

# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter was to be called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to **The Divine Mercy** had begun to spread. The message of Divine Mercy is nothing new; it is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition — that God is merciful and forgiving, and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus. The message is a call to all to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially to the greatest sinners.



It has been our tradition to sing the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* after Mass on this day, but because of Father John's scheduling conflicts, we will not celebrate this devotion publicly this year. We hope that you will take time today to privately pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*.

## MEN'S EVENING OF RETREAT — THIS TUESDAY:

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM will be our annual Men's Spring Retreat.** All men of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy and their guests are invited to join us. We will begin with **Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 6:00 PM, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom for a light supper, and our evening of discussion, led by Fr. John.** There is no cost, but we are requesting a free will offering for the evening. If you cannot make it for Mass or for dinner, you are still welcome to attend the evening of spiritual conversation — come when you are able! Mark the date on your calendars and give yourself a treat in the Lord! **Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Chapel narthex. Or you may contact Patty in the Chapel Office at (440) 473-3560 or [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org)**



## WOMEN'S EVENING OF RETREAT — TUES. APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> :

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM will be our annual Women's Spring Retreat.** All women of Our Lady Chapel and Gilmour Academy and their guests are invited to join us. We will begin with **Mass in Our Lady Chapel at 6:00 PM, and then move to the Lennon Boardroom for a light supper, and our evening of discussion, led by Fr. John.** There is no cost, but we are requesting a free will offering for the evening. If you cannot make it for Mass or for dinner, you are still welcome to attend the evening of spiritual conversation — come when you are able! Mark the date on your calendars and give yourself a treat in the Lord! **Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Chapel narthex. Or you may contact Patty in the Chapel Office at (440) 473-3560 or [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org)**



## EASTER FLOWERS:

Our Easter flowers are in memory of the following people and families: **Anthony, Alfonsina, and Stanley Bruno; Andre Polsinelli; the Blazek and Rezabek families.** Thanks to those who so generously contributed to our Easter flowers and the Flowers that will be planted outside surrounding the chapel. As we celebrate together the new life of Easter, we share also in the renewing of the world of nature. Please say a prayer for these loved ones and for their families. Have a blessed Easter season. If you would like to add your loved ones to this list of remembrances, please turn in your list of names to Father John. We will publish this list throughout the Easter Season.



**NEXT VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:**



**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Bible Study** usually meets bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God’s word. It’s a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can’t come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God’s word.

**Our topic: What St. Thomas teaches us about our spirituality**

Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We usually will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You’ll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday, April 12: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Easter	<b>10:00 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream
Monday, April 13:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, April 14:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday, April.15:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, April 16:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, April 17:	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, April 18: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Easter	<b>5:00 PM</b> In-Person only
Sunday, April 19: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Easter	<b>10:00 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream

**FAITH EDUCATION:**

**Faith Education resumes this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Class meeting dates for April will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have our final class meeting on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Faith Education is an important part of every young person’s religious formation. Please make sure that you have not forgotten this important responsibility for your children. **Our Sessions go from 8:45—9:45 AM, on Sunday mornings, with the hope that our children would then participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass.** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility. **Please contact Patty or Father John in the Chapel Office for more information.**



**LESSON LEARNED:**

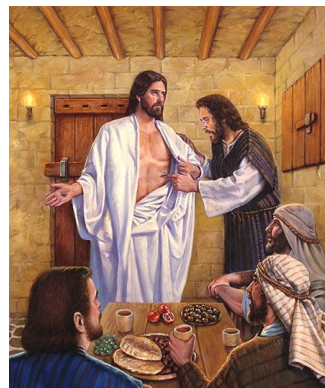
This is how God conquers the world’s evil: by humbling himself, taking charge of it. It is also the way that we can lift up others — not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by drawing near, empathizing, sharing God’s love.

—Pope Francis

## REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

The Gospel for this Second Week in Easter is always the Gospel of Doubting Thomas [John 20:19-31]. Perhaps, the reason for this is that the incident where Thomas is present takes place on the Sunday after the Resurrection. But there is more than this. Jesus appeared to just a few people after the Resurrection. There was Mary Magdalene — and any others that may have been with her; the two disciples on the road to Emmaus; the eleven — and anyone with them in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday and the Sunday after Easter; the disciples who saw the Lord on the shore while they were fishing; and finally those who were present at the Lord's Ascension into heaven. Everyone else is left with an empty tomb.

