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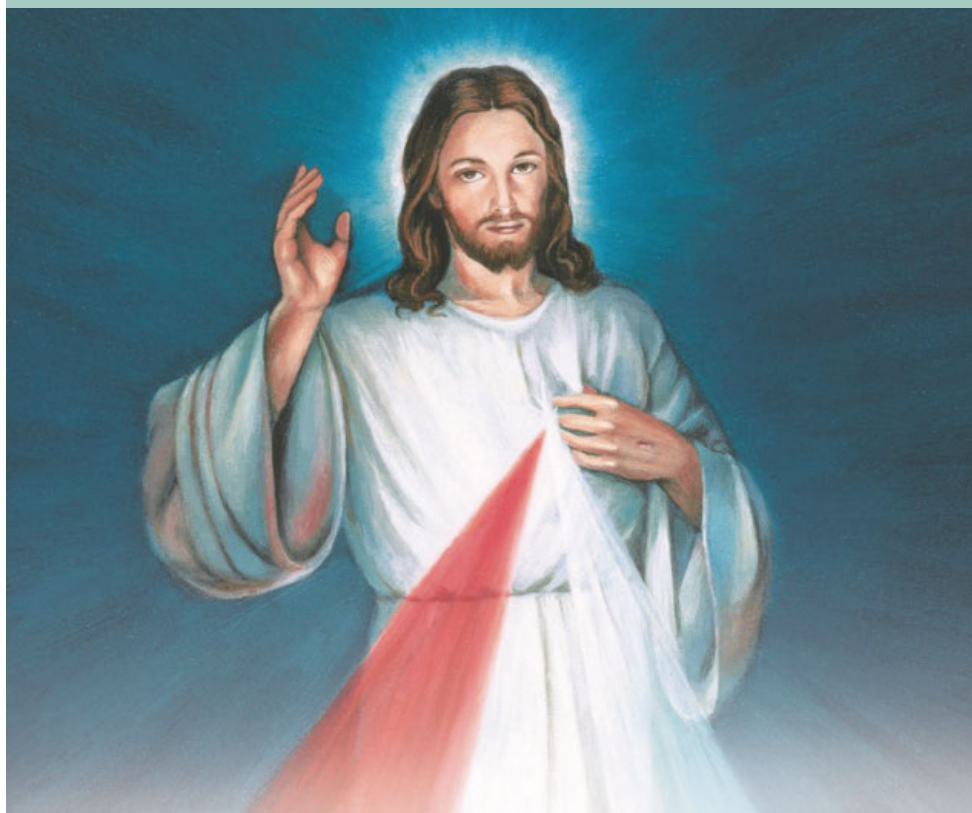
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April 16, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)



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### BASILICA HOURS

The Basilica is open for private prayer  
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(until 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays).

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 4:30 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Saturday:

7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

There is an additional Mass at 8:15 a.m.  
on Fridays when school is in session.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: (except Holy Saturday)

3:00—4:00 p.m. and 7:00—7:30 p.m.

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Eve of Holy Days: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

In the Gospel of St. John for the Second Sunday of Easter, we read of one of the first post-resurrection appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus to His disciples. "On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'" My prayer for all of you is that when you reflect on this gospel today, you will hear the voice of Jesus speak to your heart, "Peace be with you!" With all of the uncertainty and the challenges we continue to face, we need to rely on the Lord Jesus and place our faith in His Risen Presence in our midst and know and believe that He will never leave us and will see us through whatever difficulties and challenges we face in our daily lives.

This Sunday, the Second Sunday after Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful feast is in response to a request which Jesus Himself made to Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament (1905-1938), a young nun to whom Jesus appeared in 1931 in Płock, Poland. Jesus desired that, on this day, we reflect on His infinite mercy and run to Him in our weakness and need. Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions and conversations with Jesus, of which she wrote in her diary, later published as *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

#### Jesus to Sr. Faustina:

*On one occasion, I heard these words: "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. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these 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 all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. 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 forth 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."*

It was our late Holy Father, now Pope St. John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina on the first Sunday after Easter in 2000 and called the Church Universal to celebrate this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday to spread the message of Jesus' infinite Mercy.

Sr. Faustina wrote that on the night of Sunday, 22 February 1931, Jesus appeared wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his heart. In her diary she wrote that Jesus told her: "*Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as my own glory. I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world."*

This image of Divine Mercy can be found in our Basilica in the side chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I have also included in this

bulletin the instructions on how to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and all are welcome to join us for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 16th. I know for myself, whenever I become anxious or uncertain, I pray the prayer that Jesus gave to St. Faustina, "Jesus, I trust in You!" I repeat it over and over again until I feel the calming presence and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He never fails to come to my aid. I encourage you to do the same.

