

Chapel of Divine Mercy

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL OF THE MIDDLETOWN DEANERY

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What are some of our committed adorers saying about their time with our Lord each week?

Barbara Schweitzer

St. Paul Church, Kensington



Dear Fr. Raymond, Roger and Parishioners of St. John Parish, you have all given me the greatest opportunity of my life to pray in front of the real presence of our Lord. I have been attending Eucharistic Adoration for the past four years and the experience has brought great peace and joy to my life. To talk to Jesus and to listen to Him makes me feel so close to Him. My greatest joy has been praying the rosary during adoration. At the end of the rosary I always ask our Blessed Mother that my two sons and her Son become closer. She often says to me "have faith in my son Jesus". I often pray for each of you who have made the Divine Mercy Chapel possible for people such as me to strengthen our faith.

Elaine Fazzino

St. Sebastian, Middletown

My hour of adoration is on Sunday from 9-10 AM. Many times I stay an extra 20 to 30 minutes because I just don't want to leave. At times I also stop by during the week. I love being with our Lord exposed. It is just a wonderful feeling to be so close to the Blessed Sacrament. I feel at peace. I feel penitent. I feel I am there to adore the King of Kings. I feel humble. What right have I a sinner, to be so close to our Lord? I bend my knees in submission and beg for mercy, forgiveness and grace. I know He loves me and is listening to my plea for help to be better. I want to live a life pleasing to Him and in adoration. I feel He is pleased with my offer of love.



I love being with our Lord one to one. It is truly an indescribable joy. But at the same time I wish the room was full of adorers and more waiting to come in because He deserves to be adored by everyone. It is mixed emotions, I want Him all to myself but yet I want Him to be acknowledged by all. I pray often for the people who made the chapel possible and ask our Lord to bless them for making it a reality. May it be here for all time.

Rachael Lentine

St. Pius X, Middletown



Dear Roger, since I have been in adoration program, I can not believe how it has changed my life! I love it so much! Once I enter the chapel I

never want to leave. I can not believe how I can get so lost in prayer and talking to the Lord. Many times I enter the chapel feeling very blue, but by the time I leave, I feel like a million dollars and can cope with any problem that comes my way. Thank you very much for making this program available to all of us!

Marie Fecher

St. Sebastian, Middletown



First of all, I took the hour of 3:00 AM because I felt a calling in response to my seeking of a word from The Lord. It's a difficult time, but I never felt that was a reason not to take it. Many other things in life are much harder. At 3:00 AM, I feel free to share The Lord's presence in a variety of ways. For example, it's easier for me to pray a rosary or the chaplet while walking back and forth. Sometimes I prostrate on the floor to express my emptiness or surrender. I often write, which helps me achieve clarity on emotional or spiritual concerns. Sometimes I read Scripture or one of the many good books that are available in the chapel. Sometimes I just sit and relax in the quiet presence of our Lord, it is very uplifting. I hope this will help other people to think of various ways they can spend their time with the Lord. It helps me think of my time as a friendly visit!

Steve and Maureen Regula

St. John, Cromwell

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a nourishing experience which strengthens us and focuses our priorities in life to thank Jesus and better live the life He wants for us.

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* "COME TO ME"

Patricia Sienna
St. John, Cromwell

When I first started to attend the planning stages of our perpetual program, I couldn't understand why God kept leading me there! But now I realize why. Sometimes life gets a little too confusing and chaotic for me and I begin to get very, very frazzled! Work can be extremely stressful, and I do not seem to be able to cope as I did when I was younger. By Wednesday night I am ready for my 9:00 PM hour with Jesus. When I walk into the chapel I feel such a wonderful sense of peace, even beyond what I can put into words. By the time my hour is over, I feel re-energized and better able to handle the issues of work and family.

Mary Sheehan
St. John, Cromwell

I am very thankful for this wonderful gift. Being in the presence of Jesus has brought much peace into my life.

Ed Montague
St. John Church, Middletown

It is comforting, reassuring and inspiring to know that this wonderful chapel is here. Once you "experience" praying here, adoring our Lord, it is compelling to return. I thank you for making this possible. Thank God for it!



