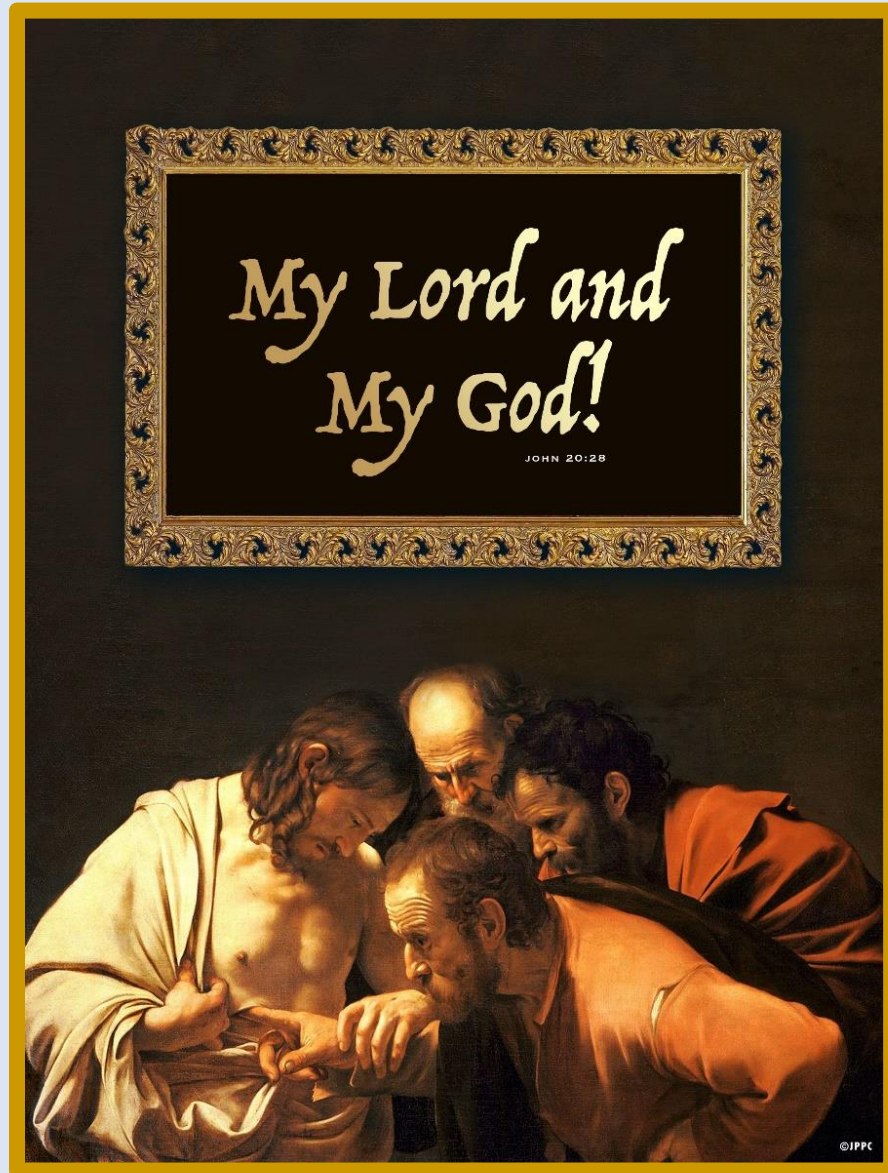


Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

April 16, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service
Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

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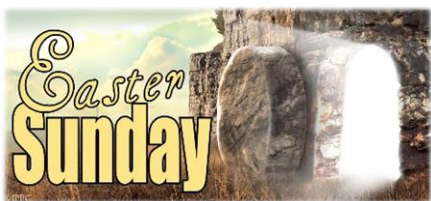
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April 16 – 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday	April 15 – Vigil
4:00 pm	Mary & Joseph Cabral
Sunday	April 16
8:00 am	Raymond Gauthier
Sunday	April 16
9:30 am	Teresita Cadena
Sunday	April 16
11:00 am	Tammy & Joseph Katsbulas
Monday	April 17- Patriot's day
9:00 am	Mass at Saint Mark
Tuesday	April 18
8:00 am	Gloria Pion
Wednesday	April 19
4:30 pm	Peggy Engler
Thursday	April 20
8:00 am	

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April 23 -3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday	April 22 – Vigil
4:00 pm	"Patsey" Cavalieri
Sunday	April 23
8:00 am	Marjorie Morrissey
Sunday	April 23
9:30 am	Gloria & Joseph Cardello
Sunday	April 23
11:00 am	Joseph Harney

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Parish Contributions

Collection for April 1/2: \$15,208.84

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Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered on the *first Friday of every month (May 5 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with ending at 6 p.m. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

Welcome!

We are happy to have you join us for our liturgies. If you are visiting our area with family and friends, we welcome you to our parish. We hope you will enjoy your stay. If you are new to the area, we invite you to consider registering as a member of our parish community.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office on *Monday, April 17* (Patriot's Day). Daily Mass will be celebrated in Saint Mark church at 9:00 am. **Please note : Rosary for Life will be prayed at 8:30 am in Saint Mark on April 17.** There is no 4:30 pm Mass on April 17.



Thank you to all those who contributed to our Easter flowers. Your loved ones are remembered at our Masses on Easter. Envelopes are located on the altars of our churches.

