

**Announcement**  
**For the week of April 8, 2018**

***A Special Thank you to all the Ladies who attended our Lady's Sodality Lenten Retreat on March 24th. Thank you! Mary Sam, President.***

**Divine Miracles International Ministries, Inc. is offering a \$500.00 Needs-Based Scholarship to a senior from the graduating Class of 2018 to help with dorm expenses, book fees or tuition needs. The deadline for this scholarship is April 25, 2018 and is open to the first 50 applicants. Applications are in the vestibule of the Church.**

**Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.**

**Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for announcements and for other information.**

**April 8, 2018**

**GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY . KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTION.**

**THEME: Divine Mercy Sunday was officially established in 2000 by Pope John Paul II to be celebrated each year on the Octave Day of Easter, the eighth day of Easter. Today we rejoice in the gift of God's mercy that Jesus offered to the whole world through his cross and resurrection. Let us thank God for that mercy and pray for the grace to extend that mercy to one another.**

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor**

**4:30 P.M.–**

**7:00 A.M.–**

**10:00 A.M.–**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: "Peace be with you." three times the newly risen Jesus greets the ones he loves with these words. It is both his greeting and his wish. Today we get a glimpse of the early church, the close-knit community who were "of one heart and mind," sharing what they had so that no one was in need. Let us be of one heart and mind ourselves, merciful and generous, as we extend greetings and wishes to our neighbor: "Peace be with you."**

# INTECESSORY PRAYERS

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

### Cycle B

April 7-8, 2018

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, gathered as believers who are one in heart and mind, let us pray through Jesus, the Son of God, gloriously risen from the dead...

**Response: Alleluia, alleluia!**

- For the Church and all priests: that they may reflect the mercy of God in their ministry; we pray to the Lord...
- For those who doubt, for those who have lost their faith, and for those who have not yet found faith in God, that God may reveal himself to them through our love and actions, we pray to the Lord...
- For those neophytes who received the sacraments at Easter: that they may continue to grow in faith and find strength in the mercy of God; we pray to the Lord...
- For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry; we pray to the Lord...
- For our young people preparing to receive First Eucharist, may they know God's love through the breaking of the bread and the wine poured out and shared, we pray to the Lord...
- For all who have died, especially **Mary Leeger Henderson** and for the intentions of this mass, **Marie Haynes Charlton, Ella Mae Mitchell, Harris Coleman, Herman J. Davis, Sr., Delores Gallow, Florence Durisseau, and Hazel S. LaPoint**, may they rejoice in the mercy of God and the triumph of Easter, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray to the God of Mercy for our own needs and for the special intentions of others...*[pause for 10 seconds; we pray to the Lord.....*

**Priest:** Ever-creating God, you always breathe within us the new life of the Spirit: hear these, our prayers that we might one day live with you and your Son Jesus Christ forever and ever. AMEN.

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

April 8, 2018

**2nd Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy Sunday)  
PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S  
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

**Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.**

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass  
and turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass  
This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

**Second Collection  
NONE**