

April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

St. Francis of Assisi



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We welcome you to all Liturgies.

MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00–4:00 p.m.
(In Chapel Sacristy or by appointment)

BAPTISMS

Please call the rectory at 693-1150 to arrange your child's Baptism.

CONFIRMATION

Student preparation is handled through the Faith Formation Office (909-7110).
Adult preparation is handled through the R.C.I.A. program (693-1150).

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance (693-1150).

R.C.I.A.

Adult: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
Any person interested in becoming Catholic, contact the rectory.

STAFF

Parish Administrator Deacon Gary Hoover
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Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00p.m.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome you to our Parish Community.

Bulletin available on the Internet: <http://www.ParishesOnline.com>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 12: Acts 2:4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 13: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 14: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, April 15: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday, April 16: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, April 17: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter
 1st Reading - Acts 3:13-15,17-19
 2nd Reading - 1 John 2:1-5a
 Gospel - Luke 24:35-48



(Parking is available on Adam Street in School and Rectory parking lots.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 Francis & Ruth Uebler by Family

Tuesday, April 13 - Martin I, Pope & Martyr
 8:30 Ann Tavano by Family

Wednesday, April 14 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 Healing for Kathy Mallery by Family

Thursday, April 15 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 Mary Ellen Bieniek by Faculty & Staff of ECC

Friday, April 16 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 Healing for Fr. Mike by Parishioners

Saturday, April 17 - Easter Weekday
 4:30 Hilda Rodriguez by Maria Garcia

Sunday, April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter
 9:00 Ann & Dan Thiebolt by Children
 11:00 Donald Eisenhower by Family



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 Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Parish contributions may be mailed to the rectory or dropped in the secure safe inside the front entrance of the Chapel. Donations may also be put in the drop box at the top of the stairs of the front entrance to the rectory. Our Chapel is under video surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17
 4:30 p.m. Pat Trimper

Sunday, April 18
 9:00 a.m. Ceil Sharp, Linda Szmanda (choir)
 11:30 a.m. Judy Maugans

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17
 4:30 p.m. Bob Hull

Sunday, April 18
 9:00 a.m. Bob Hull

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17
 4:30 p.m. Shelley Colwell

Sunday, April 18
 9:00 a.m. Fred Hamp
 11:30 a.m. Nadine Saviano

2020 Donation Statements

Anyone wishing to receive a donation statement for 2020 should drop a self addressed, stamped, business-size envelope into the collection basket or at the rectory office and your statement will be mailed to you. Thank you!

2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

April - June Church Offering envelopes (and Special Collection envelopes for online giving) are available in the Church vestibule, table in the Chapel and the rectory. We ask that you provide your ID# on each envelope. If you don't know that number, call the rectory (693-1150) for that information. **Please call the rectory if you can't find them.**

CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ronald Snyder ...692-0228
 Mary Ellen Roche ...531-0368
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 Thomas Smyers ...692-6976
 Kelly Oldenburg ...874-4516
 David Sharp ...957-3768 or dhsharp@verizon.net
 Linda Carlson ...694-0652

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 14

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - SVDP Food Pantry, Outreach, Family Clothes Closet & Hospitality

Thursday, April 15

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry, Outreach, Family Clothes Closet & Hospitality

Saturday, April 17

3:00 p.m. Confessions - Chapel

Sunday, April 18 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

All weekend Masses will be live-streamed from the Church - go to stfrancistonawanda.org then click on the button to watch Mass live.

7-9 p.m. Confirmation Class

The wise of heart is called perceptive, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness. (Proverbs 16:21)

