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Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM

If Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date.

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We strive to be a parish of Good Stewards, praising and thanking God for His gifts of life, faith, family and friends and our parish and civic communities. We ask for His grace to grow and develop these gifts abundantly for the sake of His kingdom among us.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM & upon request

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Please call Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding date.

Program Coordinators

Adoration	Pat Hurd	882-1503
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New Hampshire Catholic Charities	889-9431
Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance	882-6372

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

Weekly Schedule

Please note that Mass will not be available to the general public and all parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

The church will be open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for private prayer. ***

Confession: Saturdays from 3-3:45 p.m. ***

***Please be sure to maintain proper physical distancing (at least 6 feet) when entering, inside and exiting the church. We also ask that if you or someone in your household has any symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, etc., please refrain from entering the church. We thank you for your patience and consideration during this difficult time.



For parish updates, faith formation resources and much more, please visit our parish website at:
www.stjoenash.org

100 CLUB

Next drawing is: **Sunday, April 26th**
Good luck to all of our members!



2020 Memorial Bricks

Applications for the 2020 Memorial Bricks are now available in the plastic wall jackets in the Narthex. The **pink form** indicates the **Marian Garden** area and the **blue form** indicates the **Flag Pole** area. Once you've completed the form, please either mail or return it to the parish office (ATTENTION: HELEN DUMONT).

The deadline for returning your request is Labor Day weekend: September 5th-6th.

For more details please call Helen Dumont at 883-0757, ext. 3.

CRS Rice Bowl 2020 For Lent, For Life

Thank You!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!**

If you haven't turned in your rice bowl yet, please feel free to drop it off during business hours.

Thank you for your generosity!



Weekend Offertory

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget, FY2020.....\$8,820
Offertory Collection **04/04-04/05/20 Palm Sunday**.....\$5,211
On Line Giving W/E **04/05/20**.....\$2,783
Total Weekly Collections **04/04-04/05/20**.....\$7,994
Offertory Collection **04/11-04/12/20 Easter Sunday**.....\$7,046
On Line Giving W/E **04/12/20**.....\$2,801
Total Weekly Collections **04/11-04/12/20**.....\$9,847
Fiscal Year Offertory needed to date (41st wk.).....\$361,620
Fiscal Year Offertory collected to date (41st wk.).....\$333,353

2.5% of the Total Offertory goes to Tithing each week.

Thank you for your support!

Capital Campaign ~ March 2020

Reflecting activity 3/4/20 - 3/25/20

Total Pledged/Gifts.....\$1,128,408.50
Total Collected To Date.....\$1,052,227.23
Total Still To Be Collected.....\$76,181.27
Last Month's Collected Payments.....\$7,945.03

Your commitment is greatly appreciated!

March Monthly Collections

Building/Grounds.....\$1,937
Catholic Relief Services/Catholic Home Missions.....\$1,227

Supporting the Parish

Just as you do, the parish also still has regular financial obligations during this time and we humbly ask that, insofar as your financial situation permits, you continue to contribute your weekly offering to the parish.

You may put it in the mail, drop it off during business hours, place it in our locked mailbox located outside and to the left of the main entrance doors or go to our website to use the online giving opportunity there.

We continue to be grateful to you for doing the best you can in this regard! God bless you!



Online Giving

Now is a great time to start!

For those of you interested in using "online giving", please go to our website:

www.stjoenash.org

Click on the Online Giving "button" which can be found in the top right corner or call Helen Dumont in the Finance Office for more details at 883-0757, ext. 3.

Parish & Community News



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland, during the 1930s, our Lord Jesus called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. In all, she recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

The message and devotion to Jesus as "The Divine Mercy" is based on the writings of St. Faustina, who in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

To learn more about The Divine Mercy visit:
www.thedivinemercy.org

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How To Pray The Chaplet Of Divine Mercy

Using regular rosary beads. If possible, at 3pm.

1. Make the sign of the cross

2. Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Pray the Our Father

4. Pray the Hail Mary

5. Pray the Apostle's Creed

6. The Eternal Father (On the "Our Father" bead)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat 6 & 7 for the remaining decades.

9. Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

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Bishop Christian is on YouTube!

Yes, that's right! Our own Bishop Christian is on YouTube! We're

publishing a weekly video address by Bishop Christian. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to get notifications of all future videos. Visit our website (**www.stjoenash.org**) to subscribe and to view the previous released videos.



TOGETHER WE CAN Keep God's Children Safe



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States.

The Diocese of

Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit **www.catholicnh.org/safety** during April and share this information with others.

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

FAITH FORMATION



GIFT Assignment: Second Sunday of Easter

Living the Liturgy at Home Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayer

Praise to you, Risen Christ! You brought light to the whole world by your Resurrection. May your Easter light bring peace to our home. May your Easter light bring peace to the world. Shine in us. Light our hearts and minds to know you better, to love you more and more, and to serve you by shining your light in our family, for our friends, and to the world around us. Send your blessing on us and on those most in need of your Light. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Did You Know?

...that today is the Octave of Easter, the eighth day of Easter, and is known as Divine Mercy Sunday? The name comes from a revelation by Christ to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who was canonized in 2000 by St. John Paul II. Today's feast celebrates the bountiful mercy God bestows on those who sincerely seek forgiveness.

Conversation Questions

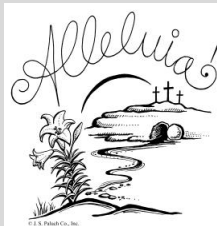
What does it mean to believe in something? How can you believe in something you can't see?

Is it important to be loving to others? What are some ways you are loving?

