

## THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

*Below is a reflection taken from the program of Sunday's Noon Mass that reflects on mercy in our lives and how our choices can make it difficult or impossible to choose mercy.*

Mercy thrives in the souls of those alone who visualize everything *in conspectu Dei*; who, in full awakens, measure everything by supernatural standards. It also presupposes an inward suppleness and fluidity; a thoroughly melted, quickened, liberated heart. Every inward scar, as it were — every “hardening,” every “incrustation” brought about by an experience we have failed to rectify before God — dams up the flux of mercy. Nay, the path of mercy is thwarted by every kind of inner unfreedom: by our bondage, for example, to anxiety or to disgust; to the rancor evoked in us by an insult; and in general, to every over-emphatic preoccupation. For everything that stunts our freedom tends to make us self-conscious and to deprive us of the capacity, implied in mercy, of taking our stand “above the situation.” He alone who has attained the supernatural sovereignty that results from true freedom and that is reserved for those who seek only the kingdom of God and His justice, who expects nothing of his own forces but everything of God — he alone can participate in the specifically divine virtue of mercy.

*-from Commentary from Transformation in Christ by Dietrich von Hildebrand (1889-1977)*

## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday, April 16**

7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group in Conference Room (Canto 23)

**Wednesday, April 22**

Consecration to St. Joseph after the 6:00PM Sung Latin Mass

**Sunday, April 26**

1:30 - St. Joseph Potluck Luncheon

### OFFERTORY

- **April 4 & 5**
  - **Sunday Offertory**    \$3,946.00
  - **Online Giving**        \$631.13
  - **Easter Triduum**        \$5,903.00
  - **Total**                    \$10,480.13



QR Code for online giving

## MASS INTENTIONS

**April 11 – April 19**

**Saturday, April 11**

8:30 AM – Int. of Marion Ackerland

4:00 PM – Leo Aruliah +

**Sunday, April 12**

9:00 AM – Robert Glennan, Jr. +

10:30 AM – Lucille & Charles Taylor +

12:00 PM – Int. of Tom Bruderman

**Tuesday, April 14**

8:30 AM – No Intention

**Wednesday, April 15**

6:00 PM – Anthony J. Rollo +

**Thursday, April 16**

6:00 PM – Nancy Define +

**Friday, April 17**

8:30 AM – No Intention

**Saturday, April 18**

8:30 AM – Int. of Lora Brown

4:00 PM –

**Sunday, April 19**

9:00 AM – Ralph G. Okenquist +

10:30 AM – Int. of Santiago & Daniel Calderon

12:00 PM – Jankowski Family +

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Kathy Romano, Joe and Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Gerald Owczarczak, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jogodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve

Repose of the souls of Nancy Define, Michael Peloso, Ryan Yannalfo, Lucy Procaccini, Gabriella Patterson, Michelle Leigh Gray, Edith Wald, Michael Rossi, Michael Tejada, Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar, Theresa Truffini, Timothy Burns

## ORATORY NEWS

### EASTER HOME BLESSING

Fr. Novajosky is available for home blessings for those who have yet to have their home blessed this year. It can be a time for the blessing alone or a time for fellowship, conversation and even a meal (choice left to the family). Please consult the website for more information and the link to request a day and time. You can also go directly to:

<https://calendly.com/frnovajosky-diobpt/house-blessing>

If the options do not work, you are free to contact Fr. Novajosky directly to schedule a time.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR LANDSCAPING

The second collection this weekend is to help with the costs of landscaping.

### CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

It is not too late to conduct your preparation for an act of consecration to St. Joseph, which will be done on Wednesday, April 22 after the 6:00PM Sung Latin Mass. It can also be for those who wish to renew their consecration.

### POTLUCK LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF ST JOSEPH

We will be celebrating St. Joseph on Sunday, April 26 at 1:30PM in Pryor – Hubbard Hall with a special potluck luncheon. Sign up in the Parish Office, vestibule of the Oratory or Hall to bring an ethnic dish to share. All are most welcome.

## PROCESSIONAL

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:  
Thy humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

Words: Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM

#### Mass Readings:

Glory & Praise #828 (Year A)

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### GEORGETOWN ORATORY

30 Church Street, Redding, CT 06896  
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### Dominica In Albis

/ Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 12, 2026

Rev. Michael P. Novajosky, Rector  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

4 PM (Saturday Vigil) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

#### Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM

#### Wednesday

6 PM (1962)

#### Friday & Saturday

8:30 AM (1962)

### ADORATION

First Friday 9 AM – 8 PM

### CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

By request at any convenient time

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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