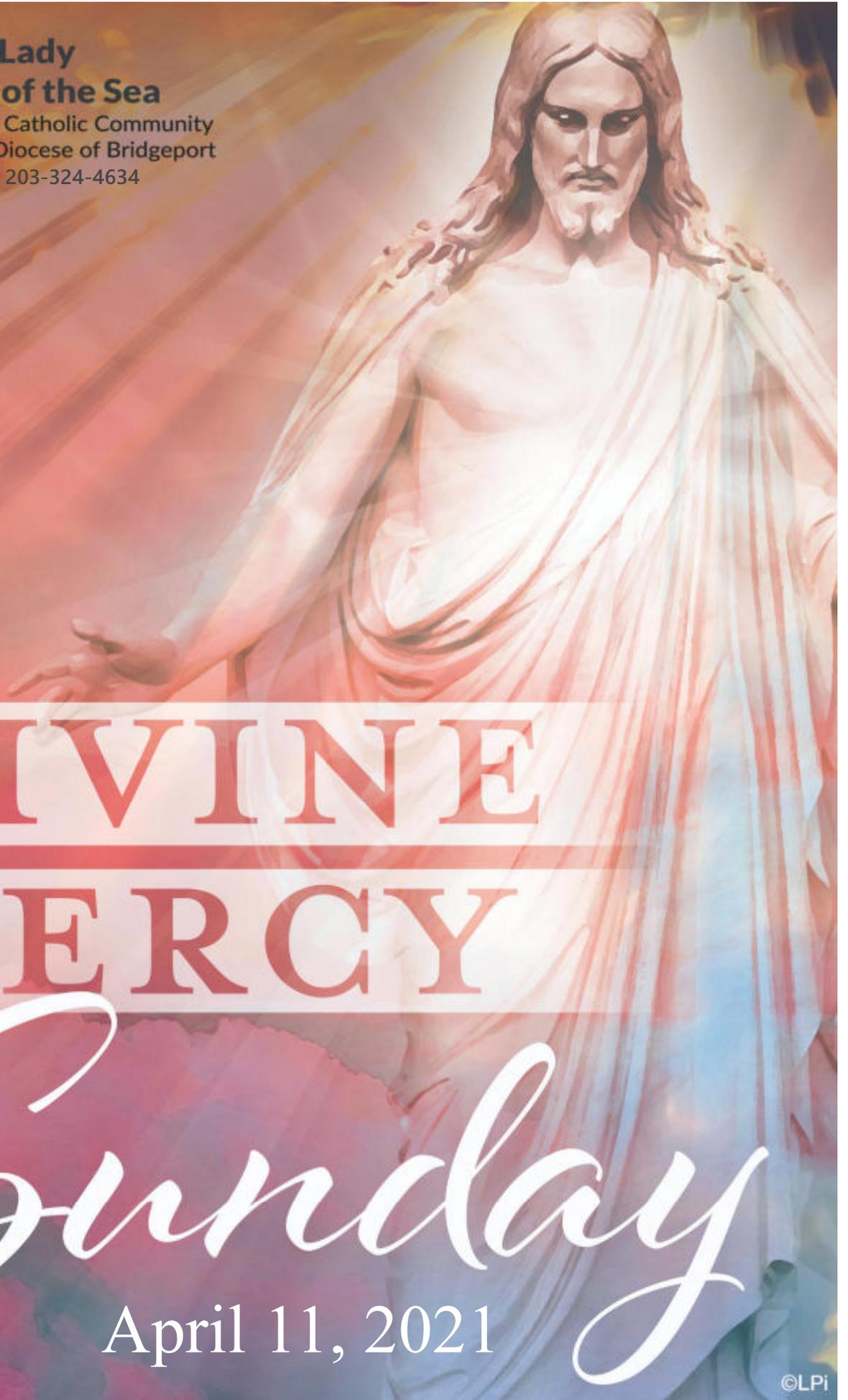




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DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

April 11, 2021



*This week the Sanctuary
Candle burns for
Ana Pulido*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

