

St. Faustina Catholic Church



St. Faustina Parish is a community of Roman Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and attend to the temporal and spiritual needs of all God's people.

Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unloved and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.

Week of April 23 to May 1

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm

Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

NEW Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920

NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Clergy
Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule
Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

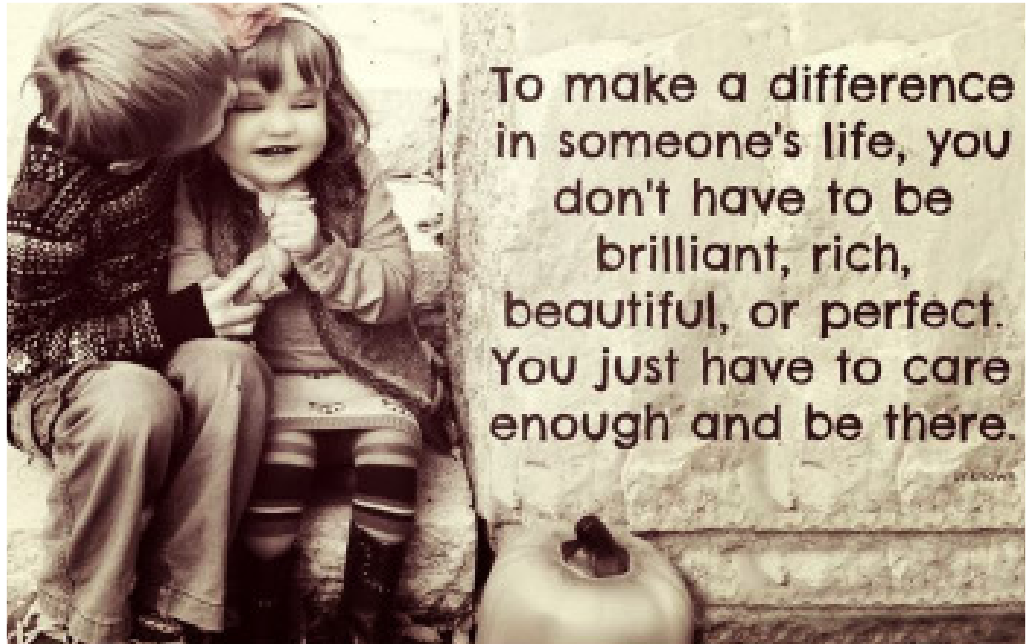
Daily Masses
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

*The Divine Mercy Chaplet
takes place 15 minutes
prior to all Weekend Masses.*

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick
First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



Reconciliation is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

Baptism Parents of children to be baptized must be registered and actively participating members of the parish for at least four months prior to arranging any baptism. Attendance at parental preparation class is required.

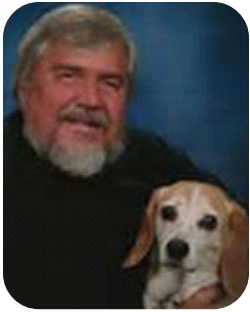
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish for a minimum of four months prior to the beginning of marriage prep.

PARISH STAFF Elaine Goth, *Bookkeeper*; Marylu Mariniello, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*; Carol Arroyo, *Parish Secretary*; Bob Vince, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Nancy Harrigan, *Readers and EMs Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!!**

If you are a visitor to St Faustina Catholic Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at www.stfaustina.org and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



Loving, in the Christian context, is not a more intense form of liking. To like people means that we experience them as agreeable or pleasant, and we want to be around them. In contrast, to love people means that, regardless of whether or not we consider them agreeable or likable, we respect them. We are always patient and kind toward them and wish nothing but good for them.

True love requires us to care about others, always putting them first. We cannot truly love God if

we do not love them. The basic challenge of the Good News is to love all people, including those whom we dislike. The great Mahatma Gandhi when asked about his view on Christianity replied: "The greatest homage we can pay to the Christian faith is to live in such a way that through us people begin to have a glimpse of the unbounded and unconditional love that God has shown us in Christ."

