



DIVINE MERCY

AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

PARISH

April 2, 2023



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32) The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Parish info

Divine Mercy Parish - April 2, 2023

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PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect victims of abuse by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For assistance you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention at the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4363. Safe Environment Training for all staff and volunteers and CORI back ground checks for all those who work with our children and youth are required at Divine Mercy Parish.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK FOR THE ILL, ELDERLY AND THE HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently home-bound, at a care facility, or in the hospital and would like to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, Fr John Larochelle is available during the day or evenings (no matter the hour). Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for Fr John's visit. If the parish office is closed, you will be directed on how to reach him immediately.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30am—2:00pm

Sunday Satellite Office (back of church) after 8am Mass
& after 10:30am Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays 8:00 a.m.

No Mass Wednesday—Father's Day Off

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

followed by Benediction

Holy day Masses as announced

Confession Fridays after Mass (during

Adoration and Saturday @ 3:00 p.m. or

by appointment

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Curtis

Lauren Labonte

Gerald Finn

Daiena Matson

Dcn Michael Hafferty

Michael Rapko

Toni Harvey

Thomas Tenerowicz

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Baptisms are normally scheduled on Sundays. Please contact Deacon Mike Hafferty for catechesis and to make arrangements for celebration of the sacrament.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults wishing to become Catholics or complete the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) should contact the rectory for details.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Friday evenings after Mass (during Adoration and Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:40pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation takes about one year in advance of your anticipated marriage.

Couples who wish to marry at Divine Mercy Parish should make arrangements to meet with Father John Larochelle as soon as possible.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory for a hospital visit or anointing of the sick appointment.

HOMEBOUND: Communion calls to the homebound are important pastoral concerns. Please call the rectory to notify us of those unable to come to church.



Flocknote

Do you have a smart phone? If so...

TEXT: DMP TO: 84576

Or visit our website to sign up, or email the pastoral associate at associate@divinemercyparishma.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY 4:00 PM	April 1 Palm Sunday Roland Demers (12th anniv.) By wife Susan Paul Gilchrist (6th anniv.) & Leo Gilchrist (27th) By Marylee
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	April 2 Palm Sunday Winifred Krajewski (for good health) Eileen Plasse By Mike & Ann Lesperance Brenda Castiglioni By daughter Sandy
10:30 AM	Ed Benoit & Lynn Kooistra By Benoit family Antoinette Trant By Celina Auclair Marion Petrowicz By his family
MONDAY 8:00 AM	April 3 David A. Bingham By Serge Larochelle & family
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	April 4 People of Divine Mercy
THURSDAY 6:30 PM	April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRIDAY 6:30 PM	April 7 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
SATURDAY 7:30 PM	April 8 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	April 9 Easter Sunday George & daughter Michelle Gagnon By their family John Moore, Jr. & Denise McNamara By their family
10:30 AM	Jacqueline Gauthier (16th anniv.) By Deacon Mike & Marsha Norma DiPietro By husband Joseph DiPietro

Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, April 8/4:00 PM

Lectors:

Marsha Hafferty, Jeremy Labonte

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Susan Demers, Sue Kelly

Altar Servers:

Jacob Cardone, Suzanne Clark, Phil Dunlavy,
Matai Gonzalez, Brian Haswell

Greeters:

Diane Berthelette, Claire Dumas, Janis Laporte

SUNDAY, April 9/8:00 AM

Lectors:

Susan Hayes, Bob Laren

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Helen Paulhus, Mike Perron

Altar Servers:

Abbey Brouillard, Chris Perron, Sam Supple,
Fred Stavinski

Greeters:

Renee Perron, Sam Supple

SUNDAY, April 9/10:30 AM

Lectors:

Kristen Marino, Georgette Lavoie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Diana Gilbert, Robert Gilbert

Altar Servers:

Grace Ahearn, Ryan Ahearn, Bella Baillargeon,
Brooke Baillargeon, Gemma Marsh, Nicolas Marsh

Greeters:

Marcel Laplume, Van Markle, Pauline Lariviere

Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week for...