Remind me to speak civilly and peacefully, Father.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We pray for God's healing and comforting presence for all of our sick and homebound parishioners, caregivers, family members and friends, especially: Kathy Kosiak, Vincent Polanowski, Sabine Miskey, Florence Donato, Trudie Lotz, Isaiah Sheehan, Jeanette Diegelman, Rich Petronio, Mara Moore, James Pasek, Jon Graefser, Reed Lesmeister, Patricia Shamber, Julie Kuciewski, Gene Graves, Judith Zielinski, Lydia Cannon, Trisha Cole, Art Francis, Vince Dominesey, Ashley McLearn, Kim Vaillancourt, Monica Shields, Christopher James Slauson, Rose LoGrasso, William & Patricia Blair, Jeanne Lauzonis, Ken Luckman, Daniel Paolucci, Kathy Mallery, Gerry Hess, Salvatore Scolla, Richard Murphy, June Brusino, Melissa Michael, Ayden Miller, Chris Golda, Lisa Kelly, Connor Radley, Robert McCormick, Teresa Meyer, Andrew Keleman, Nancy Lorch, Kyle Inman, John & Gerianne Ference, Patrick Roche, Angel Greenawalt, Kelli McDaniel, Duane Pietras, Liz Kobialka, David Hogenkamp, Jessica Cameron, Sandy Englert, Michael Moore, Ruth Tarasek, Charlie Insalaco, Judy McMahan, Neil Burrows, Meghan Wright, Beverly Overton, Donna Bene, Heather Hamilton, Virginia Quinn, Jon Graefser, Mary Barnes, Mike Koslowski, Dominic Cristelli, Mike O'Connor, Frank Corbett, Fr. Dennis Cleary, Tracey Everette, Oliver Laub, Norm & Kathy Kirisits, Linda Allen, Jim McNeill, George Mallory, Joyce Cassata, Mary Slauson, Renee Sylvies, Christian Licata, Vinny Frattura, Fr. Mike, Debbie Sepielli, Madonna Whitus, Jennifer Nicken, Derek Cline, David Hamp, Sherry Dominesey, Cynthia & Vanessa O'Connor, Donna Kovac, Lenore Sheehan, Derek Cline, Angelo DellaValle, Gerry Dickey, Jeffrey Frazier, Barbara Steves, John Long, Oliver Laub, Daniel Brown, Pat Smith. **Please notify the rectory when their names can be removed!**

WELCOME DEACON GARY HOOVER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, He has conquered death and rose again to save us all from the deadly powers of sin. We rejoice in the fact that Jesus is always there as we call to Him in our needs. This week, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. A special day to ask our Lord for his infinite mercy to work in our lives. Jesus loves everyone of us, regardless who we are or what our past is. Jesus, through his Divine Mercy wants us to come to him, seek his Mercy and share in the love that he has shown us on the cross.

Over the past few months, my wife (Father Mike's sister) and myself have been assisting Father Mike in his health needs. However, Father Mike continues to have health issues and is unable to continue in his role as Pastor at this time. Our Bishop, Bishop Mike has placed Father Mike on sick leave for the time being.

The Bishop has also reassigned me to this parish from St. Mary's in Swormville to take on the additional role as temporary parish administrator. Deacon Paul will continue on in his duties of the parish. Father Jim Croglia will serve as Priest Moderator in pastoral care.

I will do my best to continue to keep this parish alive as a vibrant religious community, as Father Mike has worked so hard to make it a place where everyone should feel welcome. Father Mike has wanted everyone to feel the true love of God's infinite mercy. Please continue to pray for Father Mike and please feel free to send Father Mike a note, letter or card. He enjoys reading them.

Peace in our Risen Savior,
Deacon Gary Hoover

"Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God". St. Padre Pio

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES



We pray for the safety of those serving in the Armed Forces, especially: SSGT Stephen J. Stanko, III, MSGT Richard Ball, MSGT Ryan J. Snyder, PVT1C Willard Bruce, MP Bobby Kindred, SGT James Retzer, PVT Jeffrey Alexander, PVT1C Rory Bruce, SGT Andy Sulski, M/SGT Christian Roeske, S/SG Michael Shilen, Timothy Juliano, PVT Jeffrey Seal, SrA Jacob Choate, Vincent J. Bartolomeo, SFC Danielle Sales, CPL Michael Girard, SR Andrew D. Potter, PFC Nicholas Kaiser, CPT Devin M. Finn, SGT Thomas Will, Jr., Jacob Gagnon, PVT Nicolas Paul, CPT Grant Peehler, Ryan Barnard, 1LT Jordan Zajac, Matthew Seal.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Greetings,

Last week our ECC was closed for Easter/ Spring recess. We return on Monday April 12th which marks the 50th anniversary of the Week of the Young Child. It is a week-long celebration sponsored by the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). They highlight the needs of children and families and the importance of early childhood education providers. Each day is a different theme like Art, working together, music and family. Our Center focuses on all those, as well as physical education and spiritual awareness. St. Francis Early Childhood Center provides a well-rounded program that always celebrates the importance of educating young children (you might say we celebrate every day). We also create a positive learning environment for our 3 and 4 year olds. From the beginning with the love and support of Father Mike and the St. Francis Parish our Center has been able to grow and become an important part of the community. Thank you from all of us.

Please be safe and wear a mask!

