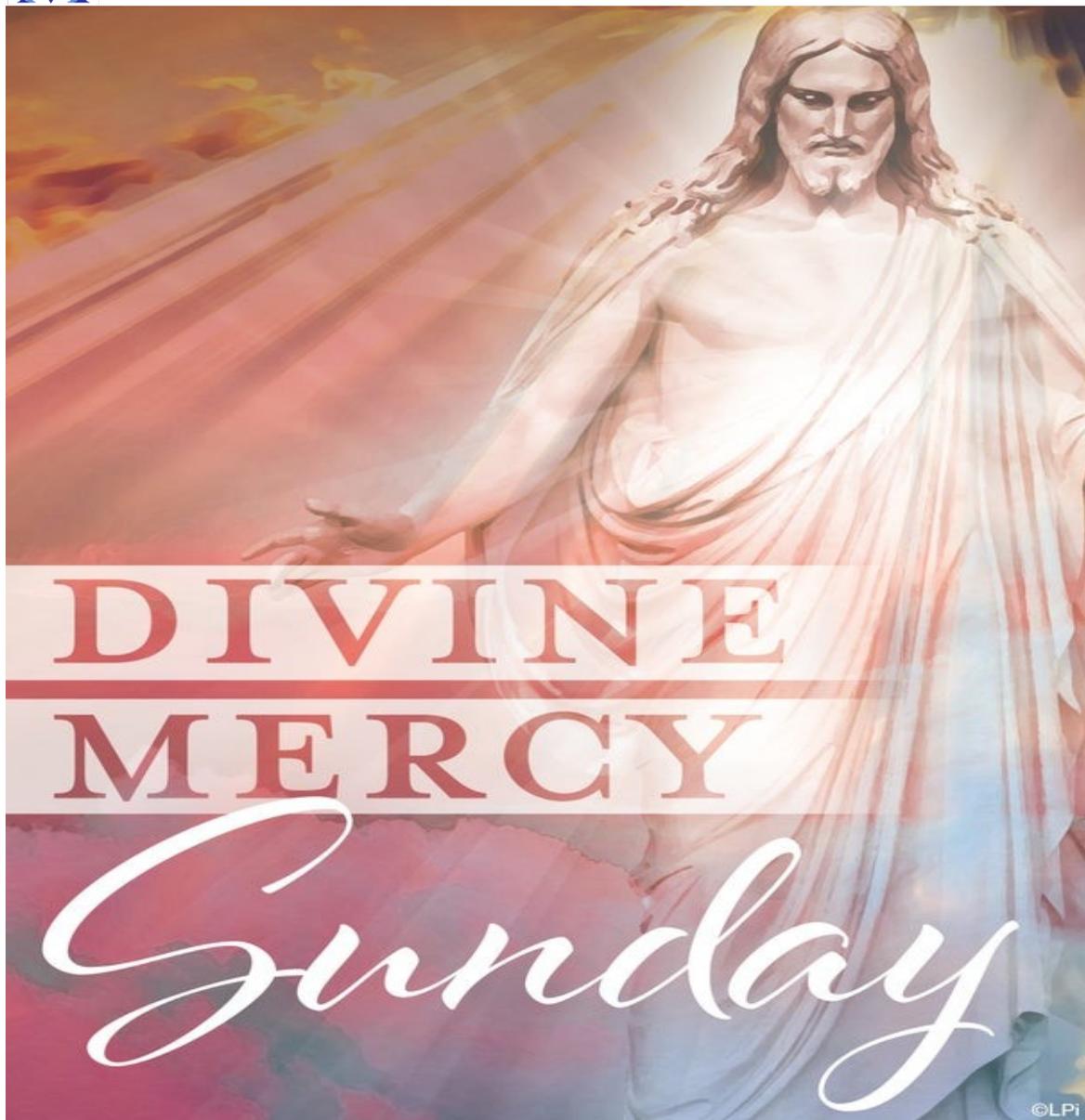




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Mass Schedule and Intentions

4/12: Malta - To Be Announced

4/13: Malta - 5:30 PM: Marilyn Metz ^{r/b} Julie & Gary Howell

4/14: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Ulrich Family ^{r/b} Lana Fortin

4/15: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Bill Bennatt and Travis ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/16: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose Myrtle, Fred & Wanda LaFond ^{r/b} Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/17: Malta - 4:00 P.M.: Tom Morrow ^{r/b} Julie & Gary Howell

4/18: Saco - 8:30 AM: Repose of Bill & Tina Marks ^{r/b} Helen DePuydt

Malta - 10:30 A.M.: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Tom Morrow ^{r/b} Julie & Gary Howell

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



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Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

4/11: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; John 5:1-6; John 20:19-3

