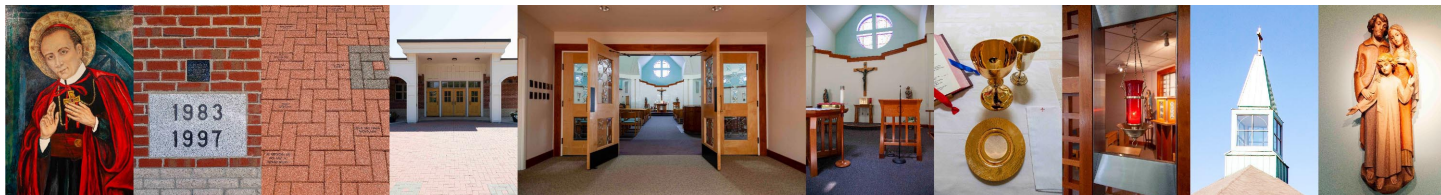


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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 16, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

Go and learn the meaning of the words, "I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE." I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." —Mt 9:13

The following are excerpts from *Misericors et Miserator* [Lt., *Merciful and Compassionate*], the formal decree issued May 5, 2000 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which established the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday".



SANCTUARY OF DIVINE MERCY
Vilnius, Lithuania

It Is God's Mercy
That Grants Supernatural Sorrow
And Resolution to Amend

INDEED, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the



THE DIVINE MERCY
by E. Kazimirowski (d. 1939)

"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!"

Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (Lk 15:18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15:32).

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, "Divine Mercy Sunday."

On April 20, 2000—the occasion of the canonization of Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938), a Polish nun—, Pope St John Paul II (d. 2005) announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be observed as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The following are excerpts from the Holy Father's homily. Italics added.

BEFORE saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20: 21-23), Jesus points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart. From that heart Sister Faustina Kowalska, the blessed—whom from now on we will call a saint—will see two rays of light shining and illuminating the world. "The two rays," Jesus himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water."

Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. John 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified," Jesus will ask Sr Faustina. Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name," understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. *It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.*

[The Second Sunday of Easter] from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Matthew 5:7)." He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

His message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man. This is how Sr Faustina saw him and proclaimed him to people on all the continents when, hidden in her convent at Łagiewniki in Kraków, she made her life a hymn to mercy: *Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo.*

"When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, 'I have an eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation.'" —From St Mary Faustina Kowalska's (d. 1938) *Diary* (No. 1160)

"Then I heard the words, 'I am glad you behaved like My true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart.'" (No. 1695)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Apr 16, SUNDAY — 2nd Week of Easter Season

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
2:00 PM | *Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 PM | *Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Apr 17, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Apr 18, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Apr 19, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
10:30 AM | "JESUS: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | "JESUS: The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Apr 20, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
10:30 AM | OREMUS: Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | OREMUS: Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life

Apr 21, FRIDAY — Day of Penance

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
12:15 PM | Daily Mass, followed by Adoration

Apr 22, SATURDAY

9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st/3rd Sat)
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 15 (Sat), 5:30 PM | Laurence Richard (req. by Michael & Alice Lewis)
Apr 16 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Mary Lou Yourconis (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Apr 16 10:00 AM | John Holland (req. by Ginny Holland)
Apr 16, 6:00 PM | Nicholas Boisvert - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Aunt Ida)
Apr 17 (Mon), 12:15 PM | Deborah DeBelis (req. by Jerry & Sheila Burnett)
Apr 19 (Wed), 12:15 PM | For all those engaged in cleaning up or restoring the environment (req. by Creation Care Ministry)
Apr 20 (Thu), 12:15 PM | Paul Sousa (req. by Mark & Margaret Roy)
Apr 21 (Fri), 12:15 PM | The Medeiros Family - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Apr 22 (Sat), 7:45 PM | Robert Monnes (req. by Yarn Ministry)
Apr 23 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Eugene Mooney (req. by Mark & Margaret Roy)