Love, as we all know, is a household word. It is found on the lips of both young and old. But at the same time, love has been cheapened. Like the Israelites, we are living in a society and at a time when the world and society are full of hate, war, and terrorism: Children hate parents, and wives and husbands celebrate divorce with impunity. Today, love has become a thing for those who belong to us (and are, therefore, deserving of our love and concern). Those who do not belong to us can go to blazes.

As a result, our society has become infested with a false view of love.

Jesus wants us to make a difference and permeate the society with true and genuine love. He wants us to know that what changes the lives of people is not so much the collection of truths, not teaching or preaching, but women and men in whom they can see the truth and joy of the gospel lived out in daily life. Jesus wants us to grow in a spirit of sacrifice. We are to reach out selflessly and with generosity to those in need: the homeless, persons with AIDS, malnourished children, or immigrants. Jesus did this when He gave His life without counting the cost. In the spirit of His love expressed through selfless service, Jesus wants Christians to make a difference in the world.

Genuine love is the hallmark of Christianity. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. He presents a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells His disciples that all will know that they are His disciples because of the love they show one another. Jesus did not simply preach and teach about love. He demonstrated what love is all about. During His ministry, Jesus put Himself out to care for people and their needs. He recognizes EVERYONE as a child of God.

As we celebrate the love of Jesus that gave us the Mass, let us realize that we are called to make a difference in the world through our love. St. Theresa tells us—and we hear the Eucharistic Jesus saying the same: "Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love." (Brian P. Maloney, OFM Sunday Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND LOVE BE YOURS ALWAYS!!!

Father Dave

Don't forget to access our Facebook page from your page, **St. Faustina Catholic Church**. It features daily devotions and parish news.

www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,219,676
(as of April 3, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, 4/26 at BRUNO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZA down on Rte 192 next to the Flea Market. Take a flyer with you and give it to the server before ordering. They are open at 11:30 AM and this lasts all day. Please help us if you can. 10% will go to our construction fund. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden**, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing as well as to **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. **ANYTIME** you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULT:** We received a check from Sarah's Greek Cuisine on 4/12/16 in the amount of \$60.00 for folks who were there for the past few months of 2016. Many thanks.

COME SAIL AWAY WITH ST. FAUSTINA'S WONDERFUL FOLKS

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 through Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, join us on the Beautiful Royal Caribbean OASIS OF THE SEAS! The ship will sail from Port Canaveral to Labadee, Haiti, Falmouth, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Canaveral. This 7 night cruise has 3 days at sea, which you will be happy for because the OASIS is a destination in itself. There is so much to see and so many things to do on the ship. **Please contact Debbie Bergeron at (407) 791-2444.**



MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES are still available. If you are interested in memorializing one of chairs, please contact the office.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--If you dine with them on Sunday from Noon to 4 PM and just write "St. Faustina Church" on your receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: www.stfaustina.org and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link**.

Would You Like to Host The Pilgrim Virgin Mary?

If you would like the opportunity to host the Pilgrim Virgin Mary, please visit our website at:

www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/pilgrimvirginvisits.html



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



and we will pray for all the special mothers in our lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS. The 4th & Last Preparation for Parents and students takes place on Sat. 4/30/16 at 11 AM in the Church. This will include a practice/rehearsal for the youngsters who will be receiving the Eucharist on Sat. May 7th at 11 AM. All are welcome to attend the Mass that day.

THANKS TO FR. TUTTLE for covering for me so that I could get a little R & R. Blessings and prayers to him!

