



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

April 11, 2021

**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**



2nd Sunday
OF EASTER

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29BC

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice
In the Chapel
Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is by appointment during the pandemic. Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 - Kim Russo — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:30 - Domingos & Sibor Families — Memorial

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 10, 2021

5:30 - Dorothy Walsh — Birthday Remem.

Sunday, April 11, 2021

10:30 - William J. Buckley — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, April 17 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, April 18, 2021

10:30 - Robert Small — 7th Anniversary

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Mar 24 - Mar 30, 2021**

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Mail \$1,915
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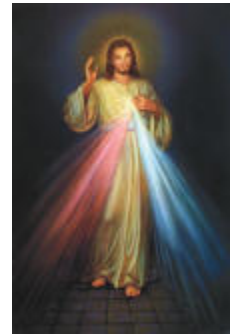
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What is the meaning of Divine Mercy Sunday?

The liturgical celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday** reflects the devotional elements of **Divine Mercy** – the first prayer of that Mass beginning with: Heavenly Father and God of **Mercy**, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, “Jesus, I trust in You”. When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, “my Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn’t approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn’t have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we “take it on faith” that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who “have not seen and have believed” (Jn20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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This Week in Ministry

4.12.21-4.18.21



Due to April Vacation, there are no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, April 18th. Enjoy the week off, and hopefully the beautiful weather!



“We all have a part to play in God’s glorious plans. Even if you write a letter for a blind man, or just sit and listen to someone, or you take the mail for him, and you visit somebody or bring a flower to somebody, or wash clothes for somebody or clean the house—small things, but these are great things in the eyes of God.”

–*Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa*, April 15th

An act of kindness may be small for us as the giver, but may mean far more to the one who receives it. It’s so easy for us to hold a door for someone, let someone out in traffic, say something kind to a stranger, call or text a friend to give a compliment; it only takes a moment to make someone’s day brighter!

Challenge of the Week: *Do one small thing (or multiple things!) for someone this week. Bonus gratitude challenge: look for the ‘small things’ people have done for you this week, and try to view them through God’s eyes—as ‘great things’!*

Grade 10 Reminder—Confirmation Signups!

Confirmation signups are open! If you haven’t signed up, please do so as soon as possible to make sure you and your son or daughter can attend.



Friday, May 7th—5pm at St. John’s

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Friday, May 7th—7pm at St. John’s

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Monday, May 17th—5pm at St. Ann’s

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“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only; Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith” (James 1:22; 2:18)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly, Baby Abigail, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, Linda Joy, Gail Butler & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the Spring.

Our pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the every month April through October, 2021. When days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will be the Tuesday of that week.

First Mondays = 3:00—5:30

Third Mondays = 3:00—4:30

Monday, April 5 - 3:00—5:30

Monday April 19 - 3:00—4:30

The schedule is as follows:

May 3rd and 17th

June 7th and 21st

*July *Tues the 6th and 19th*

August 2nd and 16th

*September *Tues the 7th and 20th*

October 4th and 18th

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Saint Ann's Church is continuing to collect food items for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Items can be left in church on the shelves to the right as you come in the front door.

St Ann Prayer Line:



To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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At the beginning of Lent, we heard the words of the Prophet Joel stir our hearts for the need to convert: "Even now," declares the Lord, "come back to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning" (Joel 2:12).

But in our hearts we know this isn't an invitation only for the beginning of Lent, this is an invitation for every day of our lives. *God is waiting for us ...*

One day, one of my sisters in community told me she always tried to surprise her parents by not telling them when she was coming home for vacation. Every time she arrived unannounced, her parents were always immensely happy she had come, because in their hearts *they were always waiting for her*. How beautiful that is: they were always waiting for her! And, later, reflecting on this conversation, I found myself thinking about how this is the way God loves *me*.

God sees us as more than sinners—that's how often we think of ourselves, dwelling on our limitations. To God, we are sons and daughters, we are loved unconditionally. Every day, and until our last breath, we will always have this moment ... even now ... to return to God—because *God is always waiting for us*. God is waiting for *me* until my whole being belongs to him, whole and undivided.

And whether we are aware of it or not, belonging to God entirely and undividedly is our heart's deepest desire. It is true that because of the consequences of original sin our lives seem to alternate between periods of light and darkness. We have glimpses of this truth of God's love for us in some moments, and then we lose it in others. We both yearn for it and revolt against it—as if it were a prison suffocating our freedom

But the truth is that God created us free because he knows better than anyone that only those who are free can *love*. And God wants nothing but our love.

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