### WORDS OF GRATITUDE:

I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart all who assisted in making Holy Week and Easter such meaningful celebrations. Special thanks to our Facilities Team who did the cleaning and set up of the Basilica under the direction of Yordan Kovatchki and Patti Sawyer. I am also deeply grateful to Gregory Stachowski and the 24 volunteers who decorated the Basilica for Holy Week and Easter. I also extend my deepest gratitude to our Director of Music/Organist, Peter Gonciarz, our folk groups, and the choir/vocalists who assisted with Holy Week & Easter, as well as all those who served in our liturgical ministries—ushers, sacristans, servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. You all provided amazing ministry and service!

I am also deeply grateful to OLV Charities under the leadership of our CEO, David Kersten, and our OLV Media Team, John Pitts and Ashley Czarnota, for the taping of our Digital Masses, as well as for the livestream. You are all a blessing!

On behalf of Fr. Paul, Fr. Romulus, Fr. Rob and myself, we thank all of our parishioners and benefactors for your ongoing support of our parish. May the Risen Lord Jesus fill you with His Peace! May our beloved Founder, Father Baker, intercede for you and your loved ones and may Our Lady of Victory protect you!

**GRATEFULLY,  
FR. DAVID**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am	Anelia Sasiadek by grandson, David
12:10 pm	George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate
1:30 pm	<b>Wedding: Ryan Sess and Stephanie Macchia</b>
4:30 pm	Victor J. Stachowski, Jr. by Gregory Stachowski, son

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 am	Gerald Kozlowski by Deacon Mark Bialkowski
10:00 am	Mary Brennan by Ray & Patty Jakubowski
12:00 pm	Anne Damiani by Amy Damiani
3:00 pm	<b>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</b>
4:30 pm	Dorothy Jernigan by Don & Julie Pople

### MONDAY, APRIL 17—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Michael Nayda Sr. by son, Michael Nayda Michael X. Allman by wife, Patty & Family
12:10 pm	OLV Helping Hands Club Members Nicolas & Filomena Del Vecchio by the Del Vecchio Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Sonny & Rose Schaefer by Dave & Cindy Schaefer Heather Ann Williams by Theresa Monacelli
12:10 pm	Walter Melohusky by the Melohusky Family Ramona Capenhurst by Derek & Diane Smith

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	All Souls Intentions Virginia Muniak by Family & Grandchildren
12:10 pm	Al & Angie Sabala by Mary Staniszewski Baby Frances by Nonna & Pappa

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	Josephine Simchick by Ron's Family
12:10 pm	Eugene & Effie Ringle by Marshall & Carol Lipkus Bruce Gorney by Pamela Gorney

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21—Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	Mary Jerge by Marge Hamm Ann Laffey by the Costello Family
8:15 am	OLV Spiritual Society Intentions
12:10 pm	Paul Fleissner by James & Peggy Velasquez Edmond J. Gorney by Pamela Gorney

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22—Easter Weekday

7:30 am	John P. Shea by Regina A. Del Vecchio
12:10 pm	George E. & Marion A. Michael by Estate
1:30 pm	<b>Wedding: Michael Ostrich and Margaret Walker</b>
4:30 pm	Ron & Joan Bonafede by sister and sister-in-law Diane Zak

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	James B. Downey by the Downey Family
10:00 am	Stella Lalka by the Powers Family
12:00 pm	Jodi Cardinale Harris by Robert & Joanne Rand
4:30 pm	John & Stephanie Studzinski by the Powell Family



## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

**Robert Michael Cintron**, son of Robert Cintron and Stephanie McCoy was baptized on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

**Olivia Nevaeh Morlock**, daughter of Darryl Barnes and Stephanie Morlock, was baptized on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

**Shelby Rose Gustek**, daughter of Daniel Gustek and Carolina Strong, was baptized on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

**Lucas Owen Kielich**, son of Thomas John Kielich Jr. and Carolina Strong, was baptized on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

**Sean Peter Grandits**, son of Peter Grandits III and LeeAnne Stoj-Grandits, was baptized on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

**Gia Janelle Avolio-Farr**, daughter of Jeffrey & Joy Avolio-Farr, was baptized on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

**Juliette Faith Menard**, daughter of Francis & Serendy Menard, was baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

**Jace Ryder Konstabel**, son of Jesse Konstabel and Allison Janiga, was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

**Quinn Michael Steimer**, son of Derek & Katie Steimer, was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

**Jack Thomas Murgillo**, son of James & Laura Murgillo, was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2023.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JOIN US IN PRAYER

#### Tuesday Evenings • 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Basilica.

#### Tuesday Evenings • 6:30 p.m. on April 18 & 25 and May 9 & 23

Join our "Victory for Christ" prayer group in the Basilica's lower level chapel to praise, thank, and give witness to God.

