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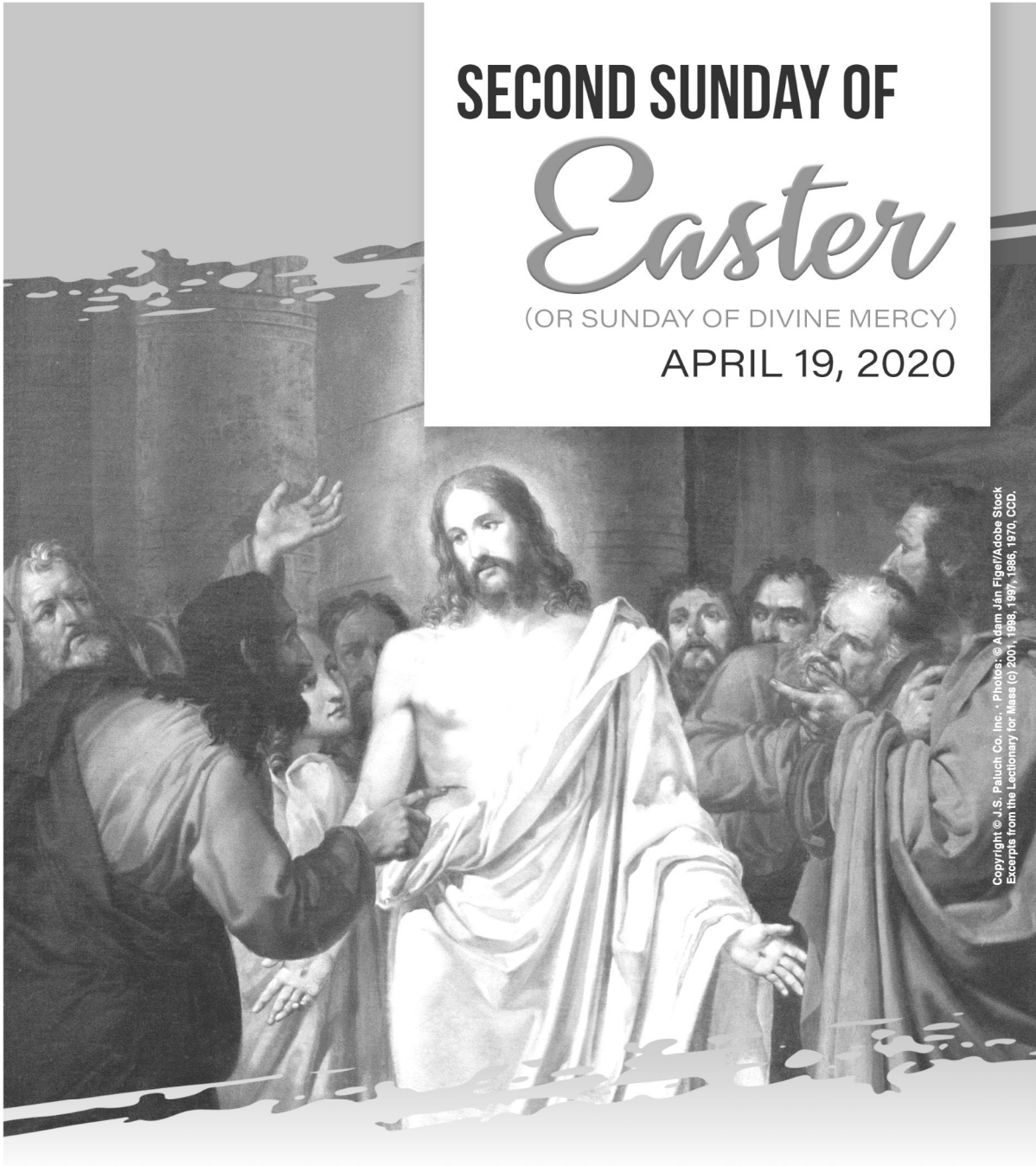
OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

Rev. James W. McGuffey - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon Ramon Torres - Hispanic Ministry

Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Roseann Johnson - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Coordinator of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant
Dr. Thomas Juneau - Director of Music

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

APRIL 19, 2020

Mass Intentions



Though these Masses will not be said publicly, our Priests will say them privately for the individual intentions.