Faith in Action

Many sacraments are celebrated during Easter Time, such as Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, and Ordinations. If you know someone who will be celebrating a sacrament this year, discuss as a family how you will help that person to celebrate and support his or her growth in the faith. Pray for them. Share stories and/or photos from your own celebrations.

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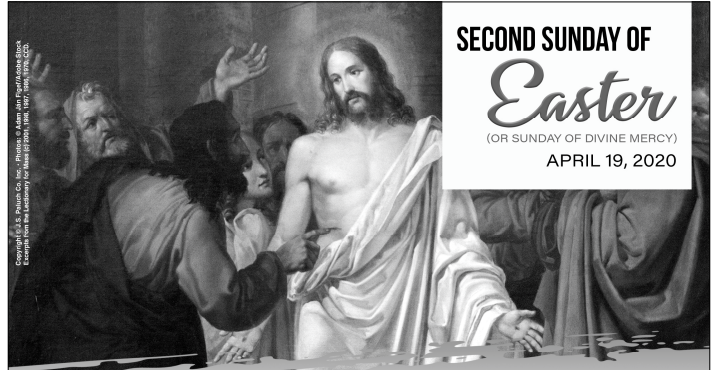
Liturgy

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration
status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope,
comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. Amen.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust
Remembrance Day)

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day;
Earth Day

Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;
National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark



Mark Your Calendars!!!

The Summer Faith Formation
Program will be held for
Kindergarten through Grade 5
(2019-2020 school year) on

Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th
from 8:30am-12:00noon.

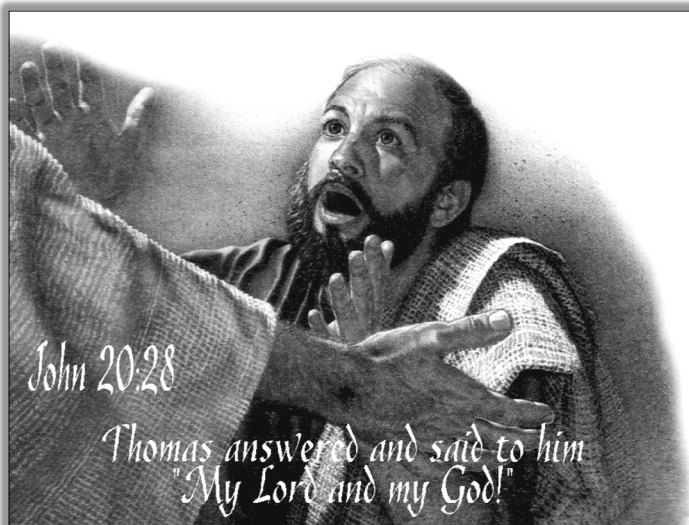
Registration forms have been sent via email, if you have
not yet received it, please contact Miss Janice at:
janicemercure@stjoenash.org.

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

REFLECTIONS

By Bishop Christian

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the Apostle Thomas provides us with a powerful example of the mercy of Christ in action. We don't know why he was absent from the upper room when the Lord appeared the first time. Was he out shopping for the group? Was he on a "spy" mission to try to see if it was safe for all of them to leave the room? Did he simply need space to grieve and so went off by himself to do so? Whatever the case, he is skeptical about the reports of the others that the Lord was risen and had appeared to them. Christ's reaction to Thomas is wonderful. He isn't angry for his questioning. He doesn't judge him for lack of belief. Rather he gently invites him to resolve his doubts. And Thomas responds with one of the great testimonies of faith in the scripture. "My Lord and my God!" We see a similar gentleness with the woman caught in adultery or the Samaritan woman at the well. He doesn't condone their sinfulness, but he kindly urges them to repent and receive the mercy won for us on the cross. As a result, each of us can expect the same sort of response from the Lord. Whatever our failures and sin, we never should fear that they will not be forgiven. No matter how far or for how long we have strayed, Christ wants only one thing: that we return to the house of His Father and He is there holding the door wide open for us. I have often had people in confession break down and cry for joy at the realization that their sins, though numerous and serious, have been forgiven in the mercy of Christ. Throughout this Easter season, let us celebrate what is ours, forgiveness in the Blood of the Lamb!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 20th

8:00 am ~ Regina M. Garon by her daughter Dorothy
8:00 am ~ Mercedes McGrath, 3rd Anniversary, by her family

Tuesday, April 21st

8:00 am ~ Deceased family & friends of Anne & Bob Micci

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00 am ~ Tom Sweney by Jim & Terri Dieckhoff
8:00 am ~ Deceased family & friends of Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Levesque

Thursday, April 23rd

8:00 am ~ All Souls Day Intention
8:00 am ~ For all of our parishioners celebrating birthdays this month

Friday, April 24th

No Daily Mass

Saturday, April 25th

4:00 pm ~ Shirley Biron, 2nd Anniversary, by her family
4:00 pm ~ Trent Silva by his Mom & family

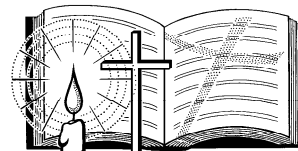
Sunday, April 26th

8:00 am ~ Raymond Boule by his wife Carol (rescheduled to: 7/19/20)
8:00 am ~ Steve Kelley by Frank & Trina Clark (rescheduled to: 10/11/20)
10:00 am ~ For all of our parishioners celebrating birthdays this month

*****Please note: Bishop Christian will celebrate private Masses daily and on weekends and will pray for all scheduled Mass intentions. Some of the scheduled intentions will be transferred to different dates. Those changes will be noted above. Thank you for your understanding.*****

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



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