



# HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



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." - Jn 20:28-29

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,  
 great numbers of men and women, were added to them.  
 (Acts 5:14)

## PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
 (Ps 118)  
 Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives.  
 Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."  
 (Rev 1:17-18)

## 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. (Jn 20:19)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a,  
 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/  
 Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:  
[www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream](http://www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream)



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Luke tells us of the success and healing power | of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

### SECOND READING

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

### GOSPEL

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### APRIL 23—SATURDAY VIGIL: DIVINE MERCY

4:00 pm St. Michael: † Kathleen Manfredi  
*Requested by Gerry Spillane*

5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Hal Karsten  
*Requested by Maureen Karsten*

St. Patrick: † Judy Graziano  
*Requested by the Williams family*

5:30 pm St. Mary: Parishioners

### APRIL 24—SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Gabriel DeMelo  
*Requested by the Tavares family*

8:00 am St. Mary: † Joao deBrito  
*Requested by Anita Gonsalves*

8:30 am St. Michael: † Thomas Steinbrecher  
*Requested by his family*

St. Patrick: Parishioners

10:00 am St. Michael: † Ronald Sposato, Sr.  
*Requested by a friend and family*

10:15 am St. Patrick: † Peter Balestracci  
*Requested by Dan and Yvonne Masakowski*

11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † TBD

### APRIL 25—MONDAY: ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

7:00 am St. Michael: TBD

8:00 am St. Mary: † Antonio and Laurinda Sardo  
*Requested by their daughters*

12:05pm St. Patrick: † Thomas Przybysz  
*Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz*

### APRIL 26—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † The Hoxsie Family, Harry, Anne V. Shea, Joseph, M. Deborah

8:00 am St. Mary: † Jose and Ana Quaresma  
*Requested by family*

12:05pm St. Patrick: † Judy Graziano  
*Requested by the Henry family*

### APRIL 27—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Joyce E. Dionne  
*Requested by Christopher Koretski*

8:00 am St. Mary: † Joan Grabowski  
*Requested by Tony and Maria Henry*

12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Juana Ramos Arenas  
*Requested by Jim Mendolia and family*

### APRIL 28—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:00 am St. Michael: † Mike Lloyd  
*Requested by Tom and Anita Kapolowicz*

### APRIL 29—FRIDAY: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00 am St. Michael: † Gabriel DeMelo  
*Requested by the Tavares Family*

8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD

12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Maria Ferrandini  
*Requested by a friend*

### APRIL 30—SATURDAY: ST. PIUS V, POPE

7:00 am St. Michael: † Rita Fortin  
*Requested by her sister*

### APRIL 30—SATURDAY VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 pm St. Michael: † John and Kate Tanner  
*Requested by family*

5:00 pm St. Thomas More: Parishioners  
St. Patrick: † Daniel Henry  
*Requested by Dick and Mary Kozek*

5:30 pm St. Mary: † Gabriel DeMelo  
*Requested by Maria DeMelo and family*

### MAY 1—SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD

8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD

8:30 am St. Michael: † Moises, Lurdes, Irene and Odilia DeMedeiros  
*Requested by family*

St. Patrick: † Pete Balestracci  
*Requested by the Williams family*

10:00 am St. Michael: † Maria A. and Jose R. Vicente, Alcinda and Antonio Teixeira, and Jose A. Vicente  
*Requested by the Vincente family*

10:15 am St. Patrick: Parishioners

11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Camilla Ferraiolo  
*Requested by the Ferraiolo family*

*To schedule Mass intentions for Masses at St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas More, please contact Anita at the parish rectory at 860-599-5580 or by email at [akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com). To schedule Mass Intentions for Masses at St. Patrick, please contact Kim at the parish rectory at 860-536-1800 or by email at [secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org](mailto:secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org).*

# HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

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### Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

### Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday  
except Thursday



## Saint Michael Pawcatuck

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### Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am  
(Traditional Latin Mass)

### Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

### Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



## Saint Thomas More North Stonington

87 MYSTIC ROAD

### Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Arenth, Keelin Arseneault, Dale Barile,  
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Russell Coupland, Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney,  
Tom Dowling, Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,  
Gerry Gianutsos, Alice Harrison, Thomas Harrison,  
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,  
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,  
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,  
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Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel, Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick,  
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,  
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE

#### April 17, 2022

Weekly Offertory_____	\$	12,117.00
EFT_____	\$	978.43
Retired and Infirm Priests _____	\$	4,143.00
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	495.00
Easter Flowers_____	\$	90.00
Rice Bowl _____	\$	50.00

#### April 10, 2022

Weekly Offertory_____	\$	10,094.33
EFT_____	\$	978.43
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	2,695.00
Easter Flowers_____	\$	425.00
Retired and Infirm Priests _____	\$	205.00
Rice Bowl _____	\$	40.00
Annual Catholic Appeal _____	\$	20.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

## Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at [abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com).

## SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 15th, 10:30am at St. Mary's Church.

## ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE ST. MARY PRAYER TREE

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St. Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who pray for the intentions.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus-Nina Council #43 will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Church Hall. For more information, please call Grand Knight Kevin Batzle at 860-861-2679 or Deputy Grand Knight Jim O'Boyle at 860-535-2222.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

May 6, 2022 • 8:30 am—10:30 am • St. Mary's

*"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all."*

—St. Teresa of Avila

## THANK YOU FROM THE PNC

*Thank you so much for the 422 pounds of food donated by the three parishes of St. Michael's, St. Mary's and St. Thomas More during their Lenten Food Drive.*

*We continue to see many families and individuals in need on a weekly basis. We were thrilled to be able to stock our shelves with this generous donation.*

*On behalf of the people that we serve, please accept my sincere thanks.*

Sincerely,

Susan Sedensky  
Executive Director, Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center



Saint Michael the Archangel Church  
Pawcatuck CT

## Sacraments at Easter



*Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil*

Jessica Bowdy

*Received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion*

Rebecca Dowlen

Joshua Ferrence

## SPRING FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

The Maria Assunta Society will match donations toward the completion of the St. Michael Church Kitchen and Steeple up to a grand total of \$50,000. The challenge runs from Easter Sunday to Fathers Day (June 19th).

## MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, May 7th, at 8:30 am. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral with a brunch following the Rosary.



Keep up to date with parish information through Flocknote.

To register simply text MILO to 84576 or contact Anita in the parish office at [akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com](mailto:akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com) or 860-599-5580.



## Saint Patrick Church

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### Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

### Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

### Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor  
 Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary  
[secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org](mailto:secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org)

Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator  
 Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist  
 Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

## STEWARDSHIP

### April 17, 2022

Offertory _____	\$	6,714.00
EFT _____	\$	1,335.75
Easter Collection _____	\$	4,680.00

### April 10, 2022

Offertory _____	\$	8,538.00
EFT _____	\$	1,492.75
Campaign Paid to Date _____	\$3,160,207.05	
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## NEW PARISH CENTER

The New Parish Center project is moving forward. Look for news of progress with regular monthly updates. For more info see our parish website: [stpatrickmystic.org](http://stpatrickmystic.org).

## THE ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach Committee is collecting laundry detergent and sanitizer wipes for the month of April. All donations will be brought to Catholic Charities of New London and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Items may be dropped off in the church center. If locked, please leave them by the basket towards the entrance of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella is sponsoring a bus trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA on Sunday, May 15th. Enjoy a day of reflection and prayer in a beautiful setting. Leaving at 7:00 am and returning at 5:00 pm. Open to the parish. For more information, email: Jenn Bourque at [jennifer\\_bourque@outlook.com](mailto:jennifer_bourque@outlook.com).

