

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 19, 2020

Believe


that you
may have life

Vigil - Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM - Memorial - Rita R. McCoy

Sunday, April 19 - Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary - John Roperti

11:30 AM - 5th Anniversary - Franco Sordoni

5:30 PM -

Monday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - Birthday Memorial - William McCarthy

Tuesday, April 21 - Saint Anselm

7:00 AM - Memorial - Luigi La Prova & Philip La Vorgno

Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - 48th Anniversary - Farrell Sylvester

Thursday, April 23 - Saint George & Saint Adalbert

7:00 AM -

Friday, April 24 - Saint Fidelis

7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial - Margaret M. Kerwick

5:30 PM - 10th Anniversary - Gloria A. Rao

Saturday, April 25 - Saint Mark

8:00 AM -

Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM - Memorial - Joseph & Eva Iacchei

Sunday, April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - 18th Anniversary - David Matteo

11:30 AM - Memorial - Charles Asti

5:30 PM - 17th Anniversary - Marjorie Primeau

Prayer for Healing from Coronavirus

Pope Francis



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Augustine Church-



On behalf of Father Brice, Sister Dorothy and our Parish and School Faculty and Staff, I extend to you and your families a holy and joyful Easter Sunday and a blessed Easter season. As we sing our *Alleluias*, may we share with others the gift of new life that we have received as we live a Resurrection Faith.

Father Forcier

*Our Burdens Are Light
When We Live a Resurrection Faith
1 Peter 1:3-9*

New words broke out of the silence of Holy Saturday and touched the hearts and minds of those who had known and loved Jesus.

He has Risen! He has Risen indeed!

They were not shouted from rooftops or carried around the city on big placards. They were whispered from ear to ear as an intimate message that could be truly heard and understood only by a heart that had been yearning for the coming of the Kingdom and had recognized its first signs in the words and deeds of the man from Nazareth.

All is different and yet all is the same.

Those who say “Yes” to the news that is whispered through the ages and from one end of the world to the other are changed. Trees are still trees, rivers are still rivers, mountains are still mountains, and people in their hearts are still able to choose between love and fear.

But all has been lifted up in the risen body of Jesus and placed at the right hand of God the Father.

The prodigal Son is placed in the loving embrace of the Father; the true heir has been given the best robe...Jew and Gentile are invited to the same table.

All is the same yet all is made new.

As we live our lives with a Resurrection Faith, our burdens become light and our yokes easy because

We have found rest in the gentle and humble heart of Jesus that belongs for all eternity to God.



**Way of the Cross Meditations
Henry J.M. Nouwen**



We ARE an Easter people! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better still, as one “great Sunday”. With Easter Sunday, we begin fifty days of rejoicing. During this time, the newly baptized continue to learn about the new life they have embraced. In the process, all of us are called to reflect on the meaning of our baptism and on what living the baptized life looks like. What does it mean to live the resurrected life of Christ? What does it mean to be Church? How do we live life now that we have died with Christ and have been raised with him?

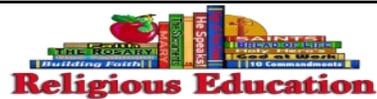
The readings of the Easter Sundays offer the opportunity for such spiritual reflection. The first readings of these Sundays are from the Acts of the Apostles (as they are every year), the second readings are from the Letter of Saint Peter and the Gospels are from St. John. The readings from Acts give us a picture of the life in the early Church, as the apostles began preaching the good news of the resurrection, encountering both joyful welcome and opposition. We hear of powerful, unexpected conversions and of Peter, Philip and others carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond Jerusalem. The readings from St. Peter invite us to experience the effects of participating in the newness. The Gospels from St. John present us with a Jesus who has been Lord from the start of time. St. John uses many metaphors to help understand our relationship with the Lord - the Good Shepherd, the true vine and the Bread of Life are important images in St. John’s Gospel.

These readings offer not only the newly baptized, but all of us, the chance to reflect on the meaning and shape of our life of faith together. Like the early Church, we are a people shaped by the resurrection, a people called to share our joy and Good News with others, a people freed from sin and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, a people who constantly give thank for all of God’s gifts, a people who have risen from the font of baptism to a whole new way of life. In other words.....**We ARE an Easter people!**



Pregnant? Need Help? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is declaring a year of service called “Walking with Moms in Need.” This is the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence’s special ministry called “St. Gabriel’s Call.”

The Diocese has seven locations that reach out to help moms, families and babies during and beyond pregnancy. Our help is free and confidential! For information regarding our pastoral outreach services and locations, contact Carol Owens at 278-2518.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, BIBLE & RCIA CLASSES

Due to the Coronavirus, all classes are cancelled until further notice.

How to Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020



During the Mass of canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, the Year of the Great Jubilee, Pope John Paul II proclaimed: “It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.” The readings on that Sunday are about

God’s Mercy, trust and forgiveness. By the words, “the whole message,” the Holy Father was referring to the strict connection between the “Easter Mystery of the Redemption”- the suffering, death, burial, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit – and this Feast of Divine Mercy, on the Octave Day of Easter.”

This message was clarified by the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina

We are to prepare with a nine-day Novena beginning **Good Friday**. We are to be purified by the “tribunal of Mercy”, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). We are to venerate the sacred image of the merciful Savior by gazing upon it as a reminder to trust Jesus and be merciful. We are to perform some works of mercy to others.

We are to seal and ratify the covenant of mercy by receiving Holy Communion.

How are we to remember the message of God’s Mercy?

By the ABC’s: **ASK** for his Mercy

BE merciful

COMPLETELY trust in Jesus

Come and experience this day of new purification and new beginnings. *Lord, In Your Mercy!*



Friends, Fun and Adventure - Summer 2020

Mother of Hope Camp is a traditional, day camp on beautiful Echo Lake in Chepachet sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Providence and accredited by the American Camping Association. Mother of Hope Camp welcomes young people of all backgrounds and faiths and provides them with opportunities to grow socially, physically and spiritually in a Catholic community under the guidance of a professional and caring staff. For more information call 401-568-3580 or visit www.motherofhopecamp.com