



April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

My Peace I Leave With You

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday, 12:00-1:00 PM

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday, 9:00 AM - Friday, 9:00 AM

Mass at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital

Wednesday, 4:00 PM

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the month by appointment

Marriage: arrangements to be made nine months in advance, please call the office before setting the date.

Franciscan Sisters 475-9005



From Your Canon:

A week later, Jesus again appears before the disciples showing the marks of his crucifixion and death, yet truly alive. Thomas doubts no more. He brings them the gift of peace and the Holy Spirit whom he had promised to

send to them. The apostles are now equipped to go out and proclaim the Good News, and so are we!

It was a great joy to celebrate the Easter mysteries again as I remembered Lent and Easter 2020, with no Mass or ceremonies at all. I am hoping our parishioners who have not yet returned will see that we can gather safely and no longer deny themselves the Eucharist. We continue to plan future celebrations of our return to some normalcy this spring as so many have been vaccinated and believe that it is possible to return to our lives and customs.

Today at 2:00 PM we will have a special service in the church and the possibility of confessions on today's celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

Our annual spring grounds clean-up will take place in the morning of **Saturday April 24**. It ends with a lunch provided in the Hall. Thanks to those who will bring rakes, gloves and garden implements to prepare our property for the summer months as a campus of which we can truly be proud.

A Holy Land **Glory & Praise Concert** is being prepared for late May.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of God of the Parish of St. Mary, Chelsea, are a faith community guided by the Holy Spirit, Christ made present in our time and place. As the visible Body of Christ we are called to make God's light shine through us in love, in service, in worship, in celebration, in education, in guidance in prayer, and in healing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & Faith Formation



*No Greater
Love*

No Greater Love “Greater love has no man than this, to lay down his life for his friends,” Jesus said at the Last Supper. We could exclaim: But there does exist a greater love than giving one’s life for one’s friends: your love! You did not give your life for your friends but for your enemies! Paul says that scarcely can someone be found who is ready to die for a just man, although such a man might be found: but God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Rom 5:8). The word “friends” in the active sense indicates those who love you, but in the passive sense it indicates those whom you love. Jesus calls Judas friend (Mt 26:50), not because Judas loved him, but because he loved Judas! There is no greater love than giving one’s life for one’s enemies while considering them friends; this is what Jesus meant by his statement. People can be – or act as though they are – enemies of God, but God will never be the enemy of any human being...Jesus died, crying out, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do...It is a peremptory request made with the authority that comes from being the Son: Father, forgive them! I knew an intellectual woman who professed to be an atheist. One day she got the kind of news that leaves people stunned: her sixteen-year-old daughter had a tumor in her rib cage. They operated, and she returned from the torment of the operating room with nasogastric tubes, drainage tubes, and intravenous feeding tubes coming out of her body. The girl was suffering horribly and groaning, and she did not want to hear any words of comfort. Knowing that her daughter was devoutly religious, and thinking that it would please her, the mother asked her, “Do you want me to read you something from the Gospel?” “Yes, Mama, read me the Gospel,” she answered. “What do you want me to read you from the Gospel?” “Read me the Passion.” The mother, never having read the Gospel, ran to get a Bible from the hospital chaplains. She sat at her daughter’s bedside and began to read. After a while, the girl fell asleep, but the mother continued to read silently in the semidarkness up to the end. She said in the book she wrote afterward that “the daughter fell asleep, but the mother woke up!” Her reading of the Passion of Christ had changed her life forever. (Fr. Cantalamessa is a Capuchin Franciscan priest and the preacher to the papal household.)

Music Ministry

Today we celebrate with the disciples as they directly witnessed their risen Savior when He came and appeared to them in their midst as they gathered in confusion and fear. His risen body along with the visible signs of His torture and execution: the wounds in His hands, side, and feet, turn to become signs of hope and forgiveness for all of us that live in His resurrection. What a wondrous gift of love of the Holy Spirit!

Our song for the preparation of the altar shares our hope:
We walk by faith, and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e’er spoke, But we believe Him near.
We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice, And cry “My Lord and God!”



Thank you to those that have taken and returned the Welcome back survey. If you haven’t yet filled out the survey, we invite you to do so at your earliest convenience.

LAST CALL:

If you have taken a Baby Bottle and have not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible.



Knights of Columbus

Our final fish fry served approximately 440 meals. Council 3092, and I, thank the many volunteers and patrons that mad our fish fry a success. Thank you!

The Knight of the Month for March 2021: Rich Barston.

The Family of the Month for March 2021: Dan and Linda Rosolowski.



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. ©LPi

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**Monday, April 12, 2021**

6:30pm Scripture Study

7:00pm Finance Council

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

11:00am Charity and Justice Meeting

6:00 Family Faith Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

12:15pm Women's Bible Study

Via Zoom

7:00pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Thursday, April 15, 2021

24hr Adoration

Friday, April 16, 2021**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

9:30am Family Faith Meeting

12-1:00pm Confessions

Sunday, April 18, 2021

6-8:00pm Youth Group



Mike Adam

Rick Boss

Sandra Coatsworth

Edward Delatore

Charlene King

Mike Stachowiak

Pat Stankey

Jim Zenz



Traveling to Your Door of Mercy "Jesus is always knocking at your door." Join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday Hour of Prayer; Sunday, April 11th at 2pm in St. Mary Church for adoration, confession & prayer. Come and experience the depths of God's loving Mercy.