Our library in the chapel keeps growing and growing. Father Raymond is constantly on the lookout for something interesting for us to read and reflect on. We would appreciate it greatly if you would return any book that you use in the chapel to its proper place on the bookshelf. This helps us keep the area neat, and it helps the next person who may also be reading that same book to find it.

Linda Kern
St. Peter Church, New Britain

Having a Mid-life Crisis?



Wondering what it's all about? You're lucky, I almost didn't make 50. Cancer hit hard twice and luckily I survived a bone marrow (a.k.a. stem-cell) transplant. While dreadfully sick, this average catholic experienced the very special feeling that God truly exist and the closeness of His presence.

I didn't want to lose that closeness and frankly I was scared to death that my three teenage children would flounder under all the additional emotional burden they experienced due to my illness and the burden on my poor husband's strong shoulders. I was petrified the cancer would come back and worry permeated my thoughts.

My good friend suggested we try going to Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's since neither of our churches offered it. I thought I'd give it a try since I felt the need to thank God for my continued existence. I also felt I should be as prepared as possible should my life end.

I wasn't sure what I would do for a whole hour without the ritual of Mass. I'd spend a lot of time begging for help during the crisis of my illness. I knew God was okay with that. But what I didn't expect was the sense of Peace I experienced in God's Eucharistic Presence.

I learned to relax and push away worried thoughts that were always present somewhere in my mind. I learned to put my trust in God. I had to learn to be happy again.

Five years later I'm happy to report that the rewards of my mostly weekly visits over the past four years to our Eucharistic Lord have been numerous. I'm my old self again, but more prayerful, more peaceful, healthy and very happy. I feel God has blessed me and my family in many ways and my children are doing well as adults. The girls are married and both are expecting babies in August. My fear of not living long enough to be a grandmother is gone.

I know God works in His own way, but please consider giving Eucharistic Adoration a sincere try, you'll be pleased with the results.



Call Roger Beliveau at 635-1918 today to set aside your special hour each week to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Ana Louise
11-26-2003
7lbs. 10 oz. 20"



Prayer Works Miracles!

Dear Roger,

The last week in June 2003, following a couple of test, the doctors had determined my granddaughter, who was due on December 10, 2003, had Downs Syndrome. Because her parents had been trying for ten years to conceive, the news was very difficult to accept. The doctors offered an abortion which her parents promptly refused stating they would accept whatever God had blessed them with and would love her no matter what.

I was told the news and, very distraught, went to the Chapel of Divine Mercy to pray my heart out to Jesus late on the night of July 6, 2003 and into July 7th. While praying, I had a vision of a baby in semi-darkness with a very bright light shining from her heart. I had been asking Jesus to touch her heart and make her well. One of the tests that the doctor performed showed a thickening of the baby's heart walls, additional evidence of Downs Syndrome.

During the early morning hour, Barbara Bohn then entered the chapel and, after looking at me, asked if I was okay. After explaining my concern for my unborn granddaughter and her parents, we prayed together and thanked God for blessing us all with her, asked Him to heal her, and if He didn't, then grant us the grace to accept His will. God works fast! After the ultrasounds and additional tests were done on the 2nd and 3rd week of July, her parents were told all the evidence of Downs Syndrome was gone!

She was born 2 weeks early, on November 26th, arriving at 1:11 PM, weighing 7lbs. 10 oz. and was 20" long, perfectly healthy and no Downs Syndrome. The doctors had no explanations. Prayer works miracles! Thanks be to God!

Thank you Roger, Barbara, and all the other adorers and St. John parishioners for providing 24 hours access to Jesus in the Sacred Eucharist. You are very blessed to have this privilege in your parish. I certainly recommend everyone take advantage of this blessing.

And, yes, I returned to your beautiful chapel to thank God on a trip back East in December 2003.

A Proud Grandmother
(Name Withheld By Request)

SACRIFICE MAKES UP FOR THE INGRATITUDE OF OTHERS!

