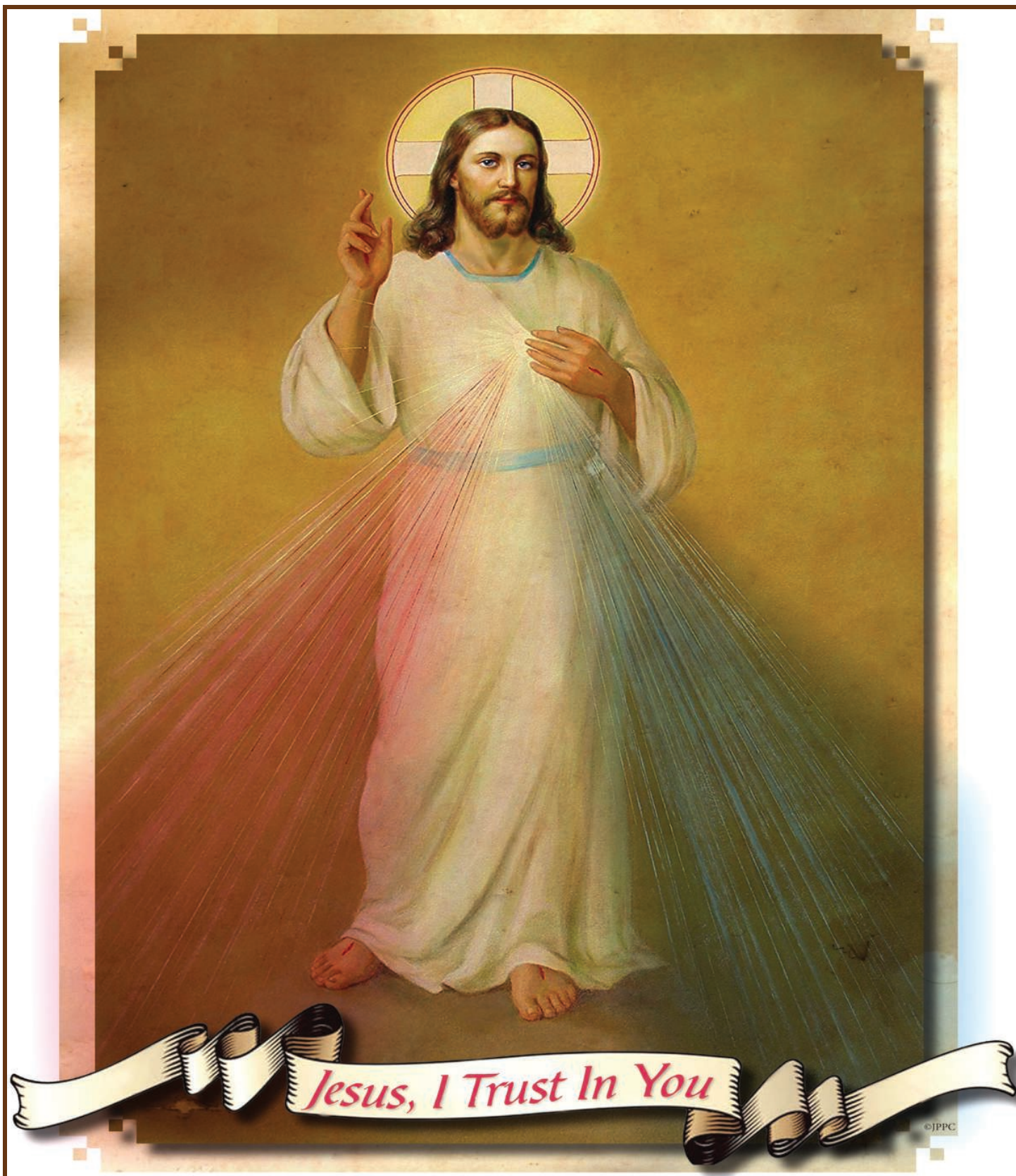




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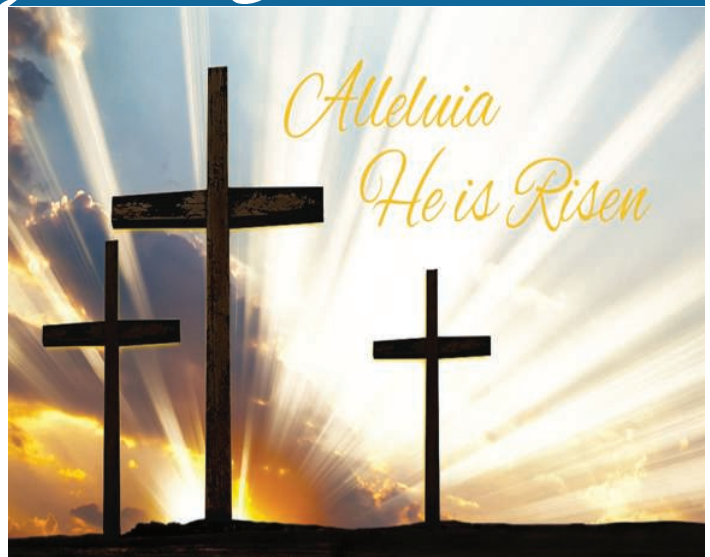
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# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Mass Intentions

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| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>5:00 PM                                                                      | <b>APRIL 26, 2025</b><br>Antonio Bowen<br>r/o Dave & Donna Collins<br>Special Intentions                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM                                                                        | <b>APRIL 27, 2025</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b><br><b>Second Sunday of Easter</b><br>Natzacks & Tagliaferri Family<br>r/o Eileen Keenan<br>People of the Parish                                               |
| 10:30 AM                                                                                         | H. Page Fielding r/o Judy Fielding<br>Liv & Dec'd Gofus & Dennis Family<br>r/o Gail Palatine                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Parish Feast Day follows 10:30 Mass with Marian Procession and Dinner in the Parish Hall.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>7:30 AM                                                                         | <b>APRIL 28, 2025</b><br>Intentions Jennifer Beland r/o Family                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>7:30 AM                                                                        | <b>APRIL 29, 2025</b><br>Rocco Scanelli<br>r/o Douglas Wargo and Family                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM                                                                     | <b>APRIL 30, 2025</b><br>John Sadocha<br>r/o Matt & Deidre Gordon                