

**April 23, 2017**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
(interpreted)  
5 p.m.

At Masses we  
remember:

10 am: Julie Palma  
5 pm: Daniel Buechel

Easter collection:

\$974.00

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Next weekend is the Springdale Farm Sheep Shearing Festival -  
Saturday, April 29 8:30 am—3:30 pm.

Springdale Farm is open to the public and serves as a day  
program for adults and children with developmental  
disabilities. It is a great place and this is one of their major  
fundraisers. RIT students will help with booths, parking and food  
tents. A great way to make the lives of others better and have a  
wonderful day outdoors. You can sign up at Mass or email Alice.

*Are you graduating this year? Newman @ RIT  
will celebrate Baccalaureate Mass on  
Thursday, May 18th at 7 pm in the Allen  
Chapel. Graduates wear cap and gown. This  
Mass is for guests and family members of  
graduates. Sign up at Mass or email:  
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## RIT NATION

Divine Mercy Sunday is a fairly new feast on the church calendar. It was established in 2000 by Pope John Paul II when St. Faustina was canonized. St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600 page diary of her encounters (apparitions) with Jesus. The entries in the diary focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful towards others as well as the need for conversion and the invitation to trust Jesus.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday offers the chance to reflect on how God's mercy can truly transform our lives. Pope Francis is known as the "pope of mercy" and published a book titled, "The Name of God is Mercy." Each year, we have the opportunity to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday as a way to ask for healing for our wounds and to offer the mercy of God to all who might be looking for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships with others as well as with God.

Yes, mercy is ours! The feast we remember and celebrate this weekend is a reminder that there is absolutely nothing that any of us can do or have done that can not be forgiven by our loving and merciful God. This begs us to consider reconciliation in our relationships with others as well. Take some time this weekend and reflect on mercy and forgiveness in your life...it is ours.

We only need to say, "yes Lord."

Peace and good, Alice