

Thank you to the choir and organists for their dedicated and tireless efforts! +Your commitment and passion contribute immensely to creating beautiful music and uplifting the spirits of those who listen.

2024 Bishop's Appeal
 Thank you to everyone who gave to this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our goal was \$8,600 and we collected \$1,362.00.

BASKETBALL Thanks to everyone who donated and worked to make the MYA Basketball tournament successful! Net proceeds after expenses totaled \$1,232.12.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
 The Sanctuary candle for April is donated in loving memory of Amin Nehme by Jacqueline Nehme & Family

PASTOR CONTACT
 In 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, March 30, 5 & 11PM -	\$949.00
Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM -	\$1,506.00
March Online -	\$1,230.00
Total -	\$3,685.00

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 The address is **@ololchurch-easton**. Please be sure to specify for what your contribution is intended.



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Week 14 - Week 16 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Apr 6 - Apr 21, 2024

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. Pastor
 Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday through Thursday
 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 Closed on Fridays

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:
 54 South 4th Street
 Easton, PA 18042

LITURGY:
 Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM
 Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

BAPTISM
 Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.

CONFESSION
 Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM
 Also available by appointment

MARRIAGE
 Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at 412-583-5702

1ST HOLY COMMUNION & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
 October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
 Changes or additions to the bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Date!
First Holy Communion
 May 5, 2024 at 11:00 am

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

Saturday, Apr 6 - 5:00 PM - LOUIS HANNI by the Family

Sunday, Apr 7 - 10:00 AM - AMIN NEHME (3rd Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour is offered by his friends.

Tuesday	Apr 9	9:00 AM	ANTHONY HANNI by James Canone
Wednesday	Apr 10	9:00 AM	BERLIN RIZK KASSIS by Rafih and Lila Hayek
Thursday	Apr 11	9:00 AM	FR. LOUIS HASHEM by Fr. Youssef
Friday	Apr 12	9:00 AM	FRANCES KOURY by The Hon. Judge and Mrs. Robert Ellwood

*****Third Sunday of the Resurrection*****

Saturday, Apr 13 - 5:00 PM - JOHN THOMAS by Joe Jabeir

Sunday, Apr 14 - 10:00 AM - BARBARA MELHEM (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Apr 15	7:00 PM	THERESE KHOURY BOULOS by the Boulos Family
Tuesday	Apr 16	9:00 AM	DEACON JOHN HANNI by Cathy and George Baurkot
Wednesday	Apr 17	9:00 AM	MICHAEL M. JABBOUR by Sam Canone
Thursday	Apr 18	9:00 AM	RENEE BASSIL by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie and Anthony Koury, Jr.
Friday	Apr 19	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by the Geosits Family

*****Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection*****

Saturday, Apr 20 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Apr 21 - 10:00 AM - MAURICE YOUSSEF SELMAN MOUSSA (Memorial Mass) by the Family

2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions Appeal - April 20 & 21

This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.

Holy Name/St. Theresa Meeting - Please join us for our monthly meeting this Monday, April 8th, in the church hall. Prayers in the church will begin at 6:10 with the meeting to follow.



New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection

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

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

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



PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Holy One, we know that violence between your children is not according to your will, and we pray that you will help and guide the peoples in conflict to bring the current warfare to an end.

We pray for open hearts for all sides to listen and work for peace. We pray for a change of heart for everyone involved in this struggle that they will realize that solutions to this conflict are to be found in negotiations and not weapons.

We ask also for safety for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land that they may continue to serve as living representatives of your Son in the land of his earthly birth.

We ask all this in His Name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My 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. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. 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.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter[1]. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.



The Holy Name Society and St. Theresa Sodality Scholarship applications are now available.

APPLY NOW
Deadline is May 26th

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT
WWW.OLOLEASTON.ORG

2024 Graduating High School students are eligible to apply for scholarships.

The requirements to be considered are as follows:

1. Scholarship application.
2. An official high school or transcript showing most recent GPA and/or class rank.
3. A copy of an acceptance letter from a college or university
4. A personal statement.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by grades, financial need and parish participation. Applications can be found online at oleeaston.org. Deadline is Sunday, May 26, 2024. Contact either the Holy Name Society or St. Theresa Sodality officers with questions.