SATURDAY April 18

5:00 PM John and Susan Sabol

SUNDAY April 19

8:00 AM Members of the Perpetual Mass Guild

10:30 AM Deceased members of the Aliszewski Family

12:00 PM Anthony and Phyllis Amadio

1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

MONDAY April 20

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY April 21

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY April 22

8:00 AM Corcoran Family

THURSDAY April 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St Joseph Parish

FRIDAY April 24

8:00 AM Reyorden Maulit

SATURDAY April 25

8:30 AM Mary Calabria

5:00 PM Students, Faculty, and Staff of St. Joseph School and PREP

SUNDAY April 26

8:00 AM Charles Panko

10:30 AM Andrew Brost III and Zoe Brost

12:00 PM Angelina Gadaleta

1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

***"For everything there is a season and
a time for every purpose under heaven. . ."***

a time to heal... for the sick of our Parish and especially for Mary Wagner, Anthony LaMotta, Chip Cece, Diane Rosa, Joseph Sabol, William Lenahan, Charles Alongi
a time to die... MaryAnn Gilrain, Debra DiBelardino

PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as Priests, Deacons, and consecrated persons. Send Your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to Your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church calls us to celebrate the mercy of God, to trust in the Divine Mercy, and to renew our commitment to showing mercy to others.

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! -Saint John Paul II



God's commitment to human life is at the very foundation of our life of faith. It commits us, if we are to follow Jesus, to be ourselves bearers and protectors of human life, especially the most innocent and vulnerable. ... When we commit ourselves to being pro-life and living that commitment, we are doing what every human being, without exception, should be doing. This is not a 'catholic' position. It is enjoined on us by our very humanity. It is inhuman to destroy innocent human life. It is human to foster and protect it at every stage. -Bishop Emeritus William Murphy, Diocese of Rockville Centre, homily for Respect Life Sunday

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You create men in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. Protect against the wickedness of evil those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Amen.

New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act

The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent, unable to care for an infant, can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally, and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline, at 1-877-839-2339, and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 2: 42-47

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel - John 20: 19 - 31

Mercy!

We celebrate God's mercy today — that gift of compassionate forgiveness that is offered to all. For generations people had turned away from God, failing to respect the law or the prophets. Yet God sent us the Son, who took upon Himself the sins of the world in order to redeem us all. Let our presence here today be a sign of our gratitude as we lift up our hearts and voices to the Author of Divine Mercy.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4: 23-31; Jn 3: 1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday: Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

Friday: Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5: 5b-14; Mk 16: 15-20

Sunday: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1: 17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

OUR PREP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please Prayerfully Consider Sharing Your Talents

As we prepare for upcoming changes (starting September 2020) in our PREP, we ask that you please consider helping. There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. For additional information, call the St. Joseph Church PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS

Heavenly Father, Author of Peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope, and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love, and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor, and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed

Services, especially: *Taylor Setar*, daughter of Greg and Terry Setar; *Thomas Rapp*, grandson of Jeanette Miller; *Justin Lurker*, grandson of Helen Lurker; *Robert Michnowicz*, nephew of Helen Lurker; *Justin Molarz*, grandson of Susan Molarz; *Andrew Weaver*, grandson of Joanne Halkovich; *Darren T. Dreboty*, son-in-law of Jacqueline Eak; *James Molnar*, grandson of Alice Benson; *Elizabeth Brito* and *Lisa Marie Brito*, daughters of Ivette Brito; *Raymond Torres*, son of Deacon and Mrs. Ramon Torres; *Laura Roe*, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

As directed by Bishop Checchio **all public worship is suspended** until further notice. Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily, at 7:00 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, and can be viewed on : www.stfranciscathedral.org

We do not know how long the restrictions imposed on New Jersey residents will be in effect. Please be patient and look for regular updates from the Diocese of Metuchen at www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus or visit our Parish website at www.stjosephparishfamily.com

PRAYER TO MARY IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, Who took upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. -Adapted by the Knights of Columbus from the prayer of Pope Francis

Continuing to Support our Parish

During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Many parishioners have asked how to continue to financially support our Parish during this current public health crisis. You may mail in your donations or drop them off in the Parish Office mail slot (55 High St.).

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Address: St. Joseph Church, 55 High St., Carteret, NJ 07008

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Tuesday: St. Anselm

Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Saturday: St. Mark

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