5:30pm **Jose Pastilha** (requested by Elsa Neto)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:00am **Luciano Lombardi**

(req. by Gaetano & Carmina Lombardi)

11:00am **Corazon Sibilio** (req. by Rosanna Cruz)

3:00pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

MONDAY, April 12

8:00am **Ana Pulido** (req. by daughter, Adriana Tutillo)

TUESDAY, April 13

8:00am **Raymond Towle**

(req. by daughter, Marian Nangle and family)

WEDNESDAY, April 14

8:00am **John Considine** (req. by Michael Chesonis)

THURSDAY, April 15

8:00am **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, April 16

8:00am **Kevin J. Ryan-14th Anniversary of his passing**

(req. by family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

5:30pm **Josephine Cardillo & John Callichio**

(req. by Lucy Cardillo)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am **Pasqualina & Edward Marzano**

(req. by Maria & Sebastian Adamo)

11:00am **Frank Hogan** (req. by family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:



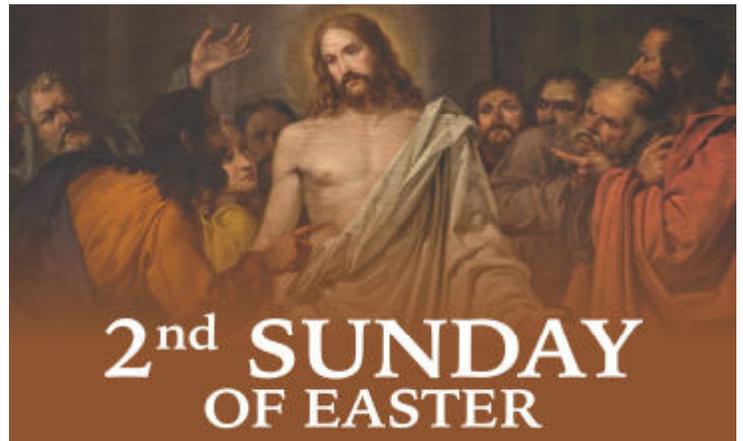
**This Year (4/4/21)
\$9,907;**

**Last Year (04/05/20)
COVID-19 Shutdown**



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Join in welcoming our newest member of the faith
Lucy Mary Joanna Erby
who received the Sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.



The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her

diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

4/11/21 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet OLSS



Join fellow OLSS Parishioners via ZOOM for a live Rosary daily.

M-F @ 4:30pm S-S @ 4:00pm Meeting ID: 724 106 329

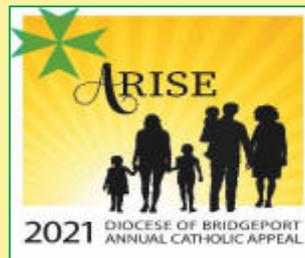


Fridays 5:15 - 5:30pm Live on ZOOM

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A Call to Renewal

The Diocese has created a website that will contain all the materials associated with our efforts at spiritual and pastoral renewal. It is entitled "A Call to Renewal" and it can be accessed at <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/call-to-renewal/welcome/>, or click "A Call to Renewal" at the top of the Homepage of our diocesan website.



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal calls us to renewed hope and a deepened commitment to serve our neighbor. The call to "Arise" challenges us to put our personal faith into action and provide for the needs of our sisters and brothers, no matter who they may be. Your gift enables the diocese to continue works of charity, formation in faith, education and catechesis. It provides programs and ministries that feed the hungry and counsel the homeless who live among us; help youth develop their minds and grow in faith; sustain our priests, active and retired; prepare men for the diaconate and the priesthood; provide Catholic education through scholarships; and much more. Our Lady Star of the Sea raised 41 gifts worth \$32,965 from 30 donors bringing the parish to 38.11% of its \$86,500 goal. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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VIRTUAL HYBRID BENEFIT



THURSDAY | MAY 6, 2021

Foundations in Education 2021 Virtual Hybrid Spring Benefit

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203.416.1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org.


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