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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

11 APRIL 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
*United in Faith, Love
and Service to Others*

*Oak Park Worship Location,
Rectory, and Parish Office
13500 Oak Park Blvd. • Oak Park, MI
48237*

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Parish Website

www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule

***Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale***

***MASKS MUST BE WORN
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TO 125 PEOPLE***

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www.omoph.org

for COVID 19 Guidelines

Sacraments:

***Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and
Reconciliation***

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

***Marriage—Must be active and registered
members of the parish (for at least 6 months
prior to scheduling)***

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.374.9045

SEE



“Blessed are those who
have not seen and have
believed.”

JOHN 20:29

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LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD



Saturday, April 10, 2021
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Rev. Hector Saulino (1994)

Sunday, April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Rev. Ralph V. Barton (1993)

11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family
 In memory of Frank and Jeanette Seidl
 by the Frank Seidl Children
 Living and deceased members of the Kemling
 and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

Monday, April 12, 2021
 Rev. Erwin J. Bauer (2015)

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
 Rev. Stanislaus Redwick (1998)

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
 Rev. John H. West (2005)

Thursday, April 15, 2021
 Rev. Walter A. Markowicz (1995)

Friday, April 16, 2021
 Rev. Joseph G. Schuler (1974)

Saturday, April 17, 2021
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
 Rev. Robert S. Liberty, Jr. (2013)

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Joseph and Helen Meo by Family
 Carlos Summer by Family
 Stanley and Josephine Fliger by Carol Fliger
11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS**

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.



**Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
 and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

	Mar. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$16,823	\$153,768
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$1,583	(\$40,209)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$8,177)	(\$41,232)

Week of 03-28-2021 Offertory total: \$3,147.75

On-line giving totaled \$3,266.50 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$13,557.00 for a grand total for 5 weeks of March deposits totaled \$16,823.50.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: 33,695.00
 AS OF 03-29-2021: 151 PLEDGES RECEIVED;
 146 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$96,850.00
TOTAL PAID:	\$97,165.02
REFUND DUE PARISH:	\$6,715.00;
Refunds Issued:	\$56,755.02

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR****SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****MY LORD AND MY GOD**

In 20:19-31: During the evening of the first day of the week the disciples were behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus appears in their midst and stands before them, greets them, and shows them the wounds of his hands and of his side inflicted during his crucifixion. The Jesus breaths on these disciples saying, "Receiving the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are bound."

Thomas was not with his fellow disciples when they first encountered Jesus in the locked room. Thomas did not believe them when they said they had seen the Lord. The next week Jesus again appears to his disciples and Thomas was with his fellow disciples. Jesus shows Thomas his hands and his side. At this encounter with Jesus, Thomas responds with "My Lord and My God!" Jesus tells Thomas, "You came to believe because you saw me. Blest are those who have not seen and have believed."

Jesus went on performing many signs. These signs were recorded to help the belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and through faith one can have life in his name.

It is in a locked room, no one can enter or leave, and Jesus appears before his gathered disciples and stands before them with his bodily wounds on his hands and on his side. The disciples now see the resurrected body of Jesus after his crucifixion, death, and burial. The disciples then believed Jesus' promise of the resurrection was now fulfilled. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the lives of these disciples and tells them to forgive sins or to bind sins.