Blessings,

Sally Babcock ~ ECC Director



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

- My love language (Reference: “The Five Love Languages”, by Gary Chapman) is Acts of Service. However, I am not adverse to receiving gifts - especially when they are from Jesus!! The SACRAMENTS are Christ’s own gift that provide us with his grace.

They are the divine helps which God gives us to enable us to:

Believe the truths of his faith
Live according to his moral code
Grow in his gift of divine life

The seven sacraments are a fundamental part of the Catholic faith.

By definition, a sacrament is “an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.”

As we partake in the sacraments, let us be SO grateful to our generous God for his help! And as our young people prepare to celebrate their sacraments for the first time, let us pray for their hearts and minds to be open to the Holy Spirit who will gift them immeasurably!!

Check our Formed.org for great programs on the sacraments!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip gift cards are still available, even though we are all in quarantine! Tops, Budwey/Market in the Square, and more are still in stock, and orders can be placed by emailing program coordinator Kathy Deyell at KDeyell@juno.com. She will make arrangements with you regarding payment and delivery. And don’t forget, you can always order online at ShopWithScrip.com (contact Kathy if you need the enrollment code). Many vendors, such as Amazon and Walmart, have e-gift cards which are available almost immediately when you pay electronically with PrestoPay or a credit card, and physical gift cards can be ordered as well. Help support St. Francis of Assisi Parish even as we must remain physically distant from each other.

Baptisms

We recently welcomed into our Parish Community through the waters of baptism: Jack Louis Boyle and Camden Joseph Spinney.

Easter Flower Memorials

Additional donations for Easter Flowers were made in memory of: deceased members of the Macielag and Racey families.

ST. FRANCIS SVDP FOOD PANTRY

We have a non-denominational food pantry in the St. Clare Center. Anyone living in our area is welcome to come monthly to the pantry. The pantry is open Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please use the side entrance ramp to the Church to begin your food pantry assistance.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of paper & plastic bags, as well as paper towels. Please place your donation in the Barrel by the Chapel or Church front doors. St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your generosity to help us serve the needy!

ST. FRANCIS FAMILY CLOTHES CLOSET

A Clothes Closet for infants, children and adults is available in the St. Francis of Assisi Church basement (use entrance by the ramp). All clothing is free. Hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - noon and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. COVID rules are in place. Call the Outreach office at 693-6247 if you have any questions. **Donations of gently used, laundered children’s and adult clothing are appreciated. Please drop off your donations during regular hours.**



Divine Mercy Prayer

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy--to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children await Your final coming - that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope; Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven. (Diary of St. Faustina 1570)

Social Distancing Guidance for Liturgies

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time. In order to accommodate growing Mass participation, please note the following: Families may continue to sit together in the same pew. Others must remain socially distant. If you come to church alone, or with one other person, please move to the middle of the pew to make room for others to be seated. Also, be sure to sign the contact-tracing forms at the doors of the Church, and work with the ushers to find safe and socially distant seating. We all need to cooperate at this time to make sure that everyone can come to church and worship safely. Please remember to wear a mask at all liturgies. If you don't have one, there is a supply of masks in the vestibule, along with hand sanitizer.

Prayer to the Invisible but Ever Present God

O God, You are my hope -
 how can I be disappointed!
 You are my trust - how can I ever despair!
 Our eyes cannot discern You,
 hidden as You are in the cloak of Your glory.
 But our hearts perceive Your majesty,
 visible as it is in the perfection of Your splendor.
 You are ever manifest - how can You be hidden!
 You are ever present and constantly watch over -
 how can You be absent!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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 as 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 judgment 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Camps - Students in 5th - 8th grades are invited to join the Golden Summer Academy, camps and clinics offered this summer at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Camp offerings include: two theater camps, an HSPT prep course, math, mural making, creative writing, zoology, dance, band, exercise, cheerleading, boys basketball and football and a unique All Sports class. The cost for most camps is \$100. For more information or a brochure, call Thomas Wilkie at 695-2600, ext. 333 or email twilkie@cardinalohara.com or go to www.cardinalohara.com.
Virtual Meat Raffle - will take place from Blessed Sacrament Church on April 24 at 7 p.m. on Facebook [live@artyparty716](https://www.facebook.com/artyparty716). Cost is \$50 for 12 rounds. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Payment options: paypal at <https://bsacramentchurch.com.give/-hit> the donate button - please indicate meat raffle and/or 50/50 or mail to Blessed Sacrament, 263 Claremont Ave., Buffalo, NY 14223. For more information, call 834-4282.

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