WINNERS FROM THE CARRABBA'S DINNER RAFFLES: Texas Roadhouse, Armadillo & Gift Certificates- Nancy Perhogan...Hurricane's shirt and Gift certificates- Nancy Cummings...Cuisinart Knives and Basket of Jewelry-Rita Kohn Lithograph-Karen Weeks...Basket of animals- Lenise Schope...Dolls- Kay Frederick. MANY, MANY thanks to all who participated. SPECIAL WORDS OF THANKS to our hard-working volunteers who made the dinner possible and to Elite Resorts for allowing us to use the clubhouse. We sent thank you letters to Denny's, BJ's and a few of our parishioners who donated different articles to keep our costs down. We will give you an itemized break-down of financial results when Elaine gets back from her vacation. THANKS to all who joined us.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS of Corpus Christi parish has placed a box outside the usher's room in the church to collect "used" sneakers and athletic shoes. They have a company that will take these shoes and do some sort of recycling of the materials left after use. They will receive some financial reward from the company. SO, instead of tossing those old, used sneakers in the garbage...drop them in the box. (You may want to tie them in a plastic bag to cut down on the "smell" in the box...LOL)

Respect for Life Articles for May



May is the month of the Blessed Mother, the Rosary and of Respect for Life. To celebrate our Christian Respect for Life, in honor of Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary, we have reprinted a series of articles (in both Spanish and English) on our website, www.stfaustina.org (click on the Pro-Life link on the right side of the page). Each week in the bulletin there will be a Respect for Life quote that encourages you to pray for all life. Please take some time to go to our website and read these important articles.

"I know without a doubt, that abortion is a violent act of murder and exploitation. And I know that our responsibility is to work and pray without ceasing for its end." Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

To renew your Florida Catholic, please call 1-888-275-9953 or 407-373-0075 or send a check payable to Florida Catholic, PO Box 4993, Orlando, FL 32802-4993. 1 year print, \$26, 2 years print, \$49, 1 year of e-Edition, \$20 Print/e-Edition Combo, \$35

NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- Practices are held on Thursdays in the church. For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html> or email Kelly at kmucci@stfaustina.org

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION? If you know of any Catholics who live in your neighborhood or in your development, please let them know that we have moved.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

April 23 to May 1, 2016

- Sat. 4/23**
Acts 14:21-27 Revelation 21:1-5 John 13:31-35
4 PM -- Helen Lahey + (Linda & Sal Lahey)
- Sun. 4/24**
8:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 AM -- Healing for Angela Gillespie (Dan & Kathleen McCarthy)
11:00 AM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
- Mon. 4/25** **NO MASS**
1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20
- Tues. 4/26 -- 8 AM -- Harry Alcorn + (Frances Alcorn)**
Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31
- Wed. 4/27 -- 8 AM -- Margaret Hahn + (Albert Hahn)**
Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8
- Thurs. 4/28 -- 8 AM -- Wedding Anniversary Remembrance (Thanksgiving) (Mary Casey)**
Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
- Fri. 4/29 8 AM -- Mary Dempsey 2nd Anniv., + (Fr. Dave)**
Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17
- Sat. 4/30**
Acts 15:1-29 Revelation 21:10-23 John 14:23-29
4 PM -- Philip Dezotell + (Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dezotell)
- Sun. 5/1**
8:00 AM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)
9:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 AM -- Michael J. Gissona + (Bill & Kathy)
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Juan Villafane + (Evelyn Garcia)



April 10th Offertory:

\$7,947

OCA update for 4/3/16 -- We have 241 of our 500 families Pledging \$57,531.00 and paying \$25,261.00 toward our goal of \$45,000, which is 48.2% of parish. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. Please pay those pledges on a timely basis.



Stewardship



God proclaims at the end of our Second Reading from the Book of Revelations, "Behold, I make all things new." That is a good thing to remember on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. In the opening verse of this reading from Holy Scripture, John also says, "I...saw a new heaven and a new earth." Easter reveals this newness to us, and

we must always keep it in mind.

The Greek word used for what is translated as "new" is *kaine*. As is normally the case, that particular Greek word has multiple meanings, one of which is "fresh." We are not speaking of a heaven and earth which did not exist before, but of a heaven and earth which are fresh in their newness. This is not just a "new" perspective, but a better one.

If we strive to live out our lives as disciples of Christ, if we make a complete effort to be His disciples, we inherit this new heaven. In it, as also indicated in our Second Reading, God expresses His desire to be in close fellowship with us, and we in turn must desire to be His people. Being God's disciple should be the whole purpose of our lives. That's not easily achieved, nor is it without obstacles for us, but it is what our purpose should be.