## 2022 ACA MINISTRY FAIR

### Reservations Required

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022, from 11am—12:30pm in Norwich. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, “*One Faith, One Family*,” support our ministries and programs, please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or [dodadm@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:dodadm@norwichdiocese.net) for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and RSVP by May 2nd are required due to space limitations.



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## FUN AND FIELD TRIPS

While we at St. Michael School have been fortunate to be in school for the past two school years, there is much that changed during this time. Masking, social distancing, and keeping students separated all became the norm. I am happy to report that is slowly changing.

We are interacting more as a school community, beginning to do more group work in classes, having Church and reading buddies again. And, to the delight of the students, field trips are returning.

Grades Four and Five are reinstating the annual trip to the Connecticut State Capital. This has been a long-standing tradition for Grade Four as Connecticut history is part of their curriculum. Grade Five will join them this year, since they didn't get to go last year.

The fifth-grade trip to Barn Island is returning, as is the third-grade trip to Spellman Pond. Many former students will attest to the fun of these annual events. Grade Three will also be visiting the Dennison Pequotsepos Nature Center. The middle school will be heading over to Ally Katz for the annual bowling day for PE and we are beginning to plan the eighth-grade end of the year trips. This year a trip to NESS in Stonington Borough and to Tree Trails Adventure Park is on the agenda, as is, of course, the eighth-grade retreat.

We are happy that we are able to do these trips. We have had some virtual field trips over the past year, but in person is so much better. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and it is time for some fun!

*Doris Messina*

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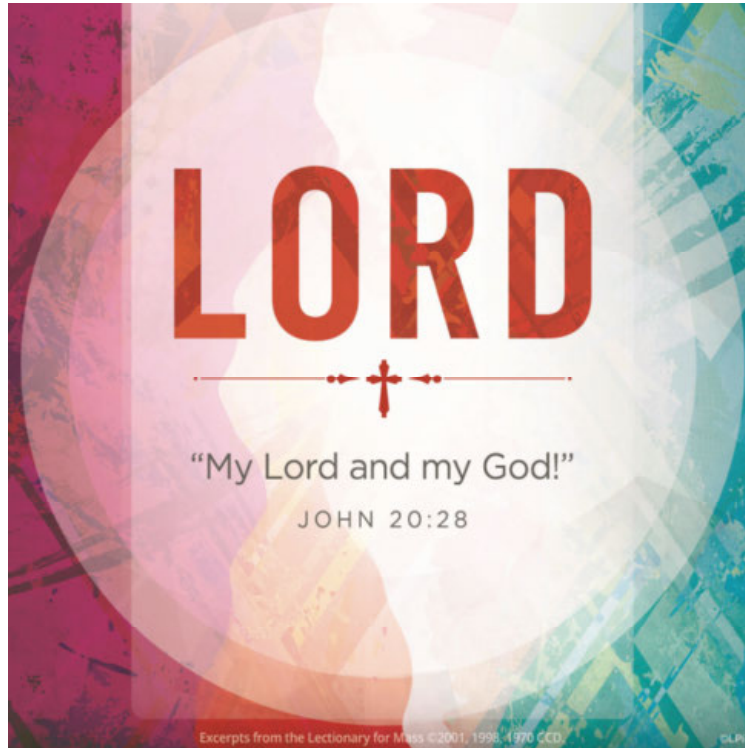


## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways.



Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it

moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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*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!"—Jn 20:27-28*

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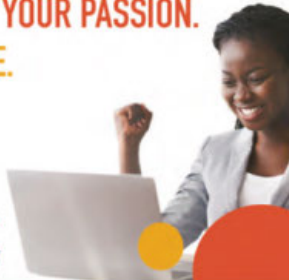
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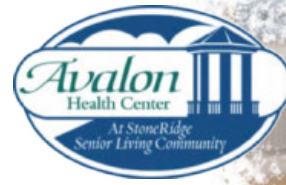


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