gina, Noah, Candice, Robin B., John T., Luca, Elaine K. Bernie K., Janet W., Vincent A., Trevor Mathew, Ed, Fay, Irene, Kayle, Mike L., Sue H., Allan, Wendy, Jeanette, Brenda, Michael J., Pat, Darlene D., Larry, Ben M., Bryan, Berkman/Thompson Family, Bill, Marie, Bob M., Jim and Zoe K., Bob and Linda S., Gina M., Laura F., Gerome J., Antoinette P.

Names will remain for one month. Call your Parish Office to renew or add a name to the Prayer Chain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulation and welcome to our newest members of Saint Peter Parish. May God who has begun this great work in you walk with you all the days of your life!

Nicole Bumb and Ethan Bumb-Received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist
Korey Petro, Antonio Castro, and Stephanie Smith (on April 19)

Profession of Faith, Confirmation, First Eucharist

Abigail Cacy-Thomas-Confirmation and First Eucharist

PSR News- We wish all our families a very blessed Easter!

Take some time and truly celebrate the Lords Resurrection. We will resume Class on April 13, 2026

Jesus Day Reminder- Jesus Day is a mandatory retreat day for all making their First Holy Communion. It is on April 18, 2026. All Parents are invited to t day to stay for part or as much time as you can! Students are to arrive at the Gym by 9:00am and stay until 12:15pm. They are to wear comfortable clothes-no sandals, flip flops or crocs! Some activities may be outside weather permitting!

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Faith First:

Happy Easter Season! We pray that all of our students, staff, and families of St. Peter's community had a blessed Easter. Our students came back to school on Wednesday of this past week refreshed and ready to learn! Our First grade classes learn that God speaks to us through silence. In a prayer circle the students talked about different ways to get messages, talking, sign language, making a face and writing, but God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Kindergarten students are learning how to be the light for others and have thought of many ways they can shine.

Academics:

St. Peter students and staff members who were involved in the Musical "Mary Poppins" shined this past Friday and Saturday. I mention the play under academics as this is a learning experience for every member of the cast, back stage, lights, custom, make-up, sound, and set design. Through the experience the students learn math, science, history, english and reading. They learn to work individually, in small groups and in large groups. They learn to communicate things they need, communicate with each other and with faculty and staff members. They learn how to problem solve, handle disputes and most of all have fun by learning about how a large production is put together. Thank you to everyone involved in St. Peter School Musical, it was truly awesome.

Everything Else:

This Saturday is Raise Your Paddle. Everyone at St. Peter School is excited about the event and with all the work that has gone into it, I know it will be a great time. Thank you to the Raise Your Paddle Committee and PTU for everything you do for our school! We will " TEE IT UP" for St. Peter School!

New families interested in enrolling at St. Peter School, please call the main office at (440) 327-3212 to reserve a time for a tour and to learn more about enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten - 8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Please visit our website at stpeterschoolnr.org to learn more about our school. We look forward to showing your family why We Are The Difference!

Yours in Catholic Education, Roger C Brooks, Principal Saint Peter School

ORDINATION

We are happy to announce that Deacon Mitchell Timothy Carson has petitioned and been called by The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic for Priesthood Ordination. It is the responsibility of the Church to present to the Bishop suitable candidates for ordination. Through this notice parishioners are given the opportunity to offer me their personal input of this candidate for ordination. Your relationship to this man during his years of formation gives your input a special importance. I ask for your prayerful support during these final days of his formation and preparation. Father Bob can be reached by email at: franco@stpeternr.org.



WOMEN'S RETREAT - LAST CALL

Women's Retreat at Damascus

All women ages 18–99 from St. Julie's and St. Peter's are invited to step away together for a time of rest, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at the Damascus Women's Retreat in Centerburg, Ohio. This retreat offers an opportunity to grow in faith, deepen community, and be renewed in the truth of your identity as a beloved daughter of God.

Dates: April 24–26, 2026

Check-in: Friday, April 24, 5:00–6:00 p.m. **Check-out:** Sunday, April 26, by 12:00 noon (Sunday Mass or Vigil Mass is included.)

Cost: \$230 (includes lodging and meals)

Space is limited and fills quickly so get yourself registered soon.

Transportation: Carpooling will be available

Registration: damascus.net/womens-retreats

Answer "no" to having a pre-registered group. But when registering, please indicate that you would like to be with the St Peter/St Julie group. After you register, please let us know that you will be attending by sending an email to jillpapesch@gmail.com and koberna@stpeternr.org.

