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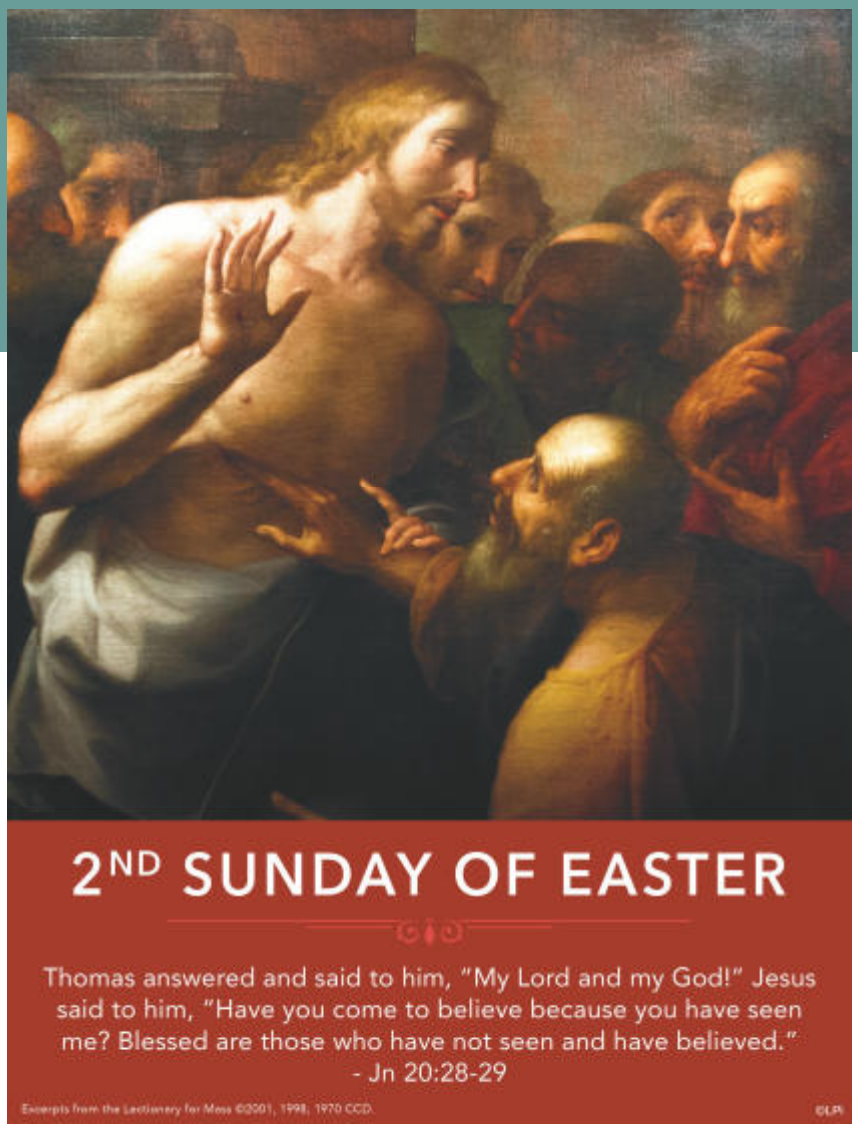

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SATURDAY 4 PM &
SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DAILY MASSES
Mon, Tues, & Wed.– noon

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER
Mon —Thurs. 9:00 am– noon

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By appointment only

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Parish Mission:

We, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church, affirm our love for and devotion to Jesus Christ.
By inviting all to participate, we seek to foster a sense of family.
Through Jesus' love and example, we serve those in need with our time, talents, and resources.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: The Parish welcomes you and encourages your participation in its liturgy and social activities as a parishioner. All Parishioners are asked to be registered with the parish by completing a census form and to use the envelope collection system or to give on-line. Registration is the only way of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the parish clergy.

PRAYER INTENTION– April

Universal 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.

This week the Sanctuary Candle Intention is for:

Rose Bria Pelliccione
Requested by: Family

(Please call the office, until further notice, if you wish to dedicate the sanctuary candle for someone)

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*	
4:00 pm	Fay, Sjovall, Tulipani Families; Req. by: Family
SUNDAY	
8:30 am	John Franklin Shulga; Req.by: Family
10:30 am	Margaret "Peg" Slocum; Req. by: Family
MONDAY	
NOON	Mario Rodrigues; Req. by: Ilda Rodrigues
TUESDAY—*St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr*	
NOON	Healing of Chloe LaBissoniere & Josiah Selton; Req. by: Family
WEDNESDAY	
NOON	The intentions of our Home bound Parishioners
SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*	
4:00 pm	Alexander Medina; Req. by: Francesca Iuliano
SUNDAY	
8:30 am	
10:30 am	Joaquin Ayala III; Req. by: A Friend

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Remember in Your Prayers- Those affected by this pandemic in any way...and the following:

Arlene Succi
Amy Doyle
Henry Breindel
Corinne Sommo
Edward Fenton
Erin Brady
Edward Borrelli
Louise Raccio
Aurele Poulin
Amy Rutolo
Marilyn Dering
Richard Ludington
Tracy Sommo Blum
Anne Singer-Miller
Special Healing Intention
Donald Gervais Jr.
Carl Rodenhizer
Gerda Leveille
Amy A.
Kimberly Cerasale
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Andrew I.
Leo Perry
Lynn Maroney
Erin Giammattei
C & J
F. & D. Kelly
Stephen & Donna Yatcko
Readey Family
Special Intention
James T. Cullen
Lee Sullivan
Concetta Polito & Family
Helen Dudek
Andrew Cappola
Brian & Doris Morris
Ed Cunniff
Daniel Amato
Jessica Cleveland
Dennis Deloughery
George Grillo
Rosemary Neubig
Lou Bell
Debbie Francis
Barbara Joganich
Cecile Jumokas
Jean-Luc Desautels
& All Our Homebound

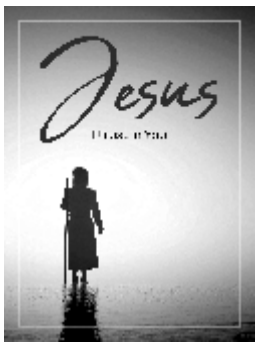
POINTS TO PONDER & NEWS

GOSPEL MEDITATION - **April 11, 2021**
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 imperfections 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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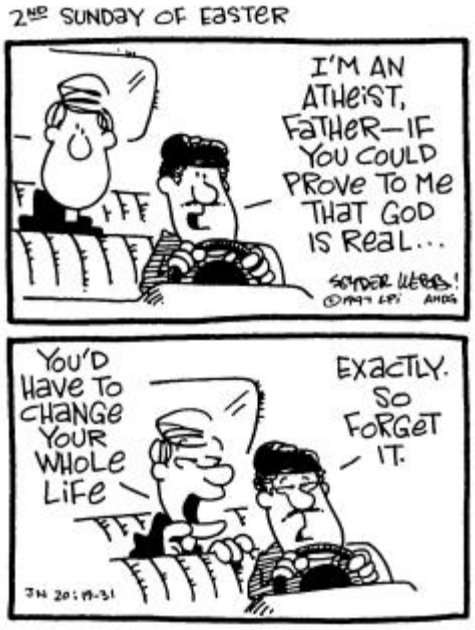
What’s Happening This Week

MONDAY, APR. 12TH—THURSDAY, APR. 16TH

9 am—noon, Church is open for Private Prayer @ OLoF



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.” Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last Weekend’s Collection

Given by check or cash	$ 8, 744.00
Given online	$ 2, 185.00
Total	$ 10, 929.00

Budgeted weekly offering per week: $6, 470.00

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. … Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
https://catholiccurrent.org/prayers/praying-the-divine-mercy-chaplet/

In 1982, President Reagan proclaimed April to be the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and that tradition continues today.

Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person.

The protection of children is *the responsibility of the entire Church,* including the faithful.
The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal.
This April, take a moment to learn what you can do to prevent abuse here
https://www.usccb.org/committees/protection-children-young-people

The Pinwheel is the national symbol of child abuse prevention efforts. It represents the innocence, joy and fun which should be the experience of all children. Planting Pinwheels displays our support for protecting all of God's children from any kind of harm. **Check out our pinwheel garden at www.olofatimareled.com**

God trusts you

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of parenting? Sometimes it can feel as if we aren't up to the task of doing the job right and if we had to do it alone, we might not be.

Fortunately, God never intended to leave us on our own. When he gives us a child, he stays with us and guides us. *If he didn't trust us, he wouldn't have chosen us in the first place.*

Partners in FAITH

Easter returns each Sunday

Easter morning comes after six weeks of darkness and sacrifice. In fact, the joy of Easter is meant to last throughout the year. "Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death" (Dies Domini, Pope John Paul II). Try these ideas to celebrate Easter each week:

Make ready for Sunday. Acknowledging sin isn't comfortable, but it is essential in order to experience the joy of Easter. Turn Fridays into penitential days in your home during which you work to eliminate whatever keeps you from being best friends with God. Share meatless meals, fast from television or video games, spend quiet time together.

Rejoice in reconciliation. Jesus knew that while our intentions may be good, our resolve isn't always perfect. That's why he created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take your family to Confession regularly. Your children will learn that God is always ready to forgive.

Rejoice in the Resurrection. Before you participate in Sunday Mass, read the gospel selection out loud so that everyone is familiar with it. Talk about what the priest will do, the hymns you like to sing, or ask which prayers your children like best. This helps all of you to experience Mass, not just witness it. Easter returns every Sunday. ***Don't miss it.***

All scholarship applications are available at the Religious Education Office and area high school guidance departments.

All scholarship applications are due in the Religious Education Office by 12 noon Friday, April 16, 2021.

NEWS & EVENTS

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited April 11th @ 3pm in Most Holy Trinity Church.

All are invited to join in this special prayer.

In these trying times, the need of our sur-rounding community grows and the assis-tance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider giving to the Appeal Go to https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ to learn more.

All funds contributed to the AAA are used exclusively for the purpose outlined in the appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/
No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

"The Word Among Us " booklets are available at the entrances of the church until supplies last for the month of May.

If you would like to help defray the cost of the book please put …$3.00 in the provided envelope in the collection basket.
Thank you

Scholarships for entry into College and Catholic High School- applications are available on our parish website look for the Knights of Columbus icon.

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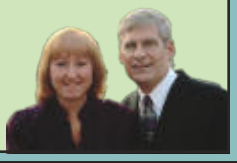

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