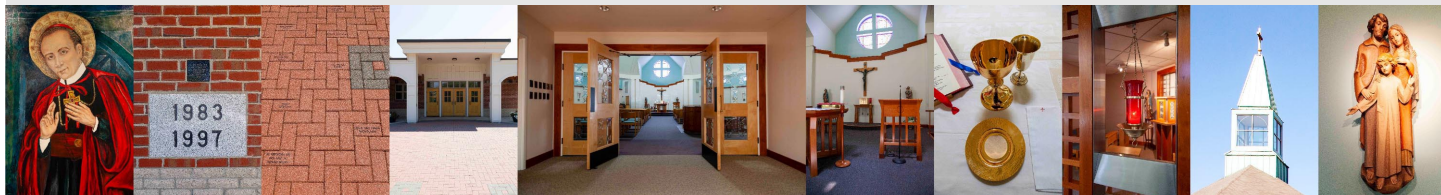


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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 11, 2021

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Outdoor) ..... 4:00 PM  
Saturday (Anticipatory) ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00 AM  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM  
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) .... 6:00 PM  
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) ..... 12:15 PM

### CONFESSION

Sunday ..... 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

### BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

### VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

## BLOOD AND WATER

Go and learn the meaning of the words, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." —Mt 9:13

The following are excerpts from Misericors et Miserator [Lt., *Merciful and Compassionate*], the formal decree issued May 5, 2000 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which established the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday".



SANCTUARY OF DIVINE MERCY  
Vilnius, Lithuania

### It Is God's Mercy That Grants Supernatural Sorrow and Resolution to Amend

INDEED, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the



"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!"

Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (Lk 15:18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15:32).

#### Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, "Divine Mercy Sunday."

On April 20, 2000—the occasion of the canonization of Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938), a Polish nun—, Pope St John Paul II (d. 2005) announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be observed as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The following are excerpts from the Holy Father's homily. Italics added.

BEFORE saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you . . . Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20: 21-23), Jesus points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart. From that heart Sister Faustina Kowalska, the blessed—whom from now on we will call a saint—will see two rays of light shining and illuminating the world. "The two rays," Jesus himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water."

*Blood and water!* We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. John 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified," Jesus will ask Sr Faustina. Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name," understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. *It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.*

[The Second Sunday of Easter] from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Matthew 5:7)." He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

His message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man. This is how Sr Faustina saw him and proclaimed him to people on all the continents when, hidden in her convent at Łagiewniki in Kraków, she made her life a hymn to mercy: *Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo.*

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 11 (Sat), 7:30 PM	Rick Boucher (by family); Ginny Early - LIVING INTENTION (req. by friends)
Apr 12 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
Apr 12, 10:00 AM	Fran Provost (req. by Donna Lorman); Margaret Long (req. by Dan Long)

Apr 12, 6:00 PM Joseph Krynski (5th Anniv., req. by family)

Apr 13 (Mon), 12:15 AM Stephen Long (req. by family)

Apr 14 (Wed), 12:15 PM Stephen Long (req. by family)

Apr 15 (Thu), 12:15 PM Ernest Hayfield (req. by Vaneck family)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Apr 11, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM | Mass  
 10:00 AM | Mass  
 4:00 PM | Confessions (until 5:30 PM)  
 6:00 PM | Mass

#### Apr 12, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass  
 7:00 PM | KofC (meets online)

#### Apr 13, \*TUESDAY (ELECTION DAY)

7:00 AM-7:00 PM | Town, School & Special Election

#### Apr 14, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing  
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass

#### Apr 15, THURSDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

#### Apr 16, FRIDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

11 Apr, 2:00 PM

The parish will host a DIVINE MERCY celebration today—11 April—beginning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the DIVINE MERCY image from 2:00 to 3:00 PM with the opportunity for Confession. The DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be sung at 3:00 PM.

From Saint [Sister] Faustina's Diary #699:

"Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."



THANKS to all who helped prepare the Church and Parish Hall for the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses. THANKS, too, to all those who participated in the Holy Week liturgies: the musicians, the choir members, the ministers, and the altar servers!

### RICE BOWLS

If you haven't had the opportunity to return your Rice Bowl, please do so as soon as possible.

