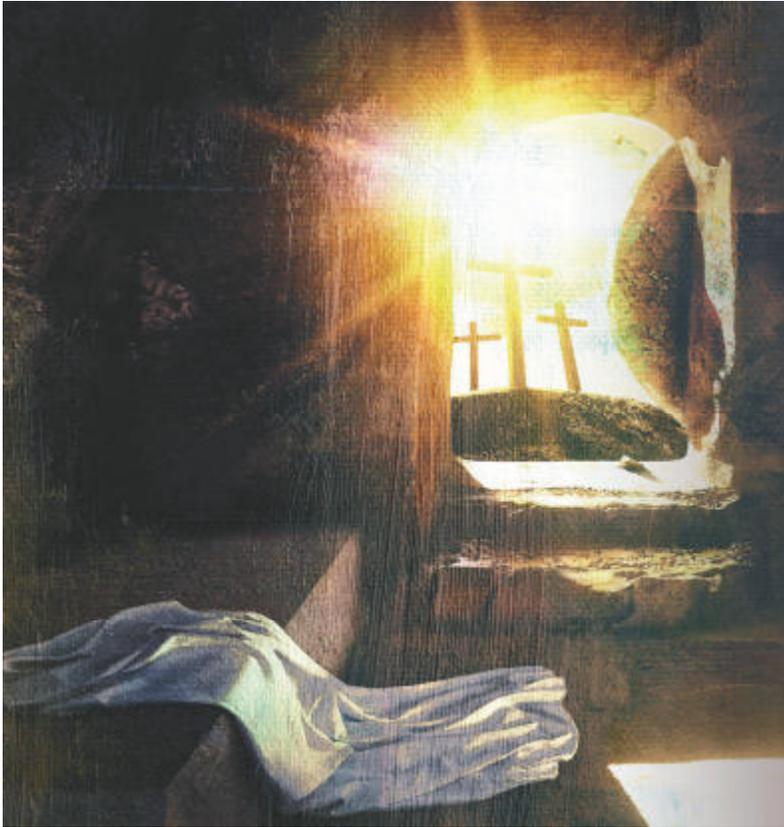


Saint James Parish



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday 6:00-6:45 PM and Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM
Or call the rectory for appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at noon. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

CARE FOR THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

During this difficult and uncertain time, the Sacraments are not available in the way that they have been, but please call

Father David if you have any questions or concerns.

We are a Stewardship Parish
TIME TALENT TREASURE



Father David is currently celebrating Masses keeping to the guidelines recently outlined by the governor and the Bishop. More information is available on our website.

Saturday, April 3, VIGIL OF EASTER

8:00 PM No Intentions

Sunday, April 4, EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM Thomas W. Hargrave by his family

10:30 AM Neil and Helen McNeil by Philippe Lavallee

Monday, April 5

8:00 AM Len Berube by Pat and Walter Wojnar

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 AM Matthew K by Jerry and family

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 AM Robert Cardin by Alice Cardin

Thursday, April 8

7:00 PM 40th Anniversary, Donna Lavallee
by her family

Friday, April 9

8:00 AM Mass for healing, Pauline & Chris Banfill
By Roland & Chris Gauthier

Next Saturday, April 10

4:40 PM Maria Suoi Cao by the Ponce family

Next Sunday, April 11

7:30 AM Mitzi Sweeney
by Peter & Elaine Wojnar & family

10:30 AM Maryann Lavallee and
34th Anniversary, Mary Zacek by the family



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Thank You!

ONLINE GIVING

Although we are now once again able to attend Mass, many of us are still not able to go. You can mail a check to the parish office (Please do not send cash through the mail).

You may also donate online through our website.

Please consider using this method in place of mailing or hand delivering your donations. Thank you to those of you who donate to Saint James this way.

Covid-19 has drastically changed the way we are celebrating funerals and we don't always hear of someone's passing. If you would like us to pray for a loved one who has passed, please let us know.

EASTER LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy of Christ's grieving followers gathered in the Upper Room when on Easter the Risen Lord suddenly appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Their joy and peace at Christ's Victory must have been unbounded as they recognized Him in their presence.

But not all of Christ's followers shared that joy. Saint Thomas, who was absent, experienced not joy but doubt. Two other disciples after hearing of Christ's Resurrection, instead of immediately joining the others, departed Jerusalem and were downcast. Even when Jesus drew near and spoke to them of the Scriptures, they did not recognize Him. Only in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist) did they recognize Him. Only then did they return to Jerusalem to join the disciples assembled in the Upper Room and share in the joy of Easter.

On this Easter Sunday, after a year of COVID isolation, when we seek peace and joy amidst doubts and losses we can profitably reflect on the importance of gathering at the Eucharist. As Jesus came to the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem so, too, He is most present to us, not in our individual reflections upon the Scriptures, but when the Scriptures and Eucharist are celebrated at Mass.