We have to have faith that what Jesus promised happened — He rose from the dead. We have to have faith in the witness of the first disciples. So John's Gospel tackles a problem we all have — doubting our faith. This is the messy side of our humanity. We want to believe, but we are often besieged with doubts. Sometimes we feel very bad about ourselves. How can I doubt Christ? Why would I doubt the teachings of the Apostles, or the authentic teachings of the Church? We need to remember that this is all part of being a human being. We will only be free of doubts when we see God face to face. With this understood, we can fight off some of our doubts by considering their origin.



All doubts ultimately flow from the evil one. The devil placed the first doubts into the minds of Adam and Eve. So putting a fight against doubts is good work; it is part of our battle against evil. I've noticed four areas of doubt where together with the Lord we need to do battle. There are intellectual doubts, doubts in other human beings, doubts due to the disjunction of our faith and lifestyle, and doubts that flow from the crises of our lives.

First, intellectual doubts. These would be the doubts we have when our minds refuse to allow us to accept spiritual truths. So we look at a basic Christian belief, such as the Trinity, and say that it is not possible for there to be one God, but three persons, each God. Or, how can the Second Person be both fully God and fully man? The problem here is that we are trying to solve eternal mysteries with the finite knowledge of our intellect. Even the greatest mind in the world is limited in the knowledge it can attain on its own.

But there is a knowledge deeper than the mind can ever come to — this is the knowledge that is revealed to us by God. If we are full of pride, and refuse to recognize our intellectual limitation, we will not be open to God's deeper knowledge. Just because we cannot understand something, does not mean that it isn't true. An extremely intelligent seven year old is incapable of understanding calculus. That does not mean that theorems and rules of calculus don't exist — it just means that the seven year old's mind cannot grasp them. Some of the greatest minds in history limited themselves by refusing to acknowledge the existence of truth beyond their rational capabilities. Other great minds — Augustine, Thomas Aquinas and Pope John Paul II — allowed their knowledge to expand by accepting their limitations and being open to that which is beyond them. It takes humility to recognize our dependency on God for knowledge beyond our grasp.

The devil uses our pride to prevent us from being open to the Truths of the Lord. So we fight the pride of the devil with our humility. If we look closely at John's Gospel, it is important to notice Thomas did not doubt Jesus as much as he doubted the other disciples. After all, these were people full of human failings. One was a tax collector — making his living stealing from his fellow

countrymen; one was a political zealot — domineered by his determination to destroy the occupying Romans by any means possible; their leader, Peter, had even publically denied Christ. When Jesus was crucified, all of them — except John, but including Thomas — had abandoned the Lord. Why should Thomas believe these people?

We do this too. Thus, secondly, we all doubt in human beings. We hear a message from a priest, and we think of all the failures of priests, and refuse to believe the message. We hear an instruction from the bishops, and we deny that they have the moral authority to instruct us in anything. We even question the authority of the Pope, citing the examples of papal immorality from the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. Again, think of the many people who have written letters to the editors, or who have sent emails to many of the priests objecting to this or that statement of the Church by citing the moral failures of priests. When we are tempted to do this, we are more concerned with the person who is pointing rather than what he or she is pointing at. Again, the evil one wants to distract us from truth by confusing the truth with those who are proclaiming it.

A third source of our doubts flows from disjunction in life. By this I mean the separation of faith and morality. Some attempt to be people of faith here, but live immorally out there. That does not work. When people commit themselves to an immoral lifestyle, they soon begin questioning their faith. How many people have told me that they began doubting their faith when they began cheating in their marriage, or destroying themselves with substance abuse, etc. The evil one wants us to think that we can be part of a believing group while living like pagans. When we fall for Satan's lies, we end up believing Satan rather than believing in Jesus. The immoral person may say that he or she is a person of faith, but in reality, he or she is more comfortable with the devil than with Christ.

Finally, when crises arise, doubts appear. How could a good God allow this to happen? Why does God allow those who do evil to live when the person that I love — a good man or woman — has died? Why? Why?

It is only in finding the risen Christ in every situation — and in ourselves — that we, like Thomas, can move beyond doubt into a profession of faith — “My Lord and My God!”