Roland Demers
By his wife Susan



Kinsley Addison Germain
Was baptized on
Sunday, March 19, 2023

*We congratulate her family and
welcome her as a new
member to our Catholic family.*

Because of multiple intentions being offered at
Weekend Mass, we ask that only one member
per family bring the gifts of bread and wine to
the altar. *Thank You*

Religious Education:

First Communion will be celebrated here, at Divine Mercy Parish on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Worcester, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7 PM.

Rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass will be held at St. Patrick Church in Whitinsville, on Sunday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM. Sponsors should attend the rehearsal if possible. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, however, there is a change of venue. We have been invited to the CYO Center on Harris Ave. in Woonsocket. Students should plan on arriving at 9:45 AM. The retreat concludes at 2 PM.

In the case of cancellation of sessions due to inclement weather, families will be sent an email by 7:30 on Sunday morning. Also, announcements will be made on the radio station WNRI 1380AM in Woonsocket. The evening session will also be canceled.

Emails were sent to all families concerning changes to our Religious Education program. If you did not receive the email, please contact Deb Campano at reled@divinemercyparishma.org.

Though for the Week: "This is the choice before us: either try to revolutionize the world and break under it or revolutionize ourselves and remake the world." Venerable Fulton Sheen

ANNIVERSARY ORGAN CONCERT

Featuring Henri St. Louis and Chorale

To Celebrate 150th year

PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

94 Carrington Avenue Woonsocket, RI

April 16, 2023 2-4pm

Tickets \$10

Call St. Agatha office at 401-767-2950

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of **Edward Krajewski** who has recently gone home to God. May he rest in God's eternal light and peace.

Calling All Cursillistas... There are a good number of parishioners from our newly formed parish who have lived their Cursillo. That being said, **our parish will be holding its first Ultreya in the Spring, on Friday May 5th!**

The Parish is in the process of compiling a list of all parishioners who have lived their Cursillo. Please contact Toni in the rectory to be sure your name is listed. For those who have attended this encounter with Christ weekend, and would like to be a part of organizing our Ultreya, please see Bert Galipeau, Kristen Marino or Toni Harvey in the rectory or her cell 508-254-3440.



Thank You to all our parishioners, Ministries, and Parish Groups who so graciously donated their TIME and SOUP during lent at the parish Friday Soup & Stations Nights!

There were Sooo Many Tasty Soups served, we are now going to compile the recipes for all the congregation to enjoy!

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES &
HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am on the Church property

Blessing of the Food - Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am in the Church

Palm Sunday Masses— April 2nd 8am & 10:30am

Holy Thursday Mass—April 6th @ 6:30pm

***Adoration after Mass until 10pm**

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross @ 3pm

Benediction @ 6:30pm

***No Confession 4/7 Good Friday**

Easter Vigil—Saturday April 8th @ 7:30pm

***No 4pm Mass *No Confession 4/8 Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday—April 9th 8am & 10:30am

BAKER'S MIINISTRY MEMEBERS: We need your help and talent in baking a desert for the Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on Sunday, April 16th. Please let Toni know that will be baking for the Celebration Luncheon



CRS RICE BOWLS can be brought in next weekend (Easter weekend). Thank you for supporting Catholic Relief Services

SPONSOR/WITNESS LETTER

If you have been asked to act as a sponsor or witness and need a letter from the parish stating that you are a practicing Catholic or that you are a member of the parish please contact Fr. John directly to set up a time to meet. No letter will be issued without first having met with Father.

Requests for sacrament records can still be directed to Maureen Briand in the office.



After Mass Prayer Warrior Ministry meets each Thursday from 8:45am until 9:30am. This prayer group meets in the rectory conference room for Prayer, Coffee and Conversation.

All are welcome—No sign-ups needed.

Just like your parents here on earth, your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, He listens. Then He answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people.

If you are not able to participate but are in need of prayers, whether for yourself or a loved one - Our Prayer Warriors are here for you! They invite you to drop your prayer request in the *Prayer Warrior Prayer Request Box* located in the back of the church.

Have you wanted to be more involved in the Mass? How about serving in one of the four Liturgical Ministries that Divine Mercy is expanding on! If you are interested in serving as a Lector, Greeter, or would like to become a part of the Bereavement Ministry, please contact Toni at the rectory by phone or email.