Apr 23, 10:00 AM | Gertrude Roy Belanger (req. by the Lester Family); Peter Lorman, 5th Anniv. (req. by Donna Lorman)
Apr 23, 6:00 PM | Fr. Robert Whitney - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today (16 Apr)

2:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration
with the opportunity for Confession

3:00 PM, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

IN MEMORIAM

Donations for EASTER FLOWER were made in memory of:

Richard K. Allen, Pat Ally, Deceased Members of the Ammirati Family, Jeryl Bacon, Elizabeth Barney, Roger Barney, Julia Bilow, Rick Boucher, Dick Boucher, Little Larry, Larry Boudreau, Mary Boudreau, Dorothy J. Bowser, James Bowyer, Geraldine Carleton, Natalie Carleton, Nancy Chandler, Mark Clark, Deb Cyr, Theresa Daudel, Pat Davis, Barbara Davis, Kenneth Davis, Lisa Deware, Dr. William Doherty, Sean P. Doherty, John & Mary Donilon, Lennard & Vickie Dubay, Roy & Jeanne Dubay, Joseph DuBois, Lucille DuBois, Russell & Edna Durkee, Durkee-Lowney Family, Joseph Dyer, Virginia Early, Eric Faucher, the Faucher Family, Lawrence Fletcher, Irene & Vic Fournier, Victor Fuentes, Jean Greene, John Greene, Leona Guercio, Patrick Guercio, Elizabeth Ann Hannan, William Hanson, Matthew Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hetzler, Dick Horn, Billy Howell, Leon & Bernet Hunsader, Joseph & Mary Hunsader, Frank & Mathilde Jerabel, Karpowicz Family, Mary Lou Kelleher, Kelly Family, Ben Kincade, Claudia King, Roy Klumpp, Theresa Klumpp, Annette Marie Koman, Robert W. Kubiak, Edith Krhoun, Krysiak Family, Raymond L'Heureux, Beatrice Lampin, Henry Ledezma, Lurena Lemery, Raymond Lemery, Edwin & Julia Lemire, Tara LePore, Rainy Lill, Paul & Alice Lowney, Luke Family, Simon Mardek, The Mardek Family, Deceased Members of the Maresco Family, Joseph Marolla, Josephine Marolla, Alfonso

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V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 R/. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To add someone to the prayer line, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. Please pray for:

Cecily, Herbert, Diane, Fred & Izzy, Meredith, Hamesh & Zelda, Unele, Andrea, Patty's Father, Edward, Lois, Patty, Kyle, Sarah, Vivian, River, Lula, Normand, Russell, Elizabeth, Mary, Shelagh, Doreen, Pope Francis, Amy, Valerie, Charlotte, Helen, Joan, the soul of Theresa, pregnant mothers, our children who have stepped away from the faith, mental wellness, those seeking a better job & life for their families, the under-employed and the unemployed, Ukraine, our country, and all of our parishioners and their needs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10896



Winners of the Easter Ham Raffle:

Roger Blais
 Marie Bernard

Ben Maccini
Judy Hardy
Elaine Syseskey

Also, thanks to all that participated in this year's Ham Raffle, thanks to their generosity, we were able to raise \$465.00! And, many thanks to all that came to the Lenten Fish Bake, this year we were able to again have Eat-In as well as Take-Out. Again, thanks to all that participated and helped with the Lenten Fish Bake, we raised \$980.00!

All proceeds of the Knights Events go to our own Food Pantry, Scholarships and other Knights Charities.

Saint John Neumann
YARN MINISTRY

We are small but mighty! We continue to craft Prayer Shawls going to Hospice House and St Joseph's Hospital. Chemo Caps are given to the Radiation Center in Nashua as well as the Cancer Center at St Joseph's Hospital. Our mission has expanded to supporting the Linus Project and year-round scarfs for the military. *Our ministry has been providing warmth and love to our community for over 20 years!*

We are always in need to DONATIONS and NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Thank you for your continued support!

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