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# Cenacles of The Divine Mercy

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Jesus, I Trust in You

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## Cenacle Corner: New Spanish Speaking Cenacle Group

Introducing our 1st Spanish speaking cenacle group at St Matthew.



From left is Desiree Stout, Nancy Coppiano, Rosita Quinones, Rita Harman, Tessie Astroza, Maria Pena - Spanish Group Facilitator, Lorraine Carpenter - Cenacle of Divine Mercy Lay Director, Lizzie Moscoso, Marina Santaruelle, Carmen (Desiree Stout's mom), Annette Ortiz. Thank you Maria for sharing your gift of Divine Mercy with our Spanish speaking community. We pray that this leads to more Spanish cenacle groups forming.



### From the Diary of St. Faustina

In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting.

(Diary No. 906)

## Divine Mercy Witness Story

Ralph Sullivan and Patricia Richards while attending the First Day of Healing at St Matthew witnessed a beautiful occurrence. When the both looked up at the Holy Spirit/Dove stained glass window in the main sanctuary they noticed it shining extra bright (more intense than from sunlight) and Patricia also saw rings of light circling the dove.

As they glanced over at the Divine Mercy image on the altar they saw a host on the image in the area of Jesus' heart and from the host emanated the red and white rays.

The presence of our merciful Lord was felt and seen by these two beautiful Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, a blessed and holy encounter.



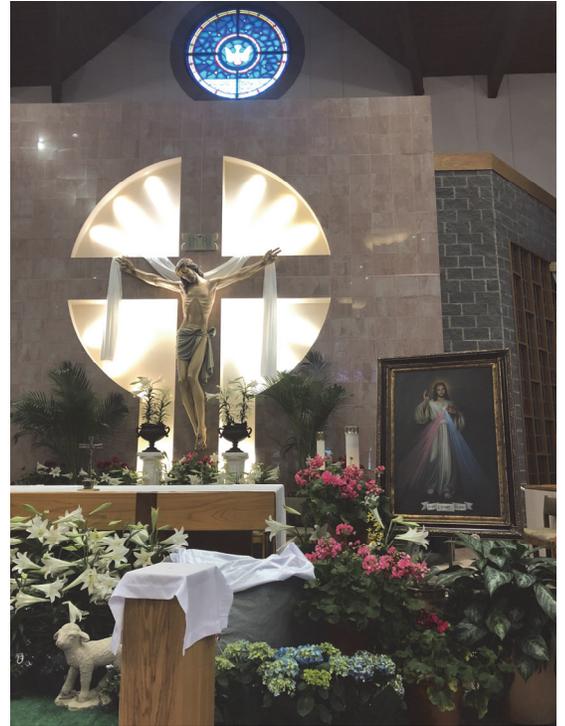
## 2020 Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us for our Divine Mercy 3pm Hour of Great Mercy on Sunday, **April 19 at 3 pm** in the main sanctuary of St Matthew Church. Those who attend the 3pm Hour of Mercy and who attend Sunday Mass, venerate the image, receive communion, go to confession (20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday) will receive forgiveness of sins and punishment and will earn a plenary indulgence.

As quoted in St Faustina's diary "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 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 all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Diary 699.

The 3 o'clock holy hour concludes with singing of the divine mercy chaplet and blessing with first class St Faustina relic.

Following the celebration all are invited to a reception to be held in the banquet room of the new life center.



## Cenacle Members at the Right to Life March

Divine Mercy cenacle members from left Maria Pena, Annette Ortiz and Cecilia Velasco attending the January 23-25 Right to Life March in Washington, DC led by Father Peter Ascik. Let us continue to pray for an end to abortion, those who work at the clinics and the moms who chose to terminate their pregnancy - All life is precious and a gift from God!



Group photo of St Matthew members at the Right to Life March.

# December Holy Hour

The Polish Cenacle group led the readings and witness statement at the December Holy Hour.



From the left: Witold Chamielec, Wojciech Cholewa, Stan Banas, John Trybus, Anna Trybus, Renata Gonek, Evona Cholewa, Barbara Banas, Ivona Chamielec.



## 2020 Holy Hour Calendar

**April** - No Holy Hour

**May 7** - Our Lady of Fatima

**June 4** - Vocations to Religious Life

**July 2** - Our Lady of Mt Carmel

**August 6** - The Assumption of Mary

**September 3** - Our Lady of Sorrows

**October 1** - Our Lady of the Rosary

**November** - *No Holy Hour*

**December 3** - The Immaculate Conception

Join us at 7:30 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel for Divine Mercy Holy Hour led by Deacon Gary Schrieber. Included in the holy hour are the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of St Faustina First Class Relic. The holy hour is sponsored by Cenacles of Divine Mercy.

## Event Calendar

### April

April 4-5 Table in the Narthex for Cenacle sign ups

April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday – 3pm Hour of Great Mercy

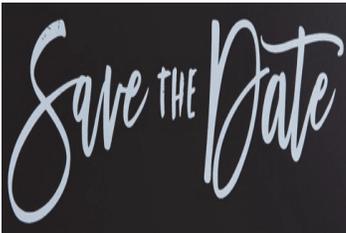
April 26 Blessing Bags Service Project - 1pm – 2:30pm  
Watch bulletin for additional details

### June

June 13 Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Retreat

### August

Aug 1 Birth of a Saint – Catholic Musical based on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe



### A Coronavirus Prayer

Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

Eucharist Apostles of the Divine Mercy

## 2020 CENACLE RETREAT

SATURDAY,

JUNE 13, 2020

9:30 am to 12:30pm

## 33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE

### SPEAKERS:

Deacon Michael Goad

Deacon Gary Schrieber

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

### Additional Prayer Opportunities\*

\*The Pope has invited everyone to pray the rosary daily for an end to the coronavirus.

\*Say the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for an end to this pandemic.



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### Faith is our Anchor

During the storms of life  
We can't change the wind, but we can adjust our sails  
We need to stay anchored to our faith with the belief that by putting our trust in God  
We can weather any wave that crashes in on us  
With God by our side, we will not drown  
For Jesus is our lifeguard who can walk on water  
And will always keep us afloat  
Hope is our life preserver  
Faith is the buoy that we can cling to so that we remain above water  
Doubt is the weight that will pull us down  
But trust is the rope that pulls us to safety  
And God is the lifeboat in whom we can rest safely.

By Lorraine Carpenter