For those who would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. John at the rectory by phone or email.

Please make checks out to **DIVINE MERCY**, any checks or correspondence not made out correctly will be returned to you. We have noticed incorrect spelling of Divine and checks being made out to incorrect parish. We only have 1 account for the parish and **cannot** accept checks for St. Augustine, St. Paul or St. Theresa. Thank you.

Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry

The Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry is located in the Parish Center at Divine Mercy Parish, at 48 St. Paul Street Blackstone. It is open to residents of Blackstone and Millville. Residents are required to have a photo ID and proof of residency. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 7pm—8pm and on Saturdays from 10am—11am. **Food pantry needs for April: Boxed potatoes, Canned chicken, Canned pasta, Jelly/fluff, Cereal/granola bars, Juice, Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, Brownie mix, Pudding cups, Pop-tarts, Instant rice.**

TWICE TREASURED THRIFT STORE

Twice Treasured News submitted by Manager, Sheila Landry: Donations accepted! They should be clean, new or in like new condition UNLESS they are vintage or antique. They should be brought ONLY to the thrift store on Monday, Friday and Saturday from 8AM to noon at which time we are open. Until further notice we are not accepting DVD's, CD's, VHS or cassette tapes. We are in need of **tall bookcases (preferably matching)**. We have had requests for **large print, hard cover books, stove top or electric teapots, waffle irons, craft supplies, coasters and our ring display is dwindling**. Do you have a collection that you are no longer interested in or has been in storage for too long? Why not consider donating it to our thrift store. If you have question about what we can accept, see Sheila at the store or leave your name and phone number at the office. The April special will be 50% off jigsaw puzzles. They are usually \$3.00 but will be \$1.50 until the end of April. Please note: EVERYTHING in the store is in working condition, without damage and clean. The items are fairly priced. **All sales are final.** Twice Treasured will be closed Monday, Memorial Day, May 29th. We invite you to Twice Treasured, a thrift store where you can find more than treasures. It's a place where strangers become friends and friends reconnect.

Notice to our current Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

You were recently mailed invitations to attend the upcoming Worcester Diocesan workshops (Lectors in April) and (EM in May). Our parish is required to register those attending. Please contact Toni in the rectory or email her at associate@divinemercyparishma.org to let her know if you will attending or not. *Thank you.*



WORCESTER DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, ample free time, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. **Cost is \$125/person. Deadline to register is April 25th.** To sign up or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.

What's Happening This Week

Sun. 4/2	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast Baptism	9am-Noon Noon	Parish Center-Lower Level Church
Mon. 4/3	Twice Treasured Thrift Store 12 Golden Steps Dig Deep N/A	8am-12 noon 12pm-1pm 7:30pm-8:30pm	Parish Center-Lower Level Parish Center-Lower Level Parish Center-Community Room
Tues. 4/4	Confessions Prayer Shawl and more LCC (homeschoolers) 12 Golden Steps Blackstone Millville Food Pantry	7am-7:45am 9am-11am 10am-2pm 12pm-1pm 7pm-8pm	Sacristy Rectory Parish Center-Upper Hall/stage Parish Center-Community Room Parish Center-Lower Level
Wed. 4/5	12 Golden Steps	12pm-1pm	Parish Center-Community Room
Thurs. 4/6	Prayer Warriors 12 Golden Steps Sparkling Angels Team 1	8:45am-9:30am 12pm-1pm 1:30pm	Rectory Parish Center-Community Room Church
Fri. 4/7	Twice Treasured Thrift Store 12 Golden Steps Stations of the Cross 1st Step to Serenity AA	8am-12 noon 12pm-1pm 3pm 6pm-7pm	Parish Center-Lower Level Parish Center-Community Room Church Parish Center-Community Room
Sat. 4/8	Twice Treasured Thrift Store Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry Easter Egg Hunt 12 Golden Steps	8am-12 noon 10am-11am 10am 12pm-1pm	Parish Center-Lower Level Parish Center-Lower Level Church grounds Parish Center-Community Room

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

*The Participation of all is very important and
appreciated by the whole community*

