



Easter 2016

Schedule of MERCY SUNDAY

March 13, April 10, May 15,
June 12, July 10, August 7,
September 11, October 9,
November 13, 2016.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from 3-5pm with
Confession at 4pm and
Evening Prayer at 5pm.

Dear Family and Friends,

We had a wonderful Christmas this year with warm temperatures and no snow. This gave the people an opportunity to join us for Christmas Eve Mass, which many did. After Mass, we had a reception in our Meeting Room with cookies made by the Sisters, punch and coffee. We had a lovely time of fellowship with our friends.

On January 2nd we said good bye to Sr. Pia who left for the Philippines to take care of her dying father. The health care available is not always the best there so Sr. Pia became a hospice nurse for her father taking care of him day and night. Sr. Pia's father was so glad to have her at his side. Sr. Pia's father died a few weeks after she arrived.



Concert at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

Later in the month we said good bye to Sr. Dianne who left for Rome for the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life. Presidents of the various Federations of Religious Orders were asked by the Congregation for Religious to come to Rome for this event. They had input sessions, an audience with Pope Francis and a Mass with Pope Francis. It was a wonderful experience for her and for us as she shared her experience.

On January 17th the women and men religious in the Archdiocese, under the direction of Fr. Fred Link, OFM gave a beautiful concert in our Cathedral, St. Peter in Chains. This was the project of St. John the Baptist Province in celebration for the Year of Consecrated life. There were 122 religious women and men in the choir. Two of the 122 were our own Sr. Luisa and Sr. Vickie. Sr. Vickie also served on the Concert Committee. Over 850 people came to the concert and had their hearts lifted in praise and adoration to Jesus the Christ. A reception by the committee followed in the Cathedral undercroft.

On January 31st Srs Ann, Anna Marie and Luisa attended the closing Mass for the Year of Consecrated Life at our Cathedral with Archbishop Schnurr presiding. Sr. Luisa was in the offertory procession along with Br. Norbert, OFM and Mary Cabrini of the Company of St. Ursula. Clare and Francis were well represented. Following the Mass, the Serra Club had a reception.

Before we knew it, ole Groundhog Phil came out of his hole and took a look around. He did NOT see his shadow and we all did a happy dance. About two weeks later we heard good ole Phil laughing as the cold and snow came to say, "Sorry, winter is not over yet". However, we here in Cincinnati are very grateful that we have not suffered with the disastrous weather so many of our sisters and brothers have in other parts of our country.

Lent arrived early this year. We are preparing for the great feast of Easter by using the words of Pope Francis for the year of Mercy for our Lenten practices.

Those of you, who are physically close to us, are invited to make a pilgrimage to our Chapel for the Year of Mercy. We are a Station Church and have the privilege of a Mercy Door which we opened on December 13th. On the second Sunday of the month we have a special Mercy Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confession, Vespers and Benediction. For those who are far away from us, we have a special Year of Mercy intention book and we welcome your intention which we will include in this book. Some of our parishes are scheduling pilgrimages to our Chapel. "All Are Welcome In This Holy Place."

We were able to obtain a grant from Duke Energy which helped us change our light bulbs to LED bulbs which will cut down electric costs. Your generosity helped us to get this grant and we are grateful.

We are most grateful to all of you who have been so very generous to us with your prayers, caring, sharing, and love.

We pray that your Lenten pruning will bring you a harvest of rich and luscious Blessings! Know you are in our daily prayers.

A HAPPY AND GRACEFILLED EASTER!

Your Poor Clare Sisters, *Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Vickie*

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