



# His love is everlasting.

PSALM 118

### Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God,  
who in your great mercy hear our prayer, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, we plead to you  
to send out laborers for your harvest. In your mercy, open the hearts of your servants whom you call to the  
priesthood to hear and respond. In your mercy, open our hearts that we may become a community that  
fosters greater vocations through our prayers and open support of those whom you call. Through Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## Divine Mercy Sunday St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Adoration Schedule

**Outside:** Monday's after 12PM Mass,  
Wednesday after 6:30PM Mass.

**Window:** Friday Night's from 8:30 PM ~ 9:30  
PM.

Confessions are available at the end of each of these  
times of adoration or by Appointment.

Come adore from your vehicles, all are welcome.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times ~ Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 5:30 PM  
(4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Outdoor Mass from the rectory garage will take  
place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at  
**Noon** and Wednesday at 6:30pm (**WEATHER  
DEPENDENT!**)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM ~ 12 Noon (The office is still closed to public but staff is working and available to  
answer your call.)

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## Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead



### Saturday, April 10

4:00pm Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

### Sunday, April 11

8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving for St. Jude  
10:30am Rachel Peters ~ Birthday Memorial  
Maureen Wilkie ~ Memorial  
Walter LaRose ~ Memorial

5:30pm

### Monday, April 12

12:00pm Deceased Members of Daley Family ~ Memorial

### Tuesday, April 13

12:00pm Ronald Frechette ~ Memorial

### Wednesday, April 14

6:30pm

### Thursday, April 15

12:00pm Jeanne Dumais ~ Memorial

### Friday, April 16

12:00pm Mary Pallotto Frascarelli ~ Anniversary

### Saturday, April 17

4:00pm Charles Interrante ~ 6th Month Anniversary

### Sunday, April 18

8:00am Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

10:30am Kathy Long ~ 8th Anniversary

5:30pm Timothy Daley ~ Memorial

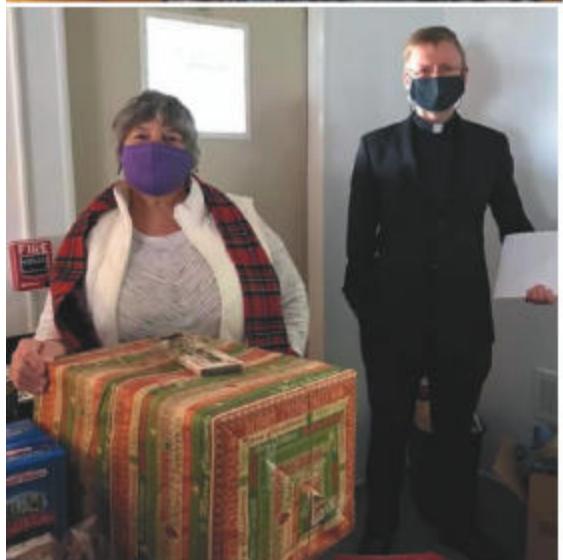
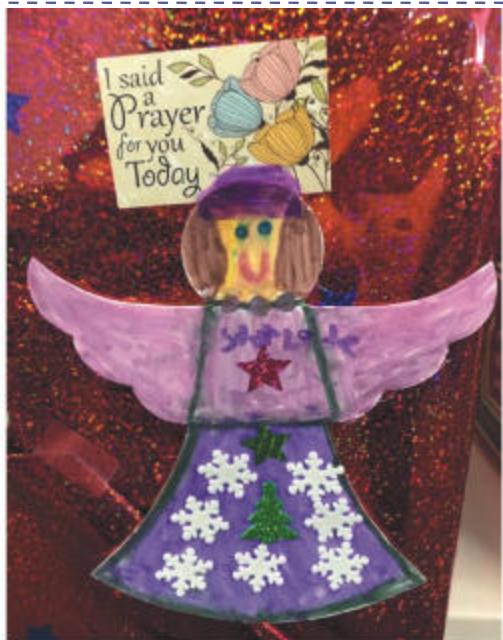
### Booking Mass Intentions

Please feel free to **CALL** the Parish Office to book a Weekday or Weekend Mass Intention. At this time we are booking Masses 6 months in advance. We have a decent number of openings available!

### Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.

