

Fr. Martin's Reflection – April 24, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I truly hope you had a wonderful Easter, and that the time spent with family and friends created new and wonderful memories. As we continue our journey through Easter, this Sunday we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the Image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that Jesus said:



“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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.”

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, **“Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”**

Holy Week and Easter Triduum

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make Holy Week and the Easter Triduum a wonderful, memorable, and very uplifting celebration. There were so many involved that it would take pages and pages to name everyone. Thank You!

Jimmy's American Grill

Jimmy Manetas, the owner of 'Jimmy's American Grill,' on Rte. 130 (beside Mastoris), reached out to the parish through Larry Denney, and wanted to offer 'something back' to the people of Bordentown. What Jimmy is offering to us is giving 50% of every breakfast bought between 8am-11am Monday to Friday through May 9 back to the parish. Yes, you read this right, 50% back to the parish. If your breakfast cost \$10, he is giving the parish \$5, if it cost \$20, he is giving the parish \$10. So please, get your friends together and go for breakfast. If there is someone you were planning on meeting – meet them in Jimmy's for breakfast. All you have to do is have something to eat between 8am and 11am, Monday to Friday, hand your receipt into the parish office and we get 50% back. **The dates for Breakfast at Jimmy's are April 25-29, May 2-6, and May 9, from 8am-11am. Just keep your receipts and give them into the office and the parish gets 50% back.**

May the Risen Christ keep you and all your loved ones forever in His loving care.

Fr. Martin