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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 11, 2021

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553 ) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

## VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**APRIL 10 — 11, 2021**

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of Marion Miller —  
Birthday Remembrance  
request of the Family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of MaryAnn Sartor  
requested by Theresa Cicon

**9:15 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and Donald  
Sullivan  
requested by Patrick and Donald Sullivan

**11:00 A.M.** Mass offered for The Liebeskind Family living  
and deceased  
requested by Jeanette Liebeskind

**5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, APRIL 12 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13 — No MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of James Aufman  
request of The Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of Audrey Wentworth  
requested by St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

### Livestream Masses:

**From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich**

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

**Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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

Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /  
Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /  
Sunday 10 AM



### FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



### ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Gail, Renne, Joe.

Thank you, Mary Ann

### ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or

MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



The Fair Group is looking forward to having the **50<sup>th</sup> Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair** on Nov, 20, 2021. We are working on some new ideas plus the favorites we produce each year. We plan to have some work at home available

shortly and if you are interested please call us.

When we feel it is safe we will again gather at the Parish Center for some coffee and catch up on the past year and plan and work for the Fair 50<sup>th</sup> this year.

Our needs are wool material and yarn, cotton fabric, Christmas mugs, tea spoons, large sea shells and large pine cones, and of course our constant need for baby food jars.

We hope you are all well and able to get your COVID-19 Vaccine shots. We look forward to gathering again.

Dorli, Beth, and Sharon



### STEWARDSHIP

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

**Offertory: April 4 — \$3,426**

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful

^ Tear off

### Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend \_\_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## REFLECTIONS

**Drinkable water, please:** Anthony De Mello tells a story about some people who were on a raft off the coast of Brazil. They were perishing from thirst, for as you know, ocean water is undrinkable. What they did not know, however, was that the water they were floating on was fresh water. The Amazon River was coming out into the sea with such force that it went out for a couple of miles, so they had fresh water right there where they were. But they had no idea. "In the same way," says De Mello, "we're surrounded with joy, with happiness, with love of the kingdom of God in our midst. Most people," he concludes, "have no idea."

[Anthony De Mello, *Awareness* (New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc., 1992), p.26, Warner Press]

**Turning to John 20:24-29**, let us put ourselves into the Scripture, remembering we have all experienced "doubting-Thomas" moments.

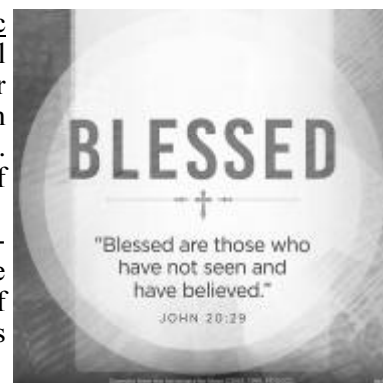
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

What is your *unless*? Unless Jesus removes this difficulty, fixes my finances, heals my loved one, eases my anxiety, or slows my aging, I will not believe. Where do you experience these Thomas moments when you so desperately want to believe but struggle to embrace what you cannot see? Moments when you are unable to rely on the witness of others to secure your heart in the truth.

"Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 153). A virtue of being certain without needing visible proof. One of the Cardinal Virtues, the others being hope and love. We know love is the greatest because when it is our time to stand before Jesus, we will no longer need faith or hope, but only love will remain. On this side of heaven, faith is essential, and God has provided each the exact amount they need. Our senses are engaged to help us see and believe through participation in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

"Blessed," according to the *Didache Bible* (Ignatius Press, p 1745), refers to ultimate happiness or a person in God's grace. We who believe are those of whom Jesus spoke. We are the blessed who do not see yet believe. What a glorious place to be — standing in the grace of God. To proclaim, my Lord and my God, as a true testament of faith. To no longer be faithless but believing.

Allison Gingras



## FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



Thank you to all who helped with the Easter food delivery for our Bolton families in

need. The families sent their thanks to all who donated food and money. We would like to thank **Shop Rite** for donating the meat. Cash donations were used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. Town employees and first responders made deliveries to limit COVID transmission.



## SAINT MAURICE PARISH COMMUNITY



M= Mass

E= Eucharistic Adoration

R= Rosary

C= Confession

Y= YOU Your commitment to your faith life

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

## Sung Chaplet of The Divine Mercy



Join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at 3pm**, for a sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This live event will be streamed from the Cathedral of Saint Patrick and can be viewed on the Diocesan website - [NorwichDiocese.org/Masses](http://NorwichDiocese.org/Masses) and on the Cathedral website - [CathedralofSaintPatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream](http://CathedralofSaintPatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream). Social distancing guidelines will be in effect for those wishing to attend in person.



## Catholic Charities needs your help!

Do to the enormous impact of Covid-19, we are quickly running out of resources to help all of those who come to us in need within the Diocese of Norwich. At this time, all locations are badly in need of toiletries. Items such as shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste etc. If you would like to donate any of these much needed care items, please contact one of our locations nearest you.

Norwich — 860-889-8346

New London — 860-443-5328

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"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:4



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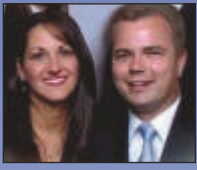
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