#### Friday Afternoons

Join us each week for Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica on Fridays after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING

#### Monday, April 17 • 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic Daughters will hold their next meeting in the Basilica's Marian Room. We will talk about the upcoming state convention, court anniversary, and scholarship fundraiser, and continue our study of Mary's Mantle. All Catholic women 18+ are welcome to attend. Come and find out what we are all about!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

#### Saturday, April 22 • 8:00-10:00 a.m. Applebee's, Milestrip Road, Blasdel

Save the date for this breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Catholic Daughters, Court Msgr. Nelson Baker #1043. Tickets are \$6 and that gets you pancakes, bacon, and coffee, tea, or juice. There will also be a basket raffle (drawing at 9:45 a.m.). This raises money for our annual scholarship to graduating 8th graders (a \$500 value). Please help us continue to support Catholic education in the Southtowns. Tickets available at the door.

### ALTAR & ROSARY PLANT SALE

#### Weekend of May 6—7

The OLV Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a plant sale on the weekend before Mother's Day. Questions? Call Mary Anne Jackson at 716-864-0747.

### OLV SERVICE CLUB EVENTS

#### April, May, and June Activities

All are welcome to participate in our upcoming activities. For questions, contact Kathryn Schultz (716-361-3109).

- **Sunday, April 16 • 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting**—Anyone interested in getting involved with a more formal role in our group is welcome to attend. We will be transitioning roles and are looking for responsible, hard-working individuals. Please text Kathryn Schultz at 716-361-3109 to let her know you will be coming.
- **Thursday, April 20 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, May 13 • 10:00 a.m.** We will place flowers at the Infant Garden graves at Holy Cross Cemetery. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, May 18 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Saturday, June 3 • 6:00 p.m.** Inclusive picnic for OLV Human Services' homes, friends, volunteers to be held at Martin Road Campus
- **Thursday, June 15 • 6:00 p.m.** Volunteer at the Resurrection Life Food Pantry
- **Coming Soon: A new food pantry!** Please continue to "take what you need and leave what you can" in the current pantry until a new one arrives.

## SR. ELLEN O'KEEFE, SSJ ANGEL FUND

The unique gift of Catholic education forms the mind, body, and spirit of youth to be faith-filled individuals who will serve their community. Though the times and faces of the students have changed over the decades, OLV's commitment to forming young minds in the Catholic tradition has not. OLV Elementary, following the example of Venerable Nelson Baker, strives to provide the best possible experience by addressing the unique needs of each student in their care. Recognizing that the cost to provide this individualized education is outside the means of some families, the *Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel Fund* was established to provide needed financial assistance to families unable to cover the cost of tuition. Sr. Ellen devoted nearly her entire religious life to the children and families she encountered through OLV Elementary School. The *Sr. Ellen O'Keefe, SSJ Angel Fund* continues her legacy of providing Catholic education for youth, especially those with financial challenges. For information on how you can become a "Sr. Ellen Angel" and help give the gift of Catholic education, please go to <https://www.olvcharities.org/sister-ellen-angel-fund> or use this QR code with your smartphone.

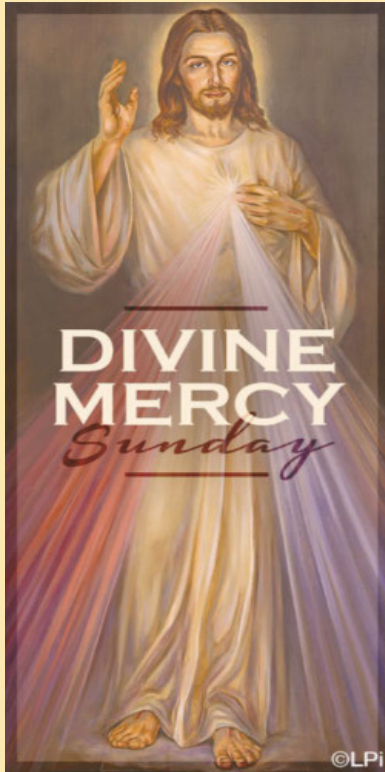


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## HOW TO RECITE THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.