Jesus healed ten lepers. Only one came back to give Him thanks for the miracle of a clean body. Jesus said: **"Where not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine?"** (Lk. 17:17). Every Sunday Jesus performs a far greater miracle for us. The gift of the Holy Eucharist makes us immortal with divine life. Each communion will leave our soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven. In spite of the fact that Jesus asks us to give thanks for this great gift by coming back during the week and visiting Him in the Blessed Sacrament only a very few do. Your sacrifice will make up for the ingratitude of "the other nine," for the many who never think of visiting Him at all.



**ADORERS, YOU HAVE BEEN
FAITHFULLY MAKING YOUR PRIVATE
HOLY HOUR BEFORE THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT.**

You have experienced His love, His silent understanding, His mercy, and you have felt blessed. You are encouraged to convey this life-enriching experience with the members of your family, with your friends and acquaintances. Ask them to fill in for you when you cannot keep your hour of adoration. Invite them to have their own special hour once a week.



“Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me! I will let you find me,” says the Lord...

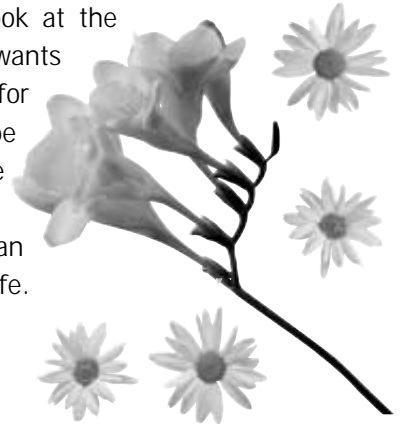
—Jeremiah 29:12-14

COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

WE have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of visitors to the chapel over the last few weeks. The exposure we received from the Sunday morning television program CROSSROADS, and the article in the NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER about the Vocation Monstrance, plus the invitation by Father Marik Masnicki, Pastor of Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church in Middletown, to speak at all their masses, about our perpetual adoration program, has brought many new people to the chapel. Praise God!!! To all of you who do come in for a visit, even if it is just for a few minutes, we ask that you please take the time to sign-in in our book register that is located outside the chapel. It is extremely important for us to verify that someone is present in the chapel at all times. We do not use this information for another purpose. Please help us make our job easier by signing in and out. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. During your visit you may have noticed on the bulletin board we have posted a few hours open where we do not have someone committed to come in (these hours are filled by one of our substitutes.) If you can help us by making a commitment to come in each week for one of these hours, God will bless you tremendously. The time you give to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be returned to you. Remember God doesn't ask about our ability or inability only our availability. Do you have an hour a week that you can make yourself available for Jesus? Look at the schedule on your next visit. Then ask God where He wants you. Don't hesitate to commit for a particular hour for fear that something will come up and you will not be able to come in. We have a substitute system in place to cover emergencies.

I can't say it enough, you give Our Eucharistic Lord an hour a week, and He will bring His Peace into your life. Don't hesitate any longer; call me (Roger) today at 860-635-1918. It will be your best hour each week,

GUARANTEE!!



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Organizational Structure PASTOR Rev. Raymond Borkowski, OFM Conv. COORDINATOR Roger Beliveau 635-1918 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR Sherry Hannon SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR Barbara Bartalotta <hr/> NEWSLETTER EDITOR Roger Beliveau GRAPHIC DESIGN Gisela Peynado	MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM Leader LG Kelsey 635-4937 Hourly Captains Midnight Jackie Walsh 635-8408 1 AM Martin Fecher 343-1631 2 AM Ray Tremblay 635-0538 3 AM Marie Fecher 343-1631 4 AM LG Kelsey 635-4937 5 AM Kathryn Landry 635-4516	NOON TO 6 PM Leader Anne Lenda 635-5795 Hourly Captains Noon Mary VanZilen 613-2304 1 PM Mary Sheehan 635-3702 2 PM Betty Anderegg 635-0776 3 PM Toni Bliss 635-5781 4 PM Joy Boorman 635-5949 5 PM Ryan Morrissey 704-8488	
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