—taken from the writings of Monseigneur Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

## **SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — SAT. APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church — across the street from the Chapel — has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on **the third Saturday of each month**. They welcome volunteers. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help unloading the trailers and setting up items for distribution and preparing for the food pantry to open. It serves around 150 clients each time. The food pantry serves clients from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday.**



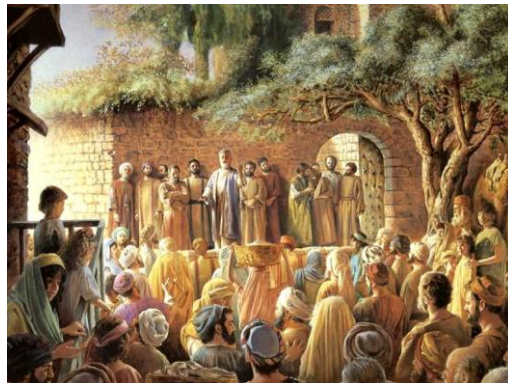
Our Savior Lutheran's Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. **Please let us know in the Chapel office [440-473-3560] if you would like more information or if you would like to help.** This is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

## **YOU HAVE A CHOICE:**

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. —Jane Goodall

## EASTER SIGNS AND WONDERS:

Our Easter Week ends, but the resurrection continues. We continue to seek the “peace” which Jesus rose to share. This “peace” is given so that we too might live lives of sharing ourselves as graces. Individuals war between themselves and among themselves because they are not at peace with themselves. Nations do the same thing. And so we continue to see that peaceful union with Jesus, and through Jesus with all our sisters and brothers. The word “community” literally means “with-gifts”, and the unity for which we pray comes from our first being gifted by God’s creation of us and his redemptive finding of us — even when we are hiding. We want to be found, to be given a new spirit, and to be sent to extend his gift of grace to others. As this Easter season continues may we see ourselves in his light, and face the darkness of the unknown into which he sends us.



With this in mind, we listen to the works of the early community of believers [Acts 5:12-16]. We hear that many signs and wonders were wrought by the apostles, and these signs attracted many new members to the group of believers. Their very lives were “life-giving”; they defied even death among those who trusted that just having Peter’s shadow fall upon them was all that they needed. Many were healed through their faith offered them through the work of the Spirit in the preaching of Peter and the other apostles.

We might wonder ourselves about why miracles are not commonplace these days. Do we not believe? Is the Holy Spirit less present to the Church of believers these days? Do we — the sick — not have the faith needed for God to heal us?

I recall a time when a group of us Jesuits visited the *Shrine of the North American Martyrs* near Midland, Ontario. Some of the relics of the Martyrs are there, and the group decided to try to have a miraculous healing of one of our members who had some health issues. We all prayed heartily and mightily and tried various pieces of bones from several of our martyred brothers. The group was saddened — except for the one for whom these prayers and actions of faith were directed. The group felt they had lacked faith or trusted more in the bones than in the Spirit.

You might be wondering why the prayed-for person was not disappointed. He had been prayed over many times, and believed that his trusting God and living that faith was miracle enough. He seemed not to need signs and wonders to continue following the ways of God and the workings of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we have enough miracles to attract us and enough doubts to make our believing free and real.

John’s Gospel has three distinct, yet united sections [John 20:19-31]. Jesus appears to the frightened apostles — minus Thomas. He offers them peace, then offers them His mission which He received from His Father. Then he breathes upon their chaos and through the gift of the Spirit tendered the gift of forgiving sins. Seven days later He appears to the same group of apostles — plus Thomas. Thomas needed to see signs and wonders. Jesus invited him to read the signs and wonder no more. Thomas did just that.

Originally, this story was how John’s Gospel ended. It was only later that John’s community added one more chapter. But this original ending is important. John’s community writes: “Jesus

performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples — signs which are not recorded in this book. But these have been written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” What words of encouragement for all of us.

Old Thomas is such a good friend of ours. So are the apostles gathered together for fear, and separated by their individual shame at having abandoned their Teacher and Lord. We have our doubts, our fears, our shames, and our desires to see just a little bit more so that our faith will be strengthened. It seems that God knows us more than we know ourselves. A little bit more would always be just a little bit more of what we would want. Thomas wanted to see more than he had heard his companions had seen. Seeing is not believing, but rather believing is a way of seeing beyond what can blind us.

This seeing beyond is the gift of the Spirit, and it leads to our being sent out beyond as well. We are sent — as He was sent to us — to attract others to the Sender. How we live this faith-seeing is a graceful insult to this seeing-everything world. We who try to live this beyond-sight way are a sign and wonder for this present age. Our struggles to live faithful, hopeful, and love-full lives by going out, being sent, is the miracle of our times. Each of us is a reminder that the creative love of God is alive and well in our world — He has Risen and is alive. As reminders we make anew this creating love and Easter is our time for going out and beyond.