1. **Make the Sign of the Cross**
2. **Optional Opening Prayers:**
  - You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
  - *Repeat three times:*  
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
3. **Recite Our Father**
4. **Recite Hail Mary**
5. **Recite Apostles' Creed:**  
*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*
6. **The Eternal Father:**  
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement of our sins and those of the whole world.
7. **On the 10 small beads of each decade:**  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. **Repeat for the remaining decades,** saying the "Eternal Father" (#6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (#7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. **Conclude with Holy God:**  
*Repeat three times:*  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
10. **Optional Closing Prayer**  
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ST. GIANNA PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER BANQUET

Thursday, April 27 • 6:00 p.m.

Classics V Banquet Center  
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst

Join Bishop Michael Fisher at the 12th Annual Banquet in support of St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Keynote speaker Toni McFadden, author of *Redeemed: My Journey After Abortion*. Gift baskets / raffle / cash bar. Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 17. To reserve, email [StGianna@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:StGianna@buffalodiocese.org), call 716-847-2205, or register online at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna>. \$80/person. Reserved table or open seating (no tickets issued).

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 29

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute  
845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo

Catholic Women of Buffalo are excited to bring back their annual conference. All women are invited to join us from 7:45 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 presale or \$40 at the door. Includes continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Fisher, three national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. For further details and to purchase tickets, please visit [CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org](http://CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org).

### OLV CINCO DE MAYO MEAT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NEW TREATMENT CENTER

Friday, May 5 • Doors open at 5 p.m.

Baker Hall School Gym,  
777 Ridge Road, Lackawanna

Let's fiesta! Win premium meats, a gas grill, raffle baskets, and more. \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 8. Draft beer, wine, soda, chips and salsa. Bring your own snacks (no outside alcoholic beverages), lots of singles and a cooler for your winnings. To purchase tickets, contact Latisha James at [ljames@olvcharities.org](mailto:ljames@olvcharities.org). Proceeds benefit OLV Human Services' new evaluation and treatment center.

## THANK YOU for your generosity

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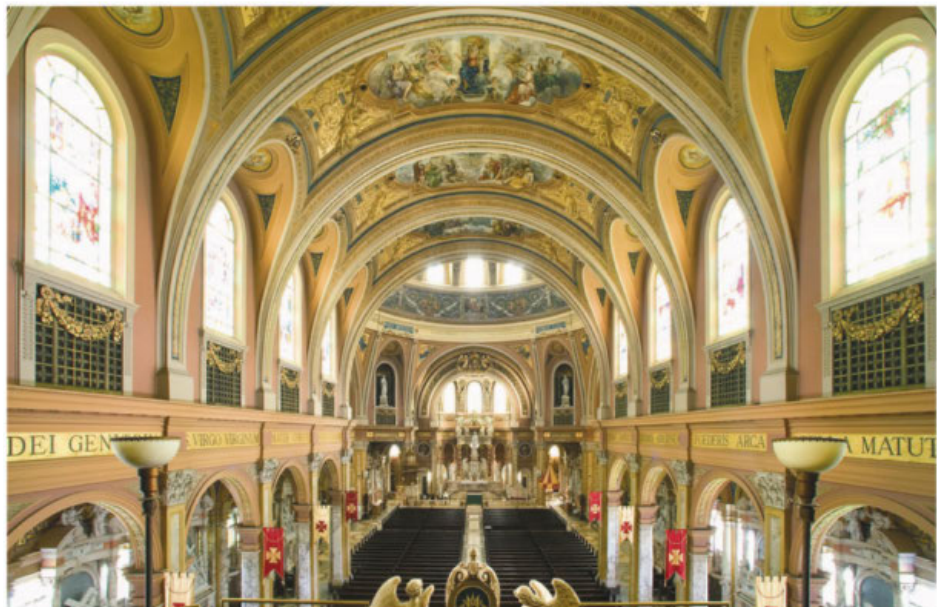
#### PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$12,654.00
Weekly Online	\$1,724.00
Monthly	\$332.00
All Souls (11/2)	\$100.00
Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Easter	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$735.00
Fuel	\$40.00
Holy Day: All Saints (11/1)	\$100.00
Holy Day: Immac. Conception (12/8)	\$1.00
Pennies to Heaven	\$78.00
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DATE	TIME	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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Sun. 4/23	8:00 am	Martin Tobin	Catherine Bergen, Mary Patricia Allman, Mary Check
	10:00 am	Christopher Swan	Patricia Osborne, Timothy Wing, Bridget Wood
	12:00 pm	Sandy Swiech	Robert McDonough, Linda Smolen, Jon Paul Trabucco
	4:30 pm	Richie English Amanda English	Marsha Lipke, Gregory Stachowski, Michaelene Murray



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