March 25 & 26

Offertory Collection	\$4,774.00
Electronic Giving (36)	<u>\$1,082.00</u>

Total Income \$5,856.00

Other Income

Building & Maintenance	\$ 121.00
Fuel	\$ 124.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 55.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 534.00
LOTW	\$ 280.00
Thrift Store	<u>\$ 763.50</u>

Total Other Income \$1,877.50

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**For parishioners who would like to have their 2022
Contribution Statements mailed to them, please
contact Maureen in the rectory office. Thank You!**

Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Species Update

With the abating of the pandemic, Bishop McManus has directed the office for Divine Worship to announce the restoration of all prior liturgical practices, including his renewal of his permission to pastors to distribute Holy Communion under both species to the faithful, effective Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

The Bishop has empowered the pastors to decide when they deem it appropriate to distribute Holy Communion for their parish.

Fr. John Larochelle is in the process of ensuring both our Eucharist Ministers and Congregation are prepared for this return. With that said, Divine Mercy will start distributing both species late April. The established date will be provided in a future bulletin and at Mass.

Upcoming Events



One of our younger parishioners, Ella Reilly, who is a member of BMR's National Junior Honor Society is looking to raise awareness for Cancer Research. She has started a fundraiser, called "Cancer Succulent". She will be selling Succulent Plants where all the proceeds will go to Dana Farber Cancer Center.

Please support Ella's efforts by stopping by the back of the church after Saturday Mass, April 1st to purchase one of her succulent potted plants!

Scouts Pancake Breakfast... THIS SUNDAY



In the Parish Center Lower Hall on Palm Sunday, April 2nd from 9am until 12noon.

Cost: \$8.00 for Adults

\$6.00 for Seniors & children age 3 and under

Divine Mercy Adult Seniors Group next meeting will on **Wednesday, April 12th** at the Parish Center Lower Level from 12noon to 3pm. All are welcome!



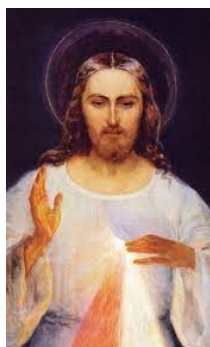
Divine Mercy Sunday—April 16th

His Excellency, Robert J McManus, Bishop of Worcester will celebrate the 10:30am Mass

Celebration luncheon will be held in the Parish Center Lower Hall after 10:30am Mass

Holy Hour 3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet during Holy Hour
Adoration & Exposition during Holy Hour



Confession from 2:30pm—4:pm

The afternoon will conclude at 4:00pm

Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the reported apparitions of Jesus to Faustina Kowalska. The venerated image under this Christological title refers to what Kowalska's diary describes as "God's loving mercy" towards all people, especially for sinners.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Join Us Each Sunday AFTER 10:30AM mass in the Parish Center Lower Hall.

We will be serving a little something extra for this celebration

Coffee and... Fellowship Raffle Basket Ticket sales began on Sunday, March 5th and will continue until Palm Sunday, April 2nd. The drawing will be on Palm Sunday at 12noon. Don't miss out on the chance to win the largest "Happy Easter Basket" ever! Tickets are \$1.00 per chance.



Bring the Kids .. Grandkids ... great-grandkids!

To our Blackstone Parishioners...

On Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm the Blackstone BOS is holding a Special Town Meeting asking residents to vote in favor of purchasing St. Theresa's property on Rathbun Street. We are asking that you attend this important meeting to show your support. Thank you

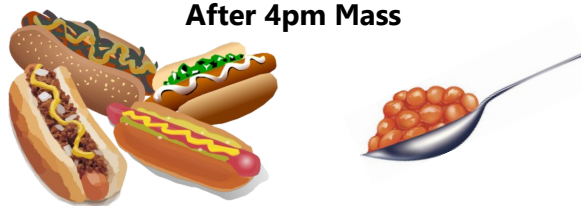
Fellowship Ministry

(also known as our Coffee and.. crew)
is hosting a...

"FELLOWSHIP FRANKS AND BEANS" SUPPER

Saturday, April 22nd

After 4pm Mass



2 Beef Hot Dogs with ALL kinds of Fixings
Beans — Chips — Drink — and Cookies too!

Cost: \$4.00 suggested donation per person
*children under 12 years old eat for free