### — NOTICE —

We are moving the live stream of the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass from FACEBOOK to YOUTUBE. The new link is posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/112258683764613/live>  
<https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh>  
<https://sjnnh.org>

The 12:15 PM Daily Mass (M, W-F) will still be posted to our FACEBOOK page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh>

### CCNH ANNUAL APPEAL

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. —(Mt 25:40)

Next weekend—Apr 17/18—Catholic Charities NH (CCNH) comes to our parish to solicit our financial support. COVID precautions did not allow for the appeal in 2020.

Your financial support helps Catholic Charities provide support and services for those most in need. 8.2% NH residents live in poverty. 1-in-5 NH children are growing up in low-income households. You can change everything by supporting the CCNH Annual Appeal. A sampling of what CCNH offers: COUNSELING SERVICES: Individual, couples' and family counseling that helps people increase their self-esteem and strengthen skills that build and sustain healthy relationships and healthy families. PARISH & COMMUNITY SERVICES: Strengthening communities and bringing people together to move lives forward. Services include case management, education, support groups and emergency assistance. OUR PLACE: Empowering young

parents to make positive changes in their lives for the benefit of their children, their families and themselves.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Donations for Easter Flower were made in memory of:**

Joan and Anna Oleksa, George Ritz, Jennie Pinelle, Ann McCann, Eugene and Albertine Martin, Paul Martin, Paul and Alice Lowney, Russell and Edna Durkee, Durkee and Lowney Family, Dr. William Doherty, Dean Doherty, Edwin Lemire, Julia Lemire, Roger Lemire, The Kelly Family, Joe Cafaro, Jack Meltzer, Chuck Yorum, Jeryl Bacon, Theresa Klumpp, Roy Klumpp, Billy Howell, Clifford Wagner, Pauline Nadeau, Cafaro Family, Kobak Family, Chuck Yorum, Michaela McLaughlin, Janet Wadlleigh, Elizabeth Hether, Fr. Bernie Carger, George A. Ritz, May Jane Ritz, Jennie Pinelle, McKee and Fagan Families, Lucille DuBois, Joseph DuBois, Catherine Chaisson, Peter Chaisson, Earl G. Stimson, Irene and Vic Fournier, George A. Ritz, The Syseskey Family, The Krysiak Family, Margaret Elizabeth Watson, Elizabeth Anne Hannan, Michael Mercier, Mr. and Mrs. Joesph Wezalis, Mr. and Mrs. Max Miosek, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wezalis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riesel, Cyra Valdez, Victor Fuentes, Jean Gelinas, Brigida Quintero, Carlos Mulino, Beatrice Lampin, Thomas Mercier, Lawrence Fletcher, Elizabeth and Roger Barney, Hanna Wojcicki, Stefan Wojcicki, Michal 'Pluta, Mietek Pluta, Lew Shack Ford, Lurena Lemery, Raymond Lemery, Roland and Carmel Arsenault, Lucie Berntsen, Mary McCann, Michael McCann, Sister Marion Patrick, Sister Joseph Gertrude, Sister Maria George, Richard K. Allen, The Luke family, Silveira Family, Michaela McLaughlin, Jeanne Strouse, Pat Ally, GGPa Ritz, Joan B. Greene, John J. Greene, James H. Bowyer, Fr. B. Carges, Claire Kling, Grace Ward, Edmund Kling, Syseskey/Krysiak Families, Alice and Joe Giordano, The Eno and Charbonneau Families, Michaela McLaughlin, Larry Hardy, Rainy Lill, Larry and Mary Boudreau and In Honor of Mike for his help; Buskey Family, Healy Family, Justus Family, Robert W. Kubiak, Dorothy J. Bowser, Catherine Shea; Robert W. Kubiak, Dorothy J. Bowser, Kenneth and Barbara Davis, Patrick and Leona Guercio, Dick Boucher, Rick Boucher, Al and Sophie Zewski, Ray and Lorraine Trombley, Eric Faucher, Deb Cyr, Simon Mardall, Faucher Family, Mardall Family, Buskey Family, Healy Family, Justus Family; Catherine Shea, Joseph Thomas, John and Florence Neuzil and Matt Harris; Emile and Rita Bernard, Francis X. Cote,

Robert and Louise Flynn.



V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
R/. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.

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