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April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:29

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, April 17

7:00 AM† Sal Chappa (4th Anniversary)
5:30 PM Intentions of the Michael Sweeney Family

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 AM† Mr. & Mrs. Jim Farrington, Sr & the Deceased
Members of the Farrington Family
5:30 PM† Hernando Diaz

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 AM† Kazimiera Grzybowska
5:30 PM† Andrew Caruso

Thursday, April 20

7:00 AM† Rev. Edward A. Colohan
5:30 PM Birthday Intentions for Marina Gallo

Friday, April 21

7:00 AM† Elaine Sheehan
5:30 PM† Intentions of Catherine Perez

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 22

8:00 PM† John Dominick

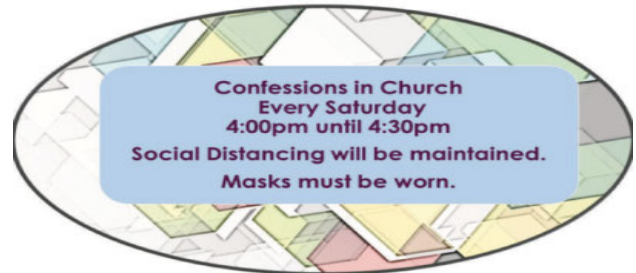
Celebrant
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, April 23

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM† Robert LeBlanc, Sr. Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM† Giovanna Testa Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM† Alice Comas Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer for the for Holy Day, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.



Banns of Marriage

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Catherine McQuade & Rex Tavello

Amen

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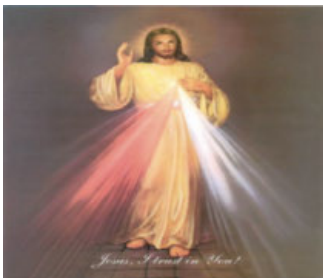
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TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16 Fr. Mirek will have an hour of prayer and devotions in Church at 3:00 pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

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Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.



**ADORATION
MONDAY NIGHT
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**One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal
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If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop’s Appeal this year:

- Make an automatic monthly recurring gift until you inform the Diocese to adjust or discontinue.
- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
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To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

We have raised 61 gifts worth \$17,456 bringing our parish to 27.80% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged!



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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A
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For more information, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org



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Saturday, April 22nd, 9:30-12:30**

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Guest speaker, Fran Fraleigh Karpiej, OFS, will share her testimony and lifelong ministry and devotion to God. For more information, please call Carol Flynn 203-775-3875 or email magnificatthmi@gmail.com. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



*A quote from The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska:
Divine Mercy in My Soul*

Today the Lord said to me, 'Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennoble it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul.

When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust.

If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls."
(1602, page 568)



The American Legion Post 12 of Norwalk, CT would like to honor all of our Veterans at the Annual Norwalk Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. Come ride in the parade with us! If you would like further information, please call Liz at (203) 816-0005.

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Prayer Requests!

Please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry. Call Sue Wegiel at (203) 838-4088 with your prayer request or email her at wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. **To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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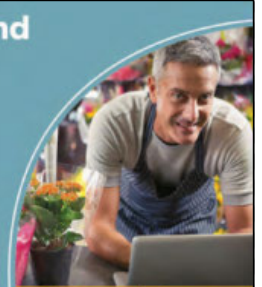
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