Weekly Offerings
March 27 & 28, 2021
Giving back to the Lord
Offertory Collection \$10,599.00
Envelopes 113
Online Giving \$4,244.00
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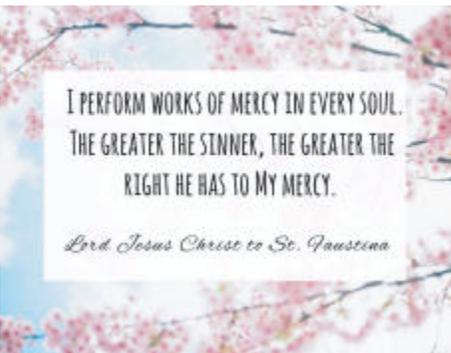
Weekly Offerings
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Stewardship This Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Our Almsgiving collection for Palm Sunday was, \$810.00.

Pro-Life ~ Marriage & Family
 Please Listen to Catholic Radio
 990AM, 93.3 FM or Siriusxm 129
 The RLC meets the 3rd Sunday of every month after 8am Mass.
 All are welcome!

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Almsgiving collections were, \$1,142.00

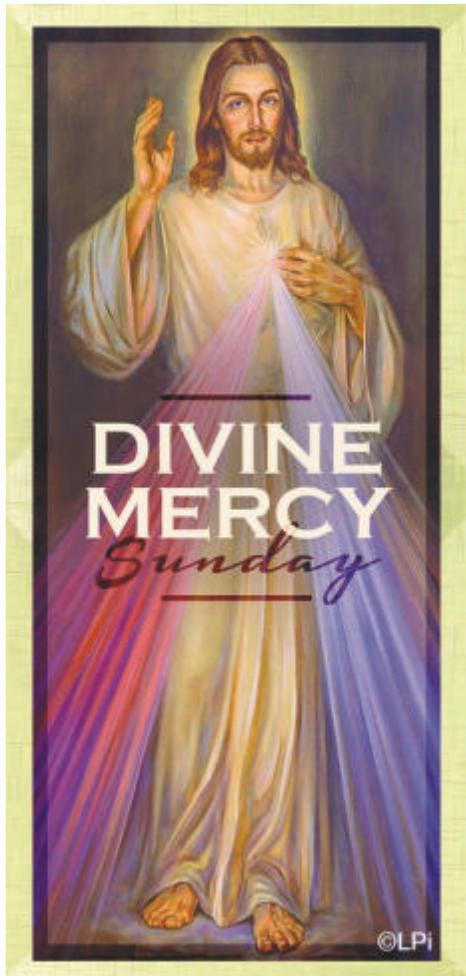


ST. MARY ROSARY PROGRAM
 Rosaries prayed this week— 50 Total to Date—136,607
Please pray the rosary –How can we say “no” to our Blessed Mother.
 Please remember to fill out the tally sheets found in the basket in the Gathering Space. This program will continue indefinitely.



**S p r i n g
 G r o u n d s**
 Clean up is April 24th from 9am to 12pm. Please bring, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows with you.

 Council 3092 thanks, with abundance and humility, the St. Mary Parish Community for helping reach our St. Louis Challenge Match goal of 5000 dollars; the Knights matched this amount of money, providing a total donation to St. Louis Center of 10,000 dollars. On behalf of St. Louis Guanella Council 3092, I express our gratitude for your generous offering. Vince Elie, GK Council 3092



 A general reminder of the upcoming retirement seminar, provided by the Knights of Columbus, is open to Knights, their families, to parishioners, and the community at large. It occurs April 28th, as a webinar, and starts at 7 pm. It is scheduled for one hour. Please visit the Knights of Columbus Page on the St. Mary Website for more information and to register. www.stmarychelsea.org

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Weekly Readings
And Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 10

Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1 & 14-15, 16-18, 19-21
Mark 16:9-15
4:30pm—Philip McGibney
By The Family

Sunday, April 11

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31
8:00am—For Our Parish
10:00am—Alex and Shirley
Roskowski
By Al and Diane Bridges

Monday, April 12

Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7, 9
John 3:1-8
9am—Health Intentions of

Larry Lambuth
By Mark and Kathie Day

Tuesday, April 13

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1, 2, 5
John 3:7-15
9:00am—Special intentions of
Esther Hannah
By William and Nancy Harris

Wednesday, April 14

Acts of Apostles 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21
9:00am—1st Anniversary
Joe Brosnan
By Our Parish

Thursday, April 15

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36
9:00am—Health Intentions for
Edward Delatore

By Patti Stewart

Friday, April 16

Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15
9:00am—Charles Williams
By The Williams Family

Saturday, April 17

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21
4:30pm—Joseph and Wanda Boles
By The Green Family

Sunday, April 18

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48
8:00am—Kristin Warren
Townsend
By Susan Meyers
10:00am—For Our Parish

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