

## WEEKEND MASS

### **Saturday**

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

### **Sunday**

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

## WEEKDAY MASS

### **Monday—Thursday**

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

## CONFESSION

### **Saturday**

2:45 PM

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## Pastor's Corner

Easter is at the very center of the Church's celebrations. But because most of us have been observing this most sacred of all days as long as we can remember, the good news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead can lose its impact. In fact, for many it can hardly be called "news" at all! If, however, we try to imagine what it must have been like for the disciples of Jesus who were present in Jerusalem that first Easter, we might be able to appreciate what was clearly a life-changing experience for them.

Imagine ... Jesus, the crucified-one has been truly raised from the dead! The resurrection of Jesus really happened! Once this reality begins to "sink into" our minds, it changes everything—our understanding of God, the way we see life and death, the way we see our purpose in life, the choices we make, and how we see one another. Resurrection means that death has no more power over those who put their faith in Jesus. Saint Augustine said it so beautifully when he said, 'O death, when you grasped my Lord, you lost your grasp on me.' May this celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection fill us all with hope and joy beyond all imagining.

**A Blessed Easter to all!**



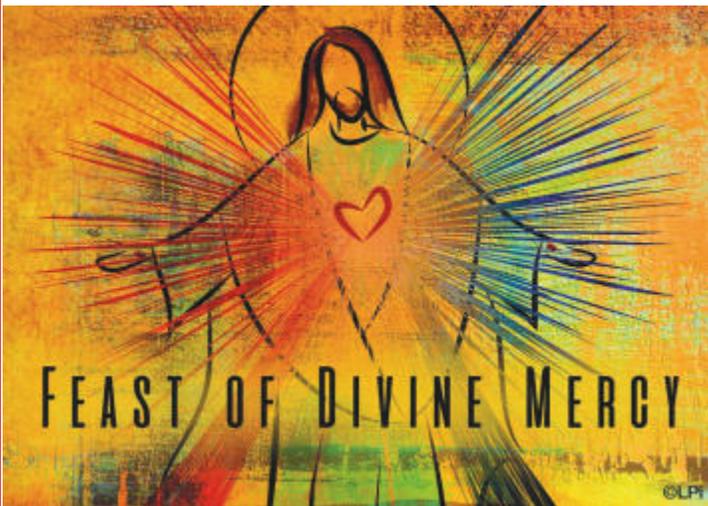
**April Session #7 - Kneeling Before the Majesty of God**

**CHANGE: Sunday 4/11 St. Philip 10:30 am**



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe all guidelines for safety and social distancing. A mask or other approved face covering must be worn by everyone at all times.*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION



Please join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11**, following the 11 AM Mass for the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song. The Icon blessed by Saint John Paul II will be placed in the Sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church that weekend. This is a much a needed celebration after a long year with COVID. We hope to continue this service on the second Sunday of each month. Tell your friends and family, we all need God's Mercy. Provided by the Knights of Columbus of our Parish.



"WE ARE  
THE EASTER  
PEOPLE AND  
*hallelujah* IS  
OUR SONG."

ST. JOHN PAUL II

## Stewardship Offering

March 28

Will be reported next week

### Easter Special Collection

A special collection will be held on Easter to provide for the health and retirement needs of our priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ and His Church, and to help the diocese respond to emergency needs. Seventy-five percent of the money donated will go towards health and pension benefits for diocesan priest, with the remaining 25 percent set aside to address emergency needs.

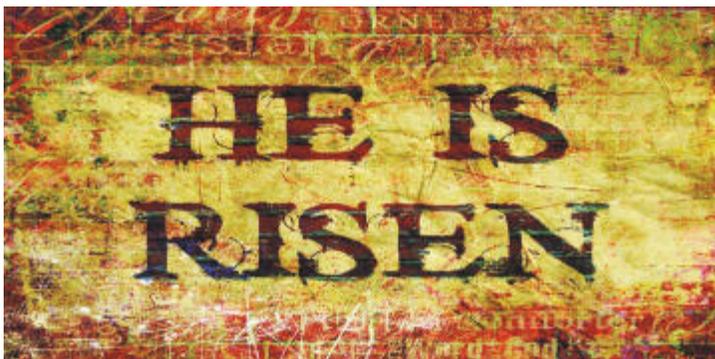
This collection is a **vital** means of support for our retired priests, so we hope you will consider giving generously.

