

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2017

9:10 AM +CONCEPTION AND FRANCIS D' COSTA
Requested by the D'Costa Family

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

9:10 AM +CASIANO PACLEB
Requested by the Boodhai Family

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2017

****9:10 AM +STELLA KASS**
Requested by Percy Kass

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2017

9:10 AM +YIN CHUN CHAN
Requested by St. Jude's Church Friends

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2017

9:10 AM +FRANCIS FERNANDO
Requested by Maureen Fernando

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2017

**9:10 AM +JOSEPHINE D' COSTA
+LEONARDO OLIVA
+GERALD ELO RODRIGUES**
Requested by D'Costa Family

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CONFIRMATION MASSES

will be celebrated at 7:30pm on the following dates. Candidates and sponsors please arrive in the hall by 6:30pm.



Wednesday 26 April

–for St. Justin, St. John XXIII and St. Matthew

Thursday 27 April

–for All Saints, St. Monica, Private/Public Schools

-CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION "Feast with the Priests" will be held on Saturday 13 May 2017 at 5PM to 8PM.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

will be celebrated on:

Sunday 30 April at 4:00 PM

– All Saints, St. John XXIII,
St. Matthew, RCIC/Private/
Public Schools

Sunday 7 May at 4:00 PM

– St. Justin, St. Monica

Please note that at the end of Mass, the First Communicants and their parents will remain in the Church for the presentation of their certificates.



PRE-CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS:

Our parish will be holding Retreat Days for Grade 6 students on **1-4 May** in preparation for their Confirmation in 2018. If your child is in **Grade 6 in a public or private school**, please pick up an information letter at the church office. Students from our Catholic schools will receive the letter from their teacher.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SUSAN LEE

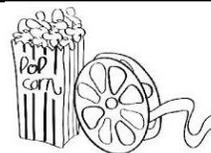
for the week of 23 April 2017
as requested by the Ton Family

29 APRIL RETREAT – MARY: Please join the Charismatic Prayer Group, the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday 29 April** (9:10 am – 3:00 pm) for a spiritual retreat, led by Fr. Charles Anang, Director of Spiritual Formation at St Augustine Seminary. We will learn about:

1. Mary's Role as Mother
 2. Mary in the New Testament
 3. The Marian Principle (Balthasar)
- Register at the office or online <http://goo.gl/forms/97xwRcloe>. See the Event Flyer for more details.



CROWNING OF MARY: Please join Fr. Derek, the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Charismatic Prayer group for the Rosary and Crowning of Mary, after the 7PM Mass on **Wednesday 3 May**. There will be some time for fellowship over light refreshments afterwards.



FREE MOVIE NIGHT – Presented by the Knights of Columbus, our next Free Movie Night in the church hall will be on **Saturday 29 April** at 6:30pm. What are we playing? *Fireproof* - Best Feature Film award at the 2009 San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival. Hot dogs, drinks, chips, popcorn will be served. Bring the whole family and enjoy!



The National March for Life in Ottawa will be held this year on **Thursday 11 May**. Join us for a day of speeches and a peaceful march through the streets of downtown Ottawa to Parliament Hill. Through our prayers and silent witness, we will continue to defend the rights of the unborn and the most vulnerable in Canadian society. A deluxe coach bus will leave St. Patrick's Parish parking lot at 6:15am sharp. Please reserve a seat with Dan DiRocco at 647-300-4218 or Pat Redmond at 416-473-5279. Bring a packed lunch and a friend!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Cale Clarke

This Sunday marks “Divine Mercy Sunday”, which was instituted by Pope St John Paul II. What can you tell us about the origins of this feast?

The Divine Mercy image is very familiar to Catholics. Here at Saint Justin’s, we have an impressive painting of the image in our parish foyer. However, not many know that this devotion was suppressed for many years in the Church, and it is only by the Providence of God that we can participate in it today.

Jesus appeared in a series of visions to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in the 1930s. The Divine Mercy image that is so familiar to us is based on descriptions of how Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina in her visions. In 1938 she died at the relatively young age of 33 (ironically, at approximately the same age as Jesus when he was crucified).

However, before she died, Saint Faustina warned her fellow nuns that a great war would engulf Poland, and she urged prayer for the nation. Sure enough, the next year, Germany invaded Poland, touching off World War II. Archbishop Jalbzykowski of Vilnius considered Sister Faustina to be a prophet, and authorized the public use of the Divine Mercy devotion for the first time. It rapidly spread around the world.

However, not everyone in the Church hierarchy was convinced of the authenticity of Saint Faustina’s private revelations. Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani, head of the Vatican’s doctrinal office, attempted to get Pope Pius XII to condemn the writings of St Faustina, but he refused to do so. After the death of Pope Pius, Ottaviani successfully had Faustina’s writings placed on the “forbidden” list of books.

Polish Catholics in particular were devastated, as the Divine Mercy devotion had become deeply interwoven with the Faith in that land. One of those who were quite troubled by these developments was a young Archbishop in Krakow named Karol Wojtyla. You know this man better as the future Pope Saint John Paul II. With permission from the Vatican, he reopened this case. He discovered that what had caused officials like Ottaviani to be concerned about Sister Faustina’s writings was this: they had been reading badly translated versions of Faustina’s diary in French and Italian, which had corrupted her message. Wojtyla, of course, was able to show Faustina’s orthodoxy in the original Polish. This cleared the path for official Church acceptance of her message. Later, as Pope, Wojtyla canonized Faustina in 2000, and instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy that same year.

CATHOLICS COME HOME: If you have been away from the Catholic Church, you are welcome to return. Or if you would like to help family and friends “come home”. Explore the wonders of our faith by visiting the following website: www.catholicscomehome.org

	PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE	
	As of 16 April 2017	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,206
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 265,000	\$ 228,863
HOPE Fund (April)	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,327
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,442
Debt Outstanding as of 1 January 2017		\$ 459,036


 Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$38,650.40**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. Our next ShareLife collection will be on **6/7 May**. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at www.sharelife.org, or place your donation in any Sunday basket before the end of July, the closing of the ShareLife Appeal.

	<p>2017 SUMMER KIDS' CAMP Rome – Paul and the Underground Church 10-14 July Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm For children ages 5-9 Cost \$60 each</p>
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Registration has already begun. Forms are available in the parish office. Hurry! Spaces are limited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CAMP: High school students or adults are needed as group leaders. Please leave your name and contact info in the parish office or email youth@stjustin.com. Parents of children attending the camp are welcome to help out also.


STEUBENVILLE
2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE

St. Justin Martyr Parish will participate in the 2017 Steubenville Youth Conference on **21-23 July** on the campus at Franciscan University, Steubenville, **Ohio, USA**. Open to all youth in Grades 8-12. The cost is \$375 per youth inclusive of accommodation, food and transportation while at the conference but exclude meals on the way to and back from the Conference. For registration or more info, please contact Andrew Santos at youth@stjustin.com or call 905-479-2463 ext. 51.