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April 5, 2026

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Mass Attendance 663

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Offertory Total	\$15,024.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$9,528.25
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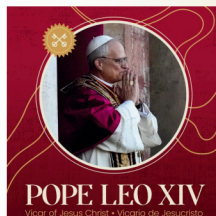
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Participants	475

SCHEDULES: SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, USHERS, GREETERS, & CLOW

Please access schedules via the app or obtain a copy of the monthly schedule through the parish office.

ST. JULIE AND ST. PETER PARISH EVENTS



Pope Leo's Intention The April intention of Pope Leo is for priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

St. Peter & St. Julie Donut Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, April 12th, after all masses for donuts and refreshments.



Wedding Banns II

Samuel Kunkel
&
Megan Ellefson

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie Billiart & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday April 18th at 8:20am. Breakfast will be served at Saint Julie Billiart in the Church. Open to men of any parish in the Diocese, come and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast followed by a short video and discussion. We will end promptly at 9:45am. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare, please RSVP by April 13th to our invite or by sending an email to sjsbreakfast@gmail.com

Parish Calendar – St. Peter

It's that time of the year when all St. Peter ministries and organizations must think about meeting dates and times for the 2026-2027 calendar year (July 2026 through June 2027). If you plan on using parish facilities for your meetings, then please complete the Facility Scheduling Form, even if you have long-standing regularly scheduled meetings. The form is available on our website (stpeternr.org) and in the racks in the Church. It can be submitted to Cheryle Koberna at koberna@stpeternr.org or it can be dropped off at the parish Center. It would be much appreciated if the form is submitted by May 20, 2026.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 12th at St. Peter's. Our Holy Hour, with Adoration, the Chaplet, Scripture, and more, will begin at 3:00 p.m.

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County

We will hear from Paul Orlousky, former investigative reporter, at the luncheon on Friday, May 1. He will be speaking on Lay Involvement in the Church. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a very informative speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 at TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd. Avon. Reservations need to be received by Friday, April 24th. Call 440-320-3272, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next St. Julie and St. Peter Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on May 9th at St. Julie Billiart from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and a talk by Fr. Isidore. To ensure adequate seating and meal preparation, kindly RSVP by May 4th at <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>.

If you prefer, you may also register by contacting your parish office.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet at 1:00-3:00pm on Tues., April 14th at St. Peter's Parish Center. We always welcome new members! Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197. Your paragraph text

Thank you

Thank you to all who assisted in setting up and decorating St Julies from Palm Sunday through Easter. All your efforts contribute to bringing home the meaning of all of these observances and celebrations. We also thank all of those in music ministry, assistance at the altar and other help throughout Holy Week. Your contributions made all of these liturgies beautiful and meaningful. We are blessed to have such a creative and willing group!

Confirmation Help Needed

On May 11, the 8th grade students from St. Julie's and St. Peter's will be confirmed by Bishop Woost. We would greatly appreciate your help in providing a welcoming reception afterward. If you are able to contribute an appetizer or make a monetary donation, please email Jackie Madisen at jrmadisen@gmail.com to coordinate your offer. We will be serving approximately 260 guests, so your generosity is truly appreciated!

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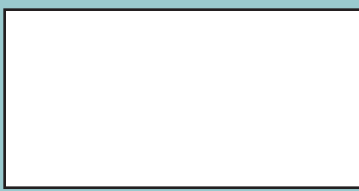
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DIVINE MERCY

Novena and Holy Hour

In the Divine Mercy devotion, we are called to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone. It is a decision to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, to trust completely in Him and to be merciful as He is merciful.

Divine Mercy is the good news of the gospel given to us, through the revelations of St. Faustina given by Jesus and approved by the Catholic Church. St. Faustina was the first Saint of the new millennium canonized by St. John Paul II. He said at her canonization that it was the happiest day of his life. Why? He believed the message of Divine Mercy was his God-given mission to the world, and he had fulfilled it. Further, he declared what Jesus asked, the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, offering everyone a complete pardon of sins if we do what Jesus says.

To observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we are asked to:

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- Sincerely repent of all our sins
- Place complete trust in Jesus
- Go to Confession (20 days prior or within 20 days of the feast)
- Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
- Venerate the image of the Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others through actions, words or deeds

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Novena of Divine Mercy should be prayed each day, beginning on Good Friday. There is a specific intention for each of the nine days of the Novena. Copies of the Novena and instructions on how to recite the Chaplet are available at the doors of the Church. This prayer is prayed on ordinary rosary beads.

Jesus told St. Faustina:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. 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."

Our Lord has promised extraordinary graces to those who pray this devotion. Because of His mercy, we have forgiveness of sins and new life as children of God. This needs to be celebrated!

St. Peter Parish Celebration - Divine Mercy Holy Hour
With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, April 12, 2026
3:00 p.m. in the Church