Find Your Vocation Work in a Catholic school

The Diocese of Fall River Catholic schools are looking for committed people to be teachers, aides, nurses, and substitute teachers. Working in a Catholic school brings about great joy and satisfaction as each child develops his or her God-given talents. We encourage you to open your heart to these wonderful children and offer your time and talent.

To find your next calling, please go to
catholicsschoolsalliance.org/job-opportunities
or call (508) 687-7301



Free Concert
Sunday, May 7, at 3:30 pm
Saint Mary Church

Join early music ensemble *Le Note Diverse* as they present a program of vocal and instrumental pieces by women composers from 17th-century Italy. The program will feature works by Francesca Caccini, Isabella Leonarda, Barbara Strozzi, and Maddalena Casulana. The performers are Agnes Coakley Cox, soprano; Juan A. Mesa, keyed lyre; and Hideki Yamaya, theorbo and Baroque mandolin. This concert is free and open to all and is partially funded by a grant from the North Attleborough Cultural Council.



Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School is hosting a Clothing Drive sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation New England. Donations of clothing/shoes/linens can be dropped off outside of the Sacred Heart Church Rectory on May 6th & 7th from 9:00-11:00am. For a list of acceptable items, please visit epilepsynewengland.org/donations-center/acceptable-items.

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School thanks you for your support and donations!



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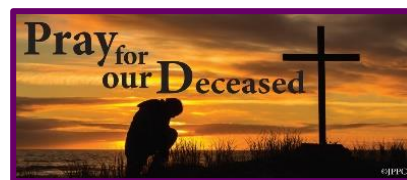
First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the Mass. Please note the change for next week, April 17. The Rosary will begin at 8:30 am in Saint Mark prior to the 9:00 am Mass due to the Patriot's Day holiday.

Abundant Hope

Did you know... In 2022, the licensed medical professionals at Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center provided over \$100,000 in FREE services, including pregnancy confirmation, ultrasound, and options consultation. Her health and safety is our top priority



Please Pray for our Deceased

John Bradley, Jr.

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest always in the loving arms of God.*

Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass *Wednesday, April 19*, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net with any questions.

Knights of Columbus March for Life

Please join the Knights of Columbus Assembly #398 for the Attleboro Area March for Life on Saturday, April 29th, at 5:00pm, at St. John's church in Attleboro. The March will follow a 2 mile loop.

5th Saturday Rosary

All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus meet to pray a decade of the Rosary on months that have 5 Saturdays. Saturday, April 29th, is the next 5th Saturday. Please join us at 8:30am, outside at the statue of Saint Mary in front of the rectory. In case of inclement weather, we may move inside to the former chapel.



Christmas Fair 2023 Update

Plans are underway for our November 25th Christmas Fair. We ask you to consider how you can participate in this event. At this time we are looking for volunteers for Chairpersons for the large basket raffle and the kitchen. Please note that the Chairperson for the kitchen must be Serve Safe Certified or have a volunteer with Serve Safe Certification available all day on Saturday, November 25th. In the coming weeks we will be asking for volunteers to help with set up, work day of Fair, make phone calls to winners, cleanup and other various duties. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

If you wish to volunteer, please call Colleen Buckley, Volunteer Coordinator, 508-455-8446 Please call Miles Miller 508-369-1349 or Karen Smith 508-212-7377 with any questions.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

Call for Assistance If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

*“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”
— John 20:29b*

Feast of Faith - The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church (58 Church Street) Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information. *What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor?* If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Ciryak after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

Building a Eucharistic Culture

If we want Eucharistic belief and practice to improve, we can't just talk about Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We have to build a Eucharistic culture in our homes, parishes, and lives. On Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30pm EST, join Dr. Tim O'Malley for free virtually to learn how.

Dr. O'Malley is a theologian, University of Notre Dame Theology Professor, USCCB Consultant, National Eucharistic Revival Executive Board Member, and author of "Becoming a Eucharistic People".



**Want to build
a Eucharistic
Culture?**

**Wednesday, April 19th
6:30 PM EST | Online**

Register for Free at:
<https://bit.ly/ReviveParish>

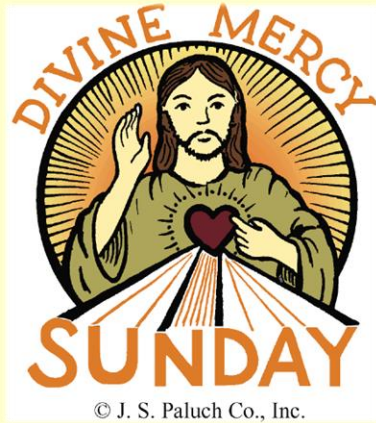
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Second Sunday of Easter *April 16, 2023*



First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever."

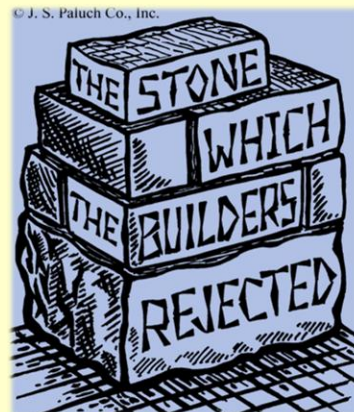
**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**



Second Reading

**A reading from the first
Letter of Saint Peter**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are they who have not seen me,
but still believe!*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

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.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and followed by a closing prayer.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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 three times:

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

Our Father

Hail Mary

The Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades

On each “Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray: 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.

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.

Concluding prayer (repeat three times)

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



<https://www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/>

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