

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2020



**DID NOT OUR HEARTS  
BURN WITHIN US?**



**Dear Parishioners**

An Easter Letter  
from St. Damien of Moloka'i

### Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM - Memorial - Rita R. McCoy

### 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

### Monday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - Birthday Memorial - Anna G. Procaccini

### Tuesday, April 28 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - Easter Remembrance - Louie & Fanny Rossi

### Wednesday, April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM -

### Thursday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - 24th Anniversary - Andrew J. Morrisroe

### Friday, May 1 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - 25th Anniversary - Ezekiel Martinelli

5:30 PM - 29th Anniversary - Evelyn Pollard

### Saturday, May 2 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - 20th Anniversary - Gary Mosovitz

### Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM -

### Sunday, May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - 5th Anniversary - Joseph Morrissey

11:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary - John Wassman

5:30 PM - 17th Anniversary - Rocco Vernile

### 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.

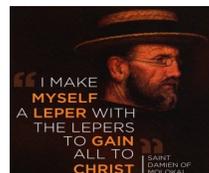
My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you ever look back at where you came from and marvel at the power of God to move your life? Imagine me, a child of a Belgian corn merchant, the fourth of seven called to serve God through religious life. I wanted to be a missionary priest, but when I joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, my superiors thought I wasn't educated enough for the priesthood. Eventually they changed their minds and sent me to the Kingdom of Hawaii, where I was ordained in 1864.

The kingdom was suffering a public health crisis. Many natives contracted diseases brought by outsiders. One of these was leprosy. Not much had changed since the time of Jesus - people afflicted with this disease were forced to live apart from the community. The government set up quarantine colonies on the island of Moloka'i. They provided food and clothing but at first were unable to send medical personnel. My bishop knew they needed someone to see to their spiritual needs too. In 1873, I volunteered to go.

For sixteen years, I was privileged to serve the residents of Moloka'i. I was their pastor, but I also dressed their wounds, built homes and furniture for them, even built coffins and dug graves. I did what holy men and women through the ages have done, what Jesus himself did. When Jesus saw a man suffering from leprosy, he did not hold him at a distance; he stretched out his hand to touch and heal.

In your time too, there are those held at arm's length by society. If you choose to answer the Christian call to serve, you may meet criticism or resistance. But someone must step in to serve those whose circumstances, illnesses and conditions are feared, for they too bear the face of Christ. What God did through me can also be done through you.



In Christ,

Damien of Moloka'i

*Saint Damien of Moloka'i, born Jozef de Veuster in 1840 in Belgium, succumbed to leprosy but only after a whirlwind of activity that ensured his work would outlive him. He served as an inspiration to notables as diverse as Robert Louis Stevenson, Mahatma Gandhi and President Obama, and is the official patron of those suffering from AIDS.*

**Father Forcier**

**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 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*

**Saint Augustine Church Schedule**

Our church is open for private prayer from  
9 AM to 4 PM daily.

(The church will be closed when the Mass is  
being live-streamed)

Mass will be live-streamed Monday - Saturday at 8 AM  
and Sunday at 10 AM on YouTube and Facebook

Visit the parish website at

[www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.com](http://www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.com) for links.

Confessions will continue to be offered  
from 4 PM to 5 PM on Saturdays.

Be assured that all Masses for you and all scheduled  
intentions will be offered privately by Fr. Brice or Fr.  
Forcier in their daily celebration of Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Wednesday, 9 AM to 4 PM

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we  
pray together, in hope and peace, during these times  
of uncertainty.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,  
BIBLE & RCIA CLASSES**

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

**Daily Readings - Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**Monday**

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**First Friday**

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial,  
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Mt 13:54-58

**First Saturday**

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

RECOGNIZE  
JESUS  
IN THE  
BREAKING  
OF THE  
BREAD



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 26, 2020**

“With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to one another ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’ So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying ‘The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon.’ A beautiful book entitled ‘Walking with Jesus’ consists of the teachings of Pope Francis. It covers a wide variety of topics, enabling the reader to listen, learn and find Jesus present in so many ways today.

The walk of the two disciples to Emmaus was so special. Cleopas, was named by Luke, and perhaps I am the second person, now joined by Jesus. He continues to accompany us, but sometimes our eyes are closed or we are unable to recognize Him. He walks with us as we meet the poor. He talks with us, as we listen to the hurts of victims of injustice. He calls us to remedy unjust conditions as racism, xenophobia or discrimination.

My task today is to open my eyes to the reality of my world. Where can I find the Lord and how do I treat Him? The bottom line for those who were walking is that He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. He reveals Himself to us today in the same action of the Eucharist. ‘Lord I want to see.’



**Mother of Hope Camp**

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](http://www.motherofhopecamp.com)