

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for April is donated anonymously for a special intention.

PASTOR CONTACT

In the case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at 412-583-5702.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday 4-16 -	\$718.00
Sunday, 4-17 -	\$1,772.00
Mail-In -	\$170.00
Total -	\$2,660.00
Bishop's Appeal -	\$1,802.00

AID FOR UKRAINE

We will hold a special collection the weekend of May 7th & 8th for the victims of the war in the Ukraine. You may also donate through our donation portal on our website and make certain to link it to special collections, and note Ukraine Aid in the space provided.

For the collection basket please use an envelope and write your name and envelope number on it. If you would like the donation credited to your account for tax purposes.

Any amount would be deeply appreciated. All money collected will go to purchasing medical supplies to treat the casualties in Ukraine. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.

Wednesdays in May

To honor Mary, our Mother, Wednesday Masses in May will be held at 6:30 PM and will include the Rosary before the Liturgy and the Benediction to the Blessed Mother (Ziyah Adra) after the Liturgy

Seventh Day:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY,* and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

Eighth Day:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

Ninth Day:

Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM,* and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy.

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.



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Apr 23 - May 8, 2022

New Sunday-Divine Mercy Sunday



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati. Administrator
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

No office hours on Fridays

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA
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LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

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You're Invited

Our 2nd grade Maronite Christian Formation class will receive their First Holy Communion.

On Sunday, May 1st at the 11:00 AM Liturgy
Everyone is invited to celebrate this very special occasion!

A coffee reception will follow.

The Names of the communicants are listed below.

Elias Abourjaili

Stephen Koorie

Houda Achi

Marianna Melhem

Ny'Sir Boatwright

Naim Melhem

Stephen Ely

Richard Netz

*****New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday*****

Saturday April 23 - 5:00 PM - DR. ELIAS ISAAC (1st Anniversary) & KATHRYN ISAAC (5th Anniversary)
by the Family

Sunday April 24 - 10:00 AM - MICHAEL M. JABBOUR (40 DAY MASS) by the Family Coffee hour to follow.

2ND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL- APRIL 24, 2022

Monday	Apr 25	7:00 PM	YVONNE TONY MOSES by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & Family Coffee Hour to follow.
Tuesday	Apr 26	9:00 AM	FATHER MAROUN ATALLAH by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Apr 27		No Mass
Thursday	Apr 28		No Mass
Friday	Apr 29		No Mass

*****3rd Sunday of the Resurrection - Our Lady of Lebanon*****

Saturday April 30 - 5:00 PM - CATHERINE MELAN (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

Sunday May 1 - 11:00 AM - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION by Fr. Youssef Coffee reception to follow.

2ND COLLECTION - NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON - MAY 1, 2022

Tuesday	May 3	9:00 AM	FATHER MAROUN ATALLAH by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	May 4	6:30 PM	ROSARY, MASS, ZIYAH ADRA FRANCES KOURY by Chuck & Marty McIntyre
Thursday	May 5	9:00 AM	BERLIN KASSIS by Danny & Peggy Baurkot
Friday	May 6	9:00 AM	HELEN JABOR by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob

*****4th Sunday of the Resurrection - Mother's Day*****

Saturday May 7 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY (Tony) J. SYMIA (50TH Anniversary) by Children & Grandchildren

Sunday May 8 - 10:00 AM - BASSIL BASSIL (1yr. Anniversary) by Dr. & Mrs. Marwan Bassil
Coffee hour to follow.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday

2 Cor 5:11-21 / Jn 20:26-31

Our Lady of Lebanon

2 Tim 2:8-13 / Lk 24:13-35

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Heb 13:18-25 / John 21:1-14



Thank You

A very big thank you to our choir for their commitment to providing us with beautiful voices and music, especially during Lent.

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy Novena

First Day:

Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Day:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind.

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service,* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

Third Day:

Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. The souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wonderful love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Fourth Day:

Today bring to Me The PAGANS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Fifth Day:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH,* and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion.

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

Sixth Day:

Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence.

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

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