

The Face of Mercy

This day of reflection will unfold the garment of mercy, as we focus, receive and experience the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ. Led by Sister Anita Constance, S. C.

A Retreat with Pope Francis Series

Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the faithful throughout the world. Now, you can attend a retreat with his words and his personal example, opening the door to a deeper relationship with God. Led by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Ph. D. (Six sessions)

The Divine Mercy Experience

What is Divine Mercy? Who is St. Faustina, and what did Jesus want her to tell us about His mercy? Through powerful DVDs, group discussions and prayer participation, you will learn and experience the incredible Divine Mercy message and devotion.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. Jesus promises full remission of sin if a person prays the novena, goes to confession and receives communion on the day he designated to be the Feast of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter.)

Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Doors

As in previous Jubilee Years, this Jubilee of Mercy is featuring a special plenary indulgence. Holy Doors will be designated across the globe, and opened for this indulgence. Our parish will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors designated at St. Margaret of Scotland, Morristown, NJ.

Our Lady of the Rosary Event

Families are invited to pray the Rosary and reflect on Mary, Mother of our Redeemer.

Enhancing Our Spiritual Journey

Fr. Anthony Ciorra looks at the spirituality of the twelve steps to see how it can enhance our spiritual journey. (12 sessions)

The Corporal Works of Mercy

1. *Feed the hungry.*
2. *Give drink to the thirsty.*
3. *Clothe the naked.*
4. *Shelter the homeless.*
5. *Comfort the imprisoned.*
6. *Visit the sick.*
7. *Bury the dead.*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. *Admonish sinners.*
2. *Instruct the uninformed.*
3. *Counsel the doubtful.*
4. *Comfort the sorrowful.*
5. *Be patient with those in error.*
6. *Forgive offenses.*
7. *Pray for the living and the dead.*



For more information on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and to explore other opportunities to participate in it, simply visit our diocesan (www.insidethewalls.org/the-year-of-mercy) or Vatican (www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va) websites dedicated to these purposes.

Our Lady of the Lake Church

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My dear friends:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy from Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016. We read many stories in the gospels that speak of God's mercy. We are familiar with the prodigal son, who squandered his money on loose living. He repented and was welcomed home by his Father. Jesus forgave the woman taken in adultery and told her to go and sin no more. Even on the cross, he forgave the repentant thief.

During this Year of Mercy, let us reflect on the love and mercy of God. Take time to read this brochure outlining various programs and celebrations, and participate to the extent that you are able. Let us avail ourselves of the many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Invite a friend or family member to join you. All are welcome. Even if you have been away from the Church for many years, you will receive a warm welcome on your return.

Celebrating this Jubilee Year will be a time of great joy. Its theme of Mercy is close to the heart of Pope Francis, so much so, that he has put it at the heart of his pontificate. So, let us open our hearts to Christ who "is the face of the Father's mercy". He loves and forgives us and we have no need to fear. In turn, let us be merciful and forgiving towards one another.

I pray that this extraordinary Jubilee Year be filled with many graces and blessings for all of us.

God bless,

Fr. David

NOVEMBER 2015

Monday, November 30, 2015
Advent Confessions, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2015

Monday, December 7, 2015
Advent Confessions, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Jubilee Year of Mercy begins

Monday, December 14, 2015
Advent Penance Service, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, December 21, 2015
Advent Confessions, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

JANUARY 2016

Sunday, January 3, 2016
Divine Mercy for Teens, during Confirmation classes

FEBRUARY 2016

Lenten Confessions on Mondays of Lent except in Holy Week, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 6, 2016
Face of Mercy, a Parish Day of Reflection, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 13, 2016
Parish Healing Mass, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 15, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, February 22, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, February 29, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

MARCH 2016

Monday, March 7, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2016
The Divine Mercy Experience, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Lenten Penance Service, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 2016

Apr. 3 – Divine Mercy Sunday
Divine Mercy Celebration - Confessions beginning at 1:30 p.m., Exposition of the Holy Eucharist at 2:00 p.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song, Holy Rosary, and Benediction.. (In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, Jesus asks us to pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday.)

Monday, April 4, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 11, 2016
A Retreat with Pope Francis DVD and Discussion Series, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 2016

Saturday, June 4, 2016
Parish Healing Mass, 10:00 a.m.

June Date TBD
Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at St. Margaret of Scotland, Morristown

FALL, 2016

Fall Dates – Tuesday Nights in September. Starting Sept. 20 for 12 weeks, 7– 8:30 p.m.
Enhancing Our Spiritual Journey

Friday, October 7, 2016
Our Lady of the Rosary Event, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.