APRIL 11TH, 2021



## Join the Connection

The Women's Connection of St. Francis is committed to bringing smiles and joy to others through our service activities — even through the pandemic. While we cannot gather in the parish hall, we have been deeply touched by the number of women (and men & children) that have joined our ranks in contributing to our missions of charity through our social distance projects. The Summer Sunshine Bags, Blessings Boxes and Toiletries Bags delivered a much needed boost to many individuals and families at a challenging time. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Women of St. Francis & Friends: To join our e-mail list to receive updates on future projects, email Debbie at [info@saintfrancis.net](mailto:info@saintfrancis.net)

Join Facebook Group: St. Francis and Friends Women's Connection Dracut

# *Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers*

## **First Reading**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

***The Word of the Lord,  
- Thanks be to God***

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

**R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## **Second Reading:**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

***The Word of the Lord,  
- Thanks be to God***

## **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel:**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

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."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples

that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

***The Gospel of the Lord.***



## From our Administrator, Fr. Seán Maher

Hello folks,

*The Lord be with you!*

Our Merciful Lord be with you! God IS Love, and God IS Mercy! No matter where we have been or what we have done, God does not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to Him and live. This is, of course, not a license to go and sin, but to have hope for reconciliation with God and with our neighbor. What is impossible for us, or indeed impossible for our neighbor, is possible for God, and trusting in Jesus is the key to this conversion. It is a reason why we celebrate this Sunday after Easter Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus has defeated death, the consequence of sin, and He shares His victory with those who lovingly trust Him. To truly follow Him, we have to trust Him. Fear, anger, impatience, doubt and even strong desires all chip away at whatever trust we have in God. When you notice these things, offer them to God as well, so that you might remain focused more on Him and His Will.

Now that we find ourselves between Easter and Pentecost, I ask you all to once again pray fervently for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish and beyond. We will very much need for all of us to be disciples of the Lord and messengers of His Good News to all who don't really know it. Our ability to do this will be better the more we practice it ourselves. Ask the Lord who we need to forgive, and for whose forgiveness we need to ask, in order to more humbly and happily follow Him. Seek that reconciliation with our neighbor as with God. You don't have to do so in ways that will cause further trouble, but many of us can take some steps towards reconciliation that won't risk further harm. Again, ask the Lord's guidance!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who did so much to help the parish lovingly worship the Lord during Holy Week and Easter and through to Divine Mercy Sunday: sacristans, decorators, musicians and cantors, lectors, server(s), live-streamers, communications people, schedulers, welcomers, cleaners, safety and security, RCIA and Divine Mercy leaders, office staff, deacons (including Deacon Steve Papik from Holy Trinity helping with the Divine Mercy celebration this Sunday at 3pm), and priests. Not to mention those contributing financially! There is a little army of people that keep us operating. Thank them, and thank the Lord for them too, please!

*God bless,*

*Father Maher*

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- SUN 4/11** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- MON 4/12** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- TUES 4/13** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- WED 4/14** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- THR 4/15** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- FRI 4/16** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- SAT 4/17** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

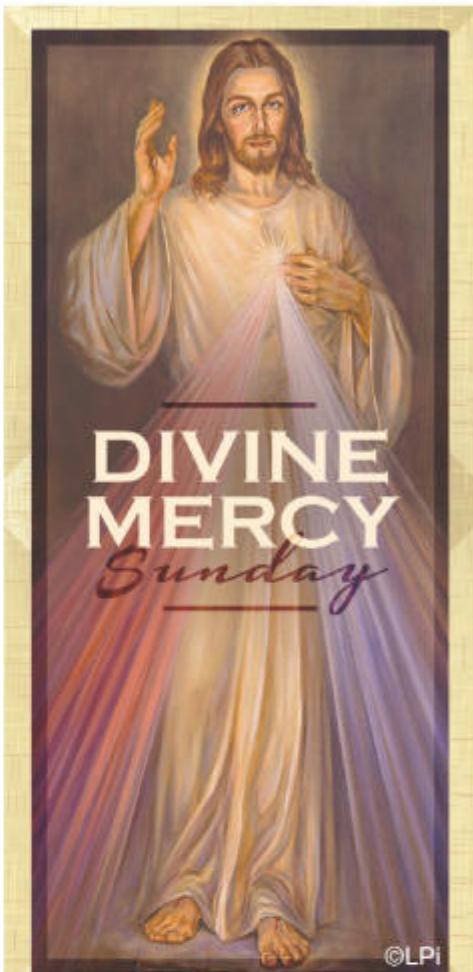
Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



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My  
Lord and  
my God!

# Congratulations once again to George & John. Welcome to our Parish Family!



## PRAYER REQUESTS



### St. Francis Prayer Line

Prayers are always welcome. Please feel free to reach out to any our amazing volunteers to add your prayer request.

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Email Pat at @

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