It has been a long year with necessary and prudent precautions keeping many of us from Sunday Mass. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID pandemic, personal prayer, reading the Scriptures and watching the Mass live-streamed have been prudent choices for many. However, such choices are all inferior to being present at Sunday Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council proclaimed as the source and summit of the Church. Like St. Thomas and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is harder to recognize Jesus, ward off doubts and avoid being downcast by the trials and tragedies of life when we are not nourished by the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

As signs of progress in the COVID pandemic begin to give way to hope for a return to a more normal life, and as vaccines become more widely available, it may be time to begin to consider prayerfully a return to Sunday Mass. Certainly, everyone needs to consult family and doctors and use prudence taking into account one's own circumstances and health. Our parishes will continue to require masks and social distancing and employ sanitary precautions. As society moves towards reopening, may the Holy Spirit guide you, along with prudent medical advice, in your consideration about coming back to Sunday Mass in the weeks and months ahead.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

SAINT JAMES OUTREACH MINISTRY

This ministry is committed to the corporal works of mercy by assisting families and individuals in need in a confidential way. They meet once a month on the first Wednesday. Please join them for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Indeed, He has! Alleluia!

It is with great joy that I greet you on this Easter day. To think that one year ago I was celebrating the Holy and sacred events of our redemption with only ten people. Even though there is always the joy of the resurrection, the joyful events of the saving work of Our Lord were tainted by the sadness of God's holy people being barred from attending the Divine Services. Nothing could have been sadder for me as a priest and as a Christian than not being able to celebrate these most Holy Days with you. Thanks be to God; those days are over!

This year the resurrection has a renewed joy. Not only do we feel the lifting of the sadness of sin and death by the great and awesome resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, but we also feel a restoration of hope and the satisfaction of hope fulfilled as we gather today in the Church *together*, spend time with our families and look to the day when this pandemic will be a memory of times past.

As restrictions begin to be lifted and the new day dawns for a world overcome by the virus, we also look to the dawning of the new day for our Parish of Saint James. When Our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He told His apostles to "go forth and make disciples of all nations". He commanded them to spread the good news of His saving passion, to make known His love and to draw all people to Him. As our parish rises again and experiences new life, I am inviting all our wonderful people to assist me, to assist our Lord Jesus in drawing all people to Him. It is time for us to be pro-active in inviting people back to Church or, perhaps, to Church for the first time. Let us not be afraid to reach out and draw people in to experience the great and awesome mystery of Christ's saving mercy.

I pray that this Easter Season will be for you and your loved ones a season of hope, joy, and peace. May it be a time of true renewal of faith. May your hearts be so on fire with the Divine Love of Jesus that you will burn with a desire to spread that love to all.

Rejoice and be glad O' Blessed Virgin Mary! For the Son whom you did merit to bear, has risen as He said! Alleluia!

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Fr David Mary Engo



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 5th 7:00 pm

Any men, aged 18 and older, interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus are welcome. The meeting will be held in the lower room of the Parish Center. Please wear a mask and prepare to social distance. We hope to see you!



SATURDAY, APRIL 3, VIGIL OF EASTER

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 PM Outreach meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

First night of Divine Mercy Mission

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 PM Baptism
Second night of Divine Mercy Mission

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Final Day of Divine Mercy Mission

EASTER PARISH MISSION

"THE AMAZING DIVINE MERCY" FRIDAY, APRIL 9th -SATURDAY APRIL 10th SUNDAY, APRIL 11th

Pope Saint John Paul II declared that the Sunday after Easter is to be henceforth known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". He solemnly approved the messages given in the 1930's by Our Lord Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina.

Friday, April 9th 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Confessions will be offered in the Church.

6:15 pm The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

7:00 pm Talk: Sr. Caterina "Heart of Jesus:

Fountain of Mercy"

-Concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

-Blessing with the Relic of Saint Faustina

Saturday, April 10th 7:00 pm Holy Hour

-Talk by Fr. David Mary: "As Your Father is Merciful"

-Concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 11th 10:30 am Parish Mass of Divine Mercy

11:45 am Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
in the Parish Center

Confessions will be available during Lunch in Parish Center

12:30 pm Presentation on Divine Mercy in the Parish Center

1:30 pm Blessing of New Parish Divine Mercy Image
Procession of Image to St James

2:00 pm Holy Hour with Meditations from St Faustina's Diary

Confessions available from 2pm-3pm in Church

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet sung

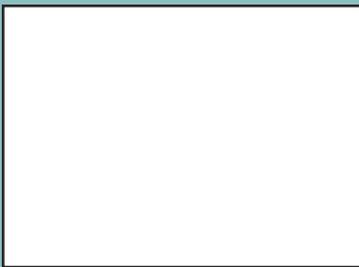
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