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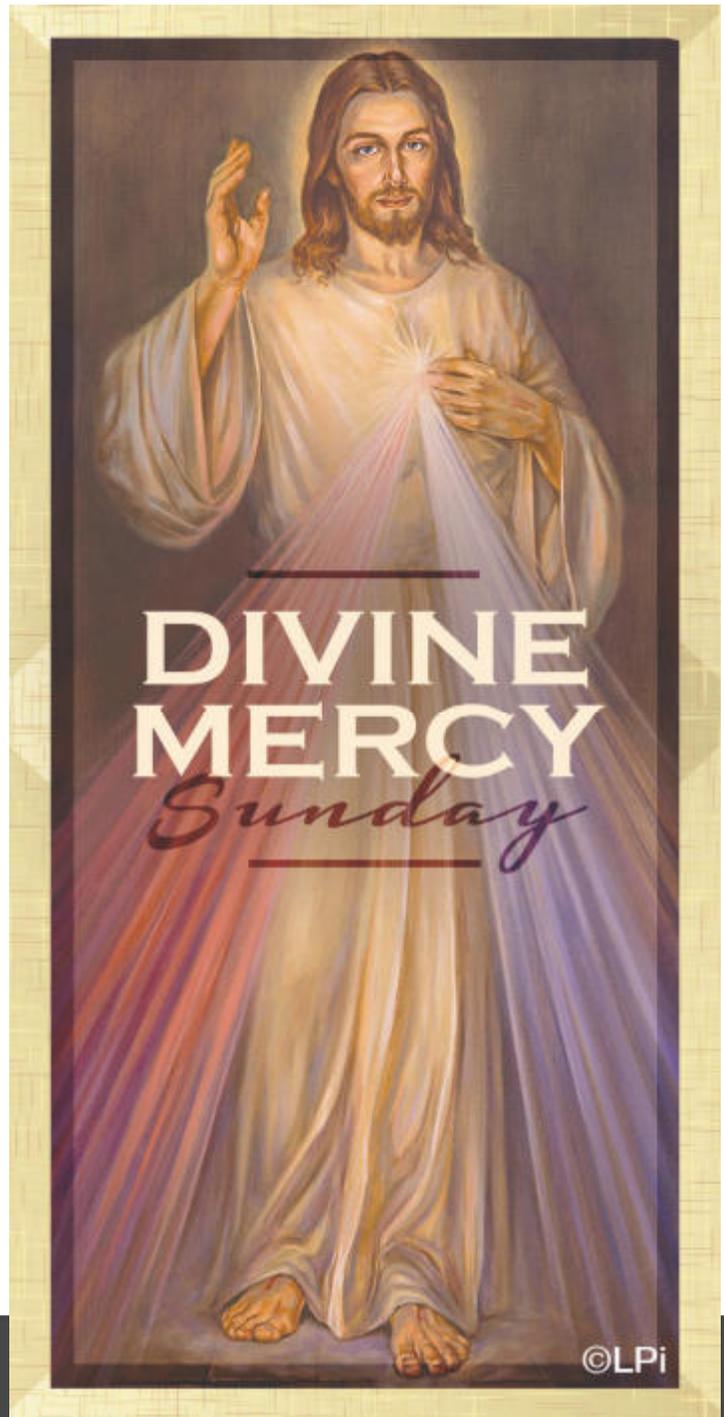
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Masses & Confession

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

INDOOR MASS - MAIN CHURCH
SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Peggy Richardson
Req. by The Tibbetts Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. The Parishioners and People of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Req. by Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

9:30 a.m. The Jasinski Family
Req. by John & Louann Jasinski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

6:00 p.m. The Parishioners and People of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Req. by Our Parish Family

PARISH GIFTS

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IN MEMORY OF
PEGGY RICHARDSON

OUR GIVING

You may now give to our parish in the following ways:

- Mail a check/your envelope to the parish office
Make checks payable to ST. MARY'S
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- Set up online giving via the instructions below

EASTER WEEKEND, APRIL 3RD & 4TH, 2021

Regular Collection	\$1870.00	Online Giving	\$330.00
Fuel	\$105.00	Easter	\$627.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00	Mother's Day	\$30.00

ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving system is easy to use and may be accessed via our website or via the link below.

The online giving system utilizes "Stripe" a payment processing interface used by thousands of businesses. The interface links with our online parish database, so gifts made to the parish may be tracked on your online account.

1. Visit stmarys.breezechms.com/give/online
2. Next, enter the dollar amount you would like to give.
3. Choose to give via credit card or bank transfer (ACH)
4. Enter your information.
5. Choose if you would like your give to be one time, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or yearly.
6. Click "Donate Now" and your payment will process.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE W/ UPDATES

Starting this Saturday, April 10th, the following schedule will apply for Confessions and Daily Mass. Weekend Masses will remain at the same times.