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>THURSDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM                                                                      | <b>MAY 1, 2025</b><br>Joanne Fraytak<br>r/o John & Jo Ann Jaremback                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>FRIDAY,</b><br>7:30 AM                                                                        | <b>MAY 2, 2025 First Friday</b><br>Intentions of Anne & Al Dempster<br>50th Wedding Anniversary<br>r/o Deacon Steve and Mary Szmuto<br>Dolores Mattis r/o Mary Arcadipane<br><b>Adoration 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b> |
| <b>SATURDAY,</b><br>8:00 AM<br>5:00 PM                                                           | <b>MAY 3, 2025 First Saturday</b><br>Priest Intention<br>Sheila Corbett r/o M/M David Collins<br>David Harkness, Sr.<br>r/o Stan & Joanne Sliwinski & Family                                                   |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b><br>8:30 AM                                                                        | <b>MAY 4, 2025</b><br><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b><br>Robert William Cook r/o Wife<br>People of the Parish                                                                                                    |
| 10:30 AM                                                                                         | Fedina Marandola r/o Dina Zangrilli<br>First Communion Class & Families                                                                                                                                        |

**Catholic Home Mission Collection April 26-27**  
**Early Bulletin Deadlines no collection data.**  
**See you next week.**



## News & Events

**Religious Education Classes** are closed for Easter. Classes will resume May 5th for our last class.

**Friday May 2,** Is the First Friday of the Month. Adoration is from 8 am to 7 pm. The Community Coffee Club meets in the Openacker Room, Parish Hall at 7:15 pm.