—edited from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

**On Sunday, April 26,** we will be celebrating the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at our 10 AM Mass.** Illness and suffering have always been part of human life. In illness, we experience our powerlessness, our limitations, and our mortality. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption — sometimes even despair and anger against God. It can also make us more mature — helping us discern in our lives what is not essential so that we can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to Him.



The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments, there is one very special sacrament which is intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to by Mark in his gospel, but is recommended to the faithful and more fully explained in the letter of James the Apostle [James 5:14-15].

Most of us remember the time when the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was conferred exclusively on those who were at the point of death; it’s very name — “Extreme Unction” [Last Anointing] reminded us of this practice. But it is clear from the scriptures that this was never the intent of the sacrament. The early Church had an entirely different approach to this sacrament; the Vatican council restored this approach and returned the sacrament to its original name. Today, this beautiful sacrament allows us a special encounter with God during those times of illness in our lives. The cross always leads to the resurrection; sickness leads to salvation.

When are the times when we can receive this sacrament? There are many occasions — during any serious illness; before surgery; the elderly; mental and emotional illness; spiritual struggle; approaching death. Who determines when an illness is serious? You do! Whenever you feel you need the sacrament, you should receive it. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has been the vehicle of many powerful encounters with God in the lives of people. If you have or know of friends or relatives who should receive this sacrament, please try to arrange for them to be here. If there is a problem with local transportation, please let us know. Join us for this special occasion.

### **THE CHOSEN – SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>:**

We had a wonderful group of people join us for our last episode of *The Chosen* in Lent. The viewing was followed by a very inspiring sharing among those present. **Our NEXT gathering will take place on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. We will continue to gather once monthly, viewing a new episode each month, followed by discussion.**



*The Chosen* is an American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, the series depicts the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the apostles and disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government and military officials, and ordinary people. In contrast with typical Bible-focused productions, Jenkins has given more depth to his scripts by adding backstories to various characters from the gospels without contradicting the material of the gospel. **Join us for this life-giving experience. If you have any questions, please contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

### **COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:**

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**Right now all non-perishable food items are welcome. Also, PET FOOD is being accepted at the present time. We have bins in the narthex of the Chapel to accept your donations. The next distribution date is at the Food Pantry will be Saturday, April 18. Thank you!**

### **NOVENA TO BLESSED BASILE MOREAU:**

Blessed Basile Moreau was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which Fr. John and the Brothers at Gilmour belong. We have two booklets with Novenas to Blessed Basile Moreau. One is used for a personal intention or healing; the other is used when praying for the intention or healing of someone other than yourself. The Novenas were composed by Father Thomas Looney, C.S.C. Many have received blessings and healings through the intercession of Blessed Basile Moreau, and now we want to extend this invitation to you and your family. Please see Father John and he will be glad to give you the booklets.



### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Please call him [440-473-3560] to arrange for this experience. Always remember the Lord's invitation: "I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart" [Jeremiah 24:7].



## LET THERE BE LIGHT:

What's your forecast look like this week? What's the seven day outlook? Are you having spiritually sunny days or spiritually dark days, these days? Something very simple but quite profound hit me in prayer recently — there are two types of darkness — God-made and manmade. Let me offer an example. In the morning, my bedroom is dark, first because it is prior to sunrise, but also because I have chosen to draw the shades and eliminate any trace of light from my room.

God brings light to the darkness *in His time*, but whether or not I allow that light in, and the amount of light I allow into my life and reality — **that is my decision**.

Sometimes we go through “dark times” in our lives — moments in which we can't see or hear or feel God's light. Sometimes those dark times are because in that moment God's allowing the darkness; *in time He will reveal His presence again*. Those are the times of darkness that God permits — they are God made. We might grow cold or feel out of control, but **God is very much in control**, we just need to be patient to feel the warmth of His light, once again.

Sometimes, though, we go through “dark times” in our lives — dark times that are manmade. These are a result of our decisions, actions or pride. Times such as these, of difficulty or pain, suffering or anxiety are not a result of God's plan, but a result of our sin. We wind up in these kind of situations because we seek to be in control — to control “how much light we let into the room”. We draw the shades to our soul, diffusing and eventually expelling God's light completely, until we are left **out of control** and sitting in the darkness — cold, lost and alone.