SATURDAY

Confession - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Notre Dame
Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. - Notre Dame

SUNDAY

Mass - 8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka
Mass - 9:30 a.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

MONDAY

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

TUESDAY

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

WEDNESDAY

Adoration - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption
Confession - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption
Daily Mass - 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary of the Assumption

THURSDAY

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

FRIDAY

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS

Effective immediately:

- Parishioners shall resume sitting, standing, and kneeling during Mass
- We ask that attendees assume personal responsibility for themselves when in church
 - Socially distance from those with whom you do not have regular contact
 - Avoid personal contact with others
 - Wear a mask, wash your hands, hand sanitize
 - Stay home if you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, cold symptoms, or feel generally unwell
- Although we are still not singing hymns, parishioners may respond to Mass parts that they know

Starting April 17th:

- Communion will no longer be distributed to people in the parking lot (Mass will still be broadcasted via radio)
- Those who wish to receive Communion are encouraged to attend Mass inside the churches

***If you have tested positive for COVID and have attended one of our Masses or entered one of our buildings, please contact the parish office. Contacting us directly will allow us to notify others and further disinfect our spaces.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

Greetings and God's Blessing upon all of you in the Parishes of St. Mary's and St. John Paul II. As we begin the Easter Season, and rejoice in the gift of Eternal Life given to us by the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, I write to all of you here in the bulletin to see if you will partake with me in a more earthy, life giving project. As your new parish priest, I know many of you do not yet know me, and if your only impression of me is from the celebration of the Liturgy, you probably think of me as a serious person. When it comes to the sacred mysteries, this is very true. But I am also a fun person who likes to spend time with the community and I love spending time outdoors. With this in mind, I am extending an invitation to anyone who wishes to help me with a project, to do so according to their means.

This project is meant to be a joint venture between the two parishes although it will take place in Cheshire. I would like to plant a small orchard of apple, peach, plum, and cherry trees at St. Mary's. In addition to this, I would like to plant blueberry bushes around the property. My hope is that as these plants mature over the years, we as a Catholic family may be able to harvest the fruit and use them for community events, such as a fall harvest, or a pie baking event. I am a firm believer that the plants growing on the Church property should be both beautiful and practical, and these types of plants meet both requirements. When I was at St. John's in Agawam I was able to do something similar, planting the first five trees last May. I am happy some of the parishioners will continue the project there, and will be hopefully expanding the project in due time. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact Michelle at the Cheshire office. I am looking forward to warmer weather and getting to spend time with all of you!

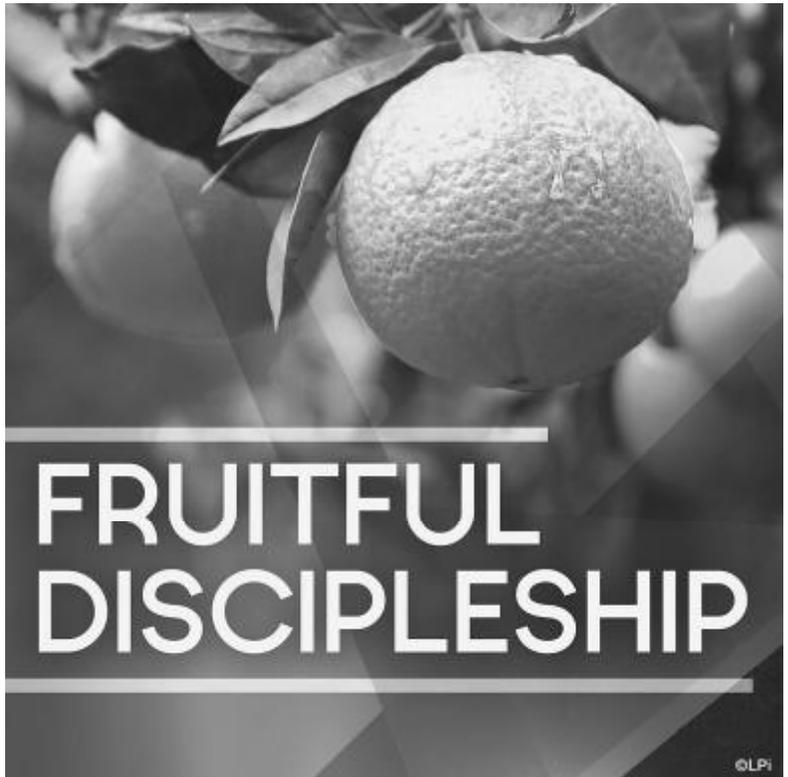
In Christ,

Fr. Barrent

From today's Gospel: John 20

***"Unless I see the mark of the nails . . .
I will not believe."***

Ultra sound lets us see even the nails of the living, breathing unborn; yet we fail to believe in its right to live.



EYE HAS NOT SEEN

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss - not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all - Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist - when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgement at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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