4/12: Monday in the Octave of Easter; Acts 4:23-31; Psalms 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

4/13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr; Acts 4:32-37; Psalms 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15

4/14: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter; Acts 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

4/15: Tax Day; Acts 5:27-33; Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-20; John 3:31-36

4/16: Friday in the Octave of Easter; Acts 5:34-42; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

4/17: Saturday in the Octave of Easter; Acts 6:1-7; Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

4/18: 3rd Sunday of Easter; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Weir Family, Our Lady of Lourdes family, Merlyn Metz, Lary Poulton, Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Mikey Nevriy, Paul Kunze, Dale Bruckner, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

***There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers* 301-0936, 654-1311**

Pope Francis' Intention

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Fr. Felix

EASTER II [B] DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Act 4: 32- 35, I Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, the themes of today's liturgy are God's mercy, the necessity of Faith and our need for God's forgiveness.

Today's first reading gives us a summary of the life of the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans began their persecutions. The early Christians were so filled with the Holy Spirit that "no one claimed any of his possessions as his/her own." Rather, they "distributed to each according to his/her need." It was a community which practiced the sharing love, compassion and mercy taught by Jesus. It was a witnessing community of "one heart and one mind," bearing the continued presence of the Risen Lord in their hearts, lives and deeds. We also learn that the early Christian community derived its strength from community prayer, from "the Breaking of the Bread" and from listening to the teaching of the apostles. This passage implies that the Christian community was assuming the nature of a family and beginning to overcome distinctions based on wealth. Thus the first reading from Acts, calls our attention to the corporal works of mercy.

The second reading focuses on both

corporal and spiritual works of mercy. John urges our obedience to the commandments given by God, especially the commandment of love as clarified by Jesus. Loving others as Jesus loves us demands that we treat others with his mercy and compassion. John reminds us that everyone who claims to love God, especially those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, has to love the others whom God has begotten. We are to conquer the world by putting our faith in Jesus and in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, two sacraments of Divine Mercy that Jesus instituted. The "water" refers to Jesus' baptism, at the beginning of his ministry. The "blood" refers to Jesus' bloody death at the end of his ministry. Both refer to the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.

The first part of today's Gospel describes how Jesus entrusted to his apostles his mission of preaching the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation. The Risen Lord gives the apostles the authority to forgive sins in His Name. He gives the apostles the power of imparting God's mercy and forgiveness to the repentant sinner. The reading teaches us that

Jesus uses the Church as the earthly means of continuing His mission. It also teaches us that the Church needs Jesus as its source of power and authority, and it becomes Christ's true messenger only when it sincerely loves and obeys Him. In the liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God for centuries through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Gospel also reminds us that the clearest way of expressing our belief in the Risen Jesus is our own forgiveness of others. Unless we forgive others, our celebration of the Eucharist is just an exercise in liturgical rubrics.

The second part of the Gospel presents the fearless apostle, St. Thomas, in his uncompromising honesty, demanding a personal vision and physical contact with the risen Jesus as a condition for his belief. This should serve as a warn-

ing to us. It is difficult for us to believe when we do not strengthen ourselves with the fellowship of other believers. When the Lord appeared to St. Thomas, He said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed." Modern Christians, who are no longer able to "see" Jesus with their eyes, must believe what they hear. That is why St. Paul reminds us that "Faith comes from hearing" (Rom 10:17).

Let us pray for the grace that we accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice God's mercy and confess Jesus as "my Lord and my God", Amen.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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 imperfec-

tions 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.

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Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



Hosanna!

Sacrificial Giving for 4-4-2028

	4-4	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$2,316.00	\$3,879.78	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$415.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$416.00	\$470.96	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday Morning. Thanks!

- **Youth Retreat....**There will be a Catholic High school youth retreat on April 24th & 25th. The retreat will conclude with the Youth Mass on Sunday the 25th.
- **Mother's Day** is Sunday May 9th
- **Confirmation—1st Communion.....**Mass will be on Saturday May 15th at 4:00 p.m. with a reception following
- **Congratulations to Fr. Felix on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination**
- **Thank you** to all those who brought Easter Lilies to decorate our beautiful church for the Easter Celebration. You are truly appreciated. Thank you also to those who helped decorate for Easter and through the Holy Week. All your time and effort make for a prayerful and joyous experience.
- There is a list of groceries in the back of the church that are needed for the teen retreat that will be held April 24th/25th. If you would like to help with this, just buy what you want and cross it off the list and put your donation in the church kitchen. Questions call Cheryl Moore 654-4873. Thank you in advance.

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The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Easter prayer Regina Coeli (“Queen of Heaven” in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord’s resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary (pictured in her Coronation at left). Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century.

The Regina Coeli is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart.

Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.





2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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." - Jn 20:27