Sometimes we draw the shades to our soul quickly. Other times we draw them slowly, one blind at a time, until we are left spiritually blind. We reject the light because it hurts our eyes. We gravitate to the darkness over time, and slowly lose all perspective of what it's like to live in the light. Again, for some people it's gradual; for others it's drastic; and for others, it's a constant spiritual struggle, to live and to stay in the light.

So, how about you? Have you drawn the shades to your soul? Are you choosing to eliminate or control the amount of sunlight that enters your inner room, the Son's light?

Ponder what God has to say about this tension between light and darkness, pray with me:

- “God is light and in him is no darkness at all” [1 John 1:5].
- “For you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness” [1 Thessalonians 5:5].
- “He who says he is in the light and hates his brother or sister is in the darkness still. But he who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” [1 John 2:9-11].
- “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” [John 1:5].
- “I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness” [John 12:46].

Scripture, in a sense, dilates the pupils of our souls. It opens our eyes wider in times of darkness and allows in more light, helping us to see more clearly as darkness encircles us. Prayer does the same thing.

One of the tools of the devil is to make you believe that your darkness is God made [the lie] instead



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of manmade [the truth] — that way, we're left wanting to blame God for the darkness rather than ourselves. Thus, we refuse to act and we are left, stuck and trapped in the darkness.

Ask yourself this day — how bright is your life? If there is darkness, where is it coming from? If it's from God, don't worry, the sun will rise soon. If it's from you, stop what you're doing, fall on your knees and rip open the shades to your soul. God is waiting to shower you with light.

**God's first command?** "Let there be LIGHT" [Genesis 1:3].

—the Bible Geek

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We are beginning the process of discerning those in our chapel community who feel called to Eucharistic Ministry. We have a need for more Eucharistic Ministers, particularly within our younger families who come here on Sunday, as well as with those who regular attend the Saturday Evening Mass. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School next year] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry.



**Eucharistic  
Ministers**

### ATTENDANCE:

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a Registration Form indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

### ENVELOPES:

- When you need a **new supply** of envelopes, please feel free to take a supply of them from the table in the vestibule, or call Father John at the Campus Ministry Office [473-3560].
- When you **use** your envelope, please make sure that **your number** is on it. If you need to know your number, please call the Campus Ministry Office. Thanks.

### WEEKLY OFFERING:

A collection box is located just inside the center door when you enter the chapel. Please place your offering in the collection box. Baskets will not be passed during the offertory time. Your offering will help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, you can request a printout of your offerings for the year to submit to the IRS. God bless you.

<b>Total Offerings: Holy Thursday [4/2/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$ 190.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings: Good Friday [4/3/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$ 560.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil [4/4/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$ 330.00</b>
<b>Total Offerings: Easter Sunday [4/5/26]</b>	-----	<b>\$1,551.00</b>

### ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these



opportunities, please give your name to Father John. You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Adults are also welcome...especially in our Lector Ministry. Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

We list the Scripture readings for the week, with the hope that you will take some time in your busy day to reflect on God's word in your homes. We hope you can make good use of it.

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Denise Linkov, cousin of Anna Akkus, who is a civilian war prisoner, and who is ill.
- For Mary Bislosky, who is seriously ill.
- For Krishna Gupta, sister of Science teacher, Neena Goel, and aunt of Nikhil ['13] and Nuper ['17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Cissell, father of Denise Shade, who is undergoing treatment for senior related medical issues.
- For Heather Saluan
- For Thomas Noble who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Michelle Chiacchiarri ['96], wife of Mark ['94], mother of Aurelia ['28] and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiarri, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Jacqui Lundi, Gilmour Maintenance Dept. Admin. Asst, who is recovering from serious surgery.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Celeste Perry, mother of Brad ['05] and Coco ['06] Perry.
- For Father Aaron Peters, O.S.B.
- For Alan Garson, husband of the cousin of Eileen Pryatel.
- For Father Tom Hereford
- For Pauline Ertter, grandmother of associate athletic director, Sam Kukura.
- For Fred Nickels

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For a greater openness to the needs of others, especially during this time.
- For an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the war with Iran.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For an end to violence in our society in all its forms.
- For all service men and women, and for their families

## **MOTIVATION:**

“Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts.”

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer in Times of Doubt ~**

**My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire  
in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do  
anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this  
you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.**

**Therefore I will trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear,  
for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.  
Amen.**

—Thomas Merton

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