**Saturday, May 3,** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass.

**Reconciliation** 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 4, First Communion** will take place at the 10:30 am Mass followed by the Parish **May Crowning**.

**Coins for Charity weekend May 3-4**  
**Please share your coins with us.**



### Pray for our Sick:

Jennifer Andres, Angelo & Mary Lou Arcadipane, Kevin Baker, Rosalie Baldanzi, Erin Barbato, Col. Gabriel Beck, Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Marilyn Dablewski, Jack Devlin, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Phil Glaser, Sandra Goeke, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Eileen Keenan, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Maria Matteo, Kevin McBride, Robert & Barbara McDonald, Teresa Meagher, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Mary Lou Newborg, Angelika Niranjani, Debbie Paterson, Carol Perrine, Dominic Petito, Gadiel Quiroga, Tom Ryan, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Steve and Pamela Schmierer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Linda Solinski, Dorothy Stanley, Barbara Thomas, Brenda Thornley, Erin Cahill Wetzell, Peter Wojciechowski, Stanley Wrobel and all parishioners who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 27 ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### Glancing Thoughts

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

### TRUST AFTER HEARTBREAK

In the Gospel Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced. But when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly skeptical. A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his skeptical challenge. Jesus tells him, Put your finger in my wounds and believe! And then, without so much as touching Jesus, Thomas believes. Actually, then, all Thomas did was see Jesus and his wounds, and then he believed. But, of course, that is just what the other ten apostles did in the first appearance of Christ, when Thomas was absent.

So why didn't Christ make his first appearance to the apostles at a time when Thomas was there too? Why did Christ first appear when Thomas was absent? Why single Thomas out in this way?

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah. But then the Romans killed Jesus; and when they did, they also killed the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," we say. And the bigness of Thomas's heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed.

Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again. And so when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak by turning his back on Jesus and all that Jesus meant to him.

And maybe that is why Jesus left Thomas out of his first appearance to the apostles. When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Maybe if Thomas had not been able to move all the way from heartbreak to skepticism, he would not have been able to move back to Jesus so powerfully either. Without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

**Eleonore Stump**





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**Community Coffee Club**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 p.m.**  
**Opdenacker Room**  
**Parish Hall**

WE MEET THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.  
 MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING!

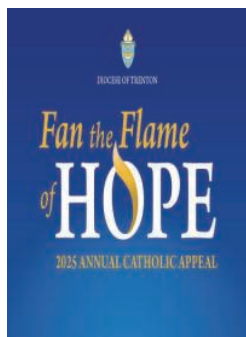


**May 2 ~ First Friday**  
**Adoration**  
**8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets are at church entrances for choosing attendance times, or register online at [olgcc.net](http://olgcc.net) under "Adoration." Click the flyer to access the sign-up area, select a time slot, and enter your information. For those who prefer not to sign up online, you can call our Chairperson.

**Tom Hankinson, at 609-731-4542**

*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.  
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Thank you for your generosity and caring for those less fortunate.



# First Communion

May 4, 2025  
10:30 a.m.



We Welcome our First Communicants to the table of the Lord  
this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass:

August Bush Benjamin Crannage  
Alexander Kuzmicki Jaxon Madriz  
Dashton Reed Mairin Rocconi Mackenzie Rogers  
Victoria Spina Sloane Stewart

Please pray for our children and their families as they  
prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion.  
Our Parish May Crowning will follow Mass

# May Crowning



MAY 4, 2025 ~ FOLLOWING  
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**May 17th and 18th**

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**"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."** - St. Mother Teresa



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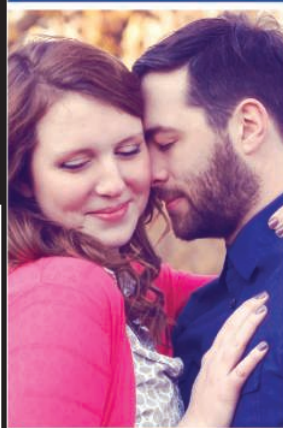
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