### **“Compassion: The Gift of God’s Healing Presence” Biddeford on April 23-25**

Come away for a weekend to be quiet, to be loved, to be healed, and to bask in the intimate presence of a gentle, understanding, non-judgmental, nourishing, and life-giving God. “Compassion: The Gift of God’s Healing Presence” will be held at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford on April 23-25. The retreat is \$250 for those staying the weekend and \$130 for commuters. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.

### **“Encountering God in Nature” Biddeford April 30 – May 2**

“Encountering God in Nature,” with Heather Makowicz, will be offered at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford on April 30 – May 2. Makowicz organizes and leads hiking excursions and other outdoor experiences that integrate prayer, contemplation, and reflection to encounter God in His creation. The cost of the weekend, including a private room, is \$250. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.



### Easter

#### **Question:**

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

#### **Answer:**

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don’t know Jesus’ exact birthday, we celebrate the “light of the world” around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don’t re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection. ©LPi



### **“Praying with Hearts and Hands” Biddeford on May 21-23**

Join the Holy Knitters Prayer Shawl Ministry as it joyfully shares in the care of God’s people by using the gifts of their hands to knit or crochet sacred prayer shawls. Prayers and blessings are woven into the shawls as hands work to fashion them. The shawls are then given to people for comfort, healing, or in celebration. Basic knitting or crocheting skills are a prerequisite for this retreat. A list of required materials will be sent upon registration. The cost is \$250 for a private room. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Melanie Creamer, Jeremy Gagne,  
Gene & Marlene Keene, Matthew Piper,  
Tony Renaud, Carmen White and Bruno Yomoah

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 4, 2021**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are. ©LPI



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 4/3** 8:00 pm St. Philip  
*Gertrude & Joseph Doyle by Bob & Kristine Chaisson*

**Sunday 4/4** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*  
 9:15 am St. Philip  
*Jack Coady by Georgette Morin*  
 11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*1st Anniv. Paul Dubois by Wife & Family*

**Monday 4/5** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Fr. Normand Carpentier by Brothers & Sisters*

**Tuesday 4/6** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Albert Clifford "Uncle Cliff" by Ned & Debbie Fontaine*

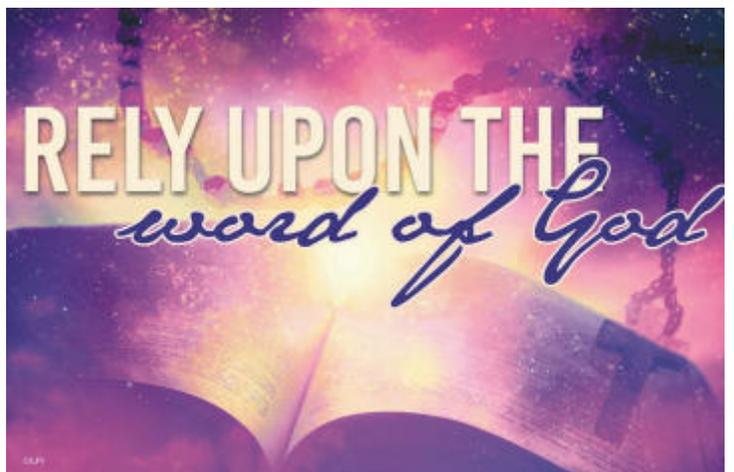
**Wednesday 4/7** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Pauline Turcotte by Robert & Anita Langanieri*

**Thursday 4/8** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners*

**Friday 4/9**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday 4/10** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Mr. Mrs. Adrian Vincent by Leo & Rita Vincent & Family*

**Sunday 4/11** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*Richard Valcourt by Richard & Jackie Sawyer*  
 9:15 am St. Philip  
*Yvonne Bilodeau by Doris, Randy & Josh Parenteau*  
 11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*



## Readings for the Week of April 4, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/  
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or  
 Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/  
 Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/  
 Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/  
 Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/  
 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

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