



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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**Safety Environment Notice:** Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Diocese of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct & confidential.) Claire Freda is St. Anna's Safety Environment Coordinator



**Fr. Carlos' Pill of Faith**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)**

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a day in which we remember the great love of God whose mercy is infinite and who gives us pardon and peace Just because we are his children.

Risen Jesus is the face of the mercy and love of God, Look at him, that loving face is the face of the mercy of God. Look at those wounded hands, they are the hands of the mercy of God. Look at those wounded feet, they are the feet of the mercy of God. Look at the open side of Jesus, healing light comes out of it, that is the radiant mercy of God.

The face of Jesus is the face of mercy, and where do we see that face, we contemplate that loving image not only in a picture, but also in the flesh, in the life and love of our brothers and sisters around us.

***“All who believed were together and had all things in common. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes”***

What a better way to celebrate and to enjoy the resurrection of Jesus and the new life he gives us than being together with all those we love. What a perfect way to enjoy the mercy of God knowing that there is a community of believers praying together. A community united in heart, prayer, and hope.

This great parish family shares all things in common, we love and support each other, we worry and pray specially for those in need, we brake the bread as Jesus commanded us, we live as followers of Christ.

It is in community that Jesus appears to us and says, ***“receive the Holy Spirit”***, It is in community that Jesus takes away our doubts and says here I am, see me, feel my presence, eat my body! It is in community that the mercy of God becomes real!

Let us give thanks to God for Collings us to be part of this Christian family and for allowing us to enjoy our lives and share our faith with all those who love what we love: Jesus our friend who is risen.

***And together, as a parish family, we say, Alleluia. Alleluia!***

# Parish News

**ST. ANNA PARISH— MASSES ONLINE!**

There are several ways to stay connected with Fr. Carlos and St. Anna Parish during this time.

**St. Anna Channel You Tube:** Subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMhGk1bMQl3jOOcyUIKy8Yw>

**St. Anna Parish Facebook:** Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/Stannaleominster/>

**St. Anna Parish Website:** Masses will be posted daily at [www.stannaparish.org](http://www.stannaparish.org). In addition, direct links to You Tube & Facebook are provided on the homepage in the upper right hand corner next to the search icon.



**ST. MATTHEW 25 FOOD PANTRY**

The St. Matthew 25 Food Pantry has been open and helping those in need through these difficult weeks. Food donations are greatly needed at this time. Food items may be left at the Derwin Street entrance to the Church. Monetary donations can be also mailed to the Rectory -- Attention St. Matthew 25 Society. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

Partners in Charity encompasses three specific areas in our Diocese: Charity, Education and Ministry. These vital ministries are staffed by people who act in the spirit of our 2020 patron ~ St. Oscar Romero. To make a donation online, visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Please make sure to specify St. Anna Parish so we receive the credit for the gift. Thank you!



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your support! During this time, we encourage you to donate online. It is a simple, easy process that can be set up for weekly or monthly donations and may be canceled at anytime. Visit [www.stannaparish.org](http://www.stannaparish.org).

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 2,817.00
EASTER COLLECTION	\$ 937.00
DONATION	\$ 1,000.00
GOOD FRIDAY, CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$ 247.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 415.00
CANDLES,, FUEL, FLOWERS	\$ 245.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,661.50</b>



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AND SR. FAUSTINA

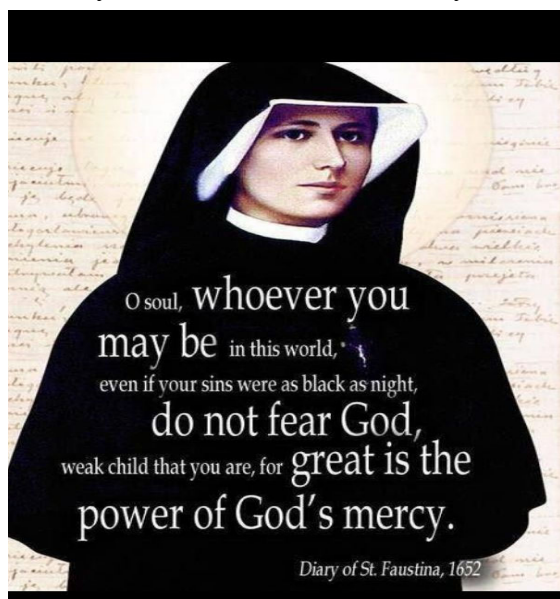
Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter and was established 17 years ago by Pope St. John Paul II. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that St. Maria Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounters with Jesus.

Maria Faustina Kowalska was born August 25, 1905 in Poland and is one of 10 children. She was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. She came from a poor family and had only three years of education, so she inherited the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden.

However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within them are God's loving message of Divine Mercy... "*Secretary of My most profound mystery*," the Lord Jesus said to Sr. Faustina, "*know that your task is to write down everything that I make known to you about My mercy, for the benefit of those who by reading these things will be comforted in their souls and will have the courage to approach Me.*" (Diary 1693)

Sr. Faustina eventually met Fr. Michał Sopoćko, who supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. They directed an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image, based on Faustina's vision of Jesus. Sopoćko used the image in celebrating the first Mass on the first Sunday after Easter.

Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000 and her remains rest at the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy in Krakow-Lagiewniki. During her canonization, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that henceforth the first Sunday after Easter "will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'" He named St. Faustina the "Apostle of Divine Mercy" and urged everyone to make her "beautiful exclamation your own, '*Jesus, I trust in you!*'"



## PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## ST. ANNA PARISH REMINDERS

- ⇒ The office is closed to the public. Please contact by calling the office or through email.
- ⇒ St. Anna School is closed through May 4th. There are no religious education classes through May 4th.
- ⇒ Adoration is postponed until further notice.
- ⇒ Confessions are by appointment only.
- ⇒ Funerals and other parish services or sacraments such as weddings or baptisms are limited to the immediate family no more than 15 or 20 people.
- ⇒ The parish is open for personal private prayer from **8am—3:00pm** every day. Please note the time change.

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RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE FOR  
INTERNET AND  
FOOD SUPPORT

- FREE INTERNET FROM COMCAST  
FOR 60 DAYS - JUST FILL OUT APPLICATION! GO TO:  
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- PROJECT BREAD FOODSOURCE  
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GO TO  
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