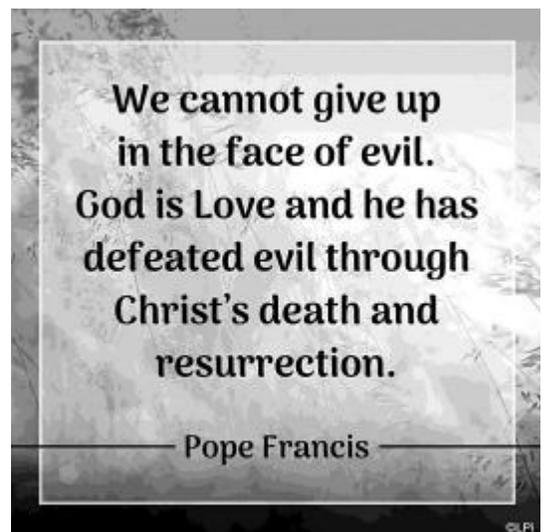
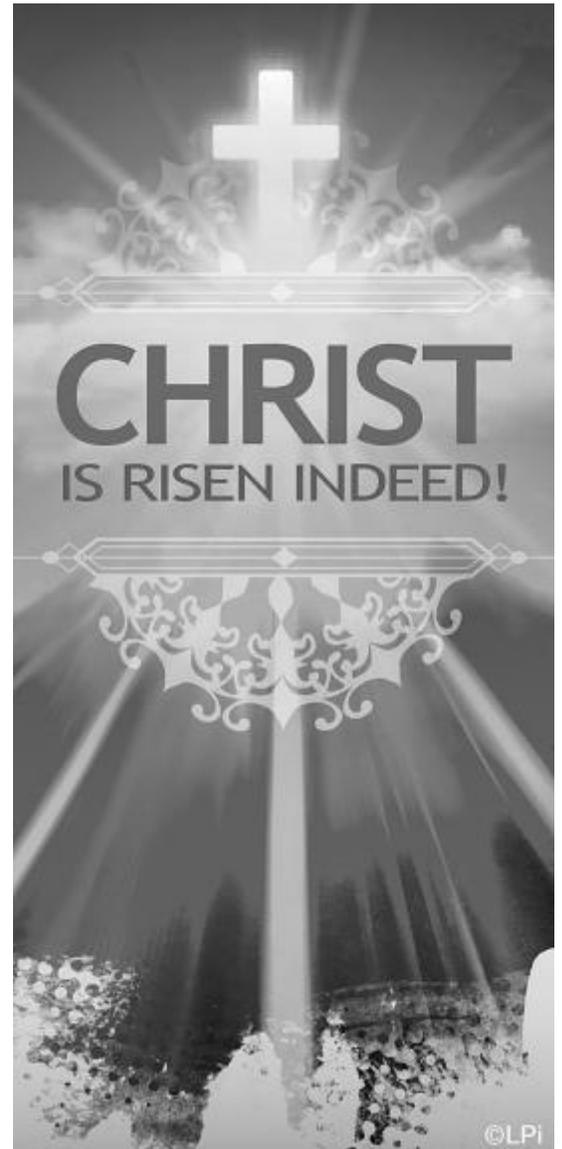
Because Thomas was not at the first encounter of the resurrected Jesus, he did not believe the word of his fellow disciples of their encounter and witness of the risen Jesus. It took the bodily appearance of Jesus with his wounds for Thomas to believe. It is in this encounter with Jesus that Thomas could profess the very nature of the resurrected Jesus truly is, "My Lord and My God!"

As the gospel passage continues, Jesus performed many other signs and these signs are recorded, possibly the beginning of the oral and written stories and words of Jesus, so others can also believe in Jesus. "Those who followed Jesus in his earthly ministry did so because they believed in his word. Those who now follow him do so out of belief in the same word, which is the word of the Gospel." Bruce Vawter, C.M. (1921-1986) *The Four Gospels Vol II* p.281

In the year 2000 Blessed John Paul II (1920-2005) proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday when he canonized St. Faustina (1905-1938). Blessed John Paul II died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005. In today's gospel we hear of God's forgiveness of sins and for those who believe may have life in Jesus' name. From the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus says, "This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (#420)

When we encounter Jesus' Divine Mercy we just might proclaim, "My Lord and My God!"

Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Second Sunday of Easter ends the Easter Octave.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—THAT OUR JOY MIGHT BE COMPLETE

O God, from the beginning you prepared us, making us in your image, sharing with us every good gift, revealing yourself to us over the ages, until in the incarnation, you broke into history in a new way, doing a new thing. You give us your life. Help us to honor that gift, that we might use the life we have been given to serve and be willing to lay it down with the hope that we might rise like Jesus, and that our joy might be complete. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

APRIL 11, 2021 - OUR JOY OVERFLOWS

Today's readings: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 John 5:1–6; John 20:19–31. When Jesus appears in a locked room and says, "Peace be with you," the apostles rejoice that their Lord is present. Jesus then breathes on them, giving them the Spirit, and commissions them. Their joy in the Resurrection is not theirs alone.

The new life that comes from God, the new life where there was only death, changes the Twelve. Acts tells us that, in the early Church, the needs of all were met. The Christian community was part of the inauguration of the kingdom of justice and peace, and a sign of the kingdom. Therefore in their community, the demands of justice were recognized.

Our Easter joy should bubble up within us and be poured out. The joy should inspire us toward service and self-sacrifice in imitation of Jesus. Whose needs in your community are going unmet? Bring an Easter basket to a homebound member of your parish, and sit and visit for an hour. Pick up a package of diapers on your next trip to the store, and drop them at a center that serves families or women in crisis pregnancies. Volunteer to serve at a soup kitchen, and be present as you smile and greet the guests. Call a person who seems lonely, and set up a time to talk. When you find a need and meet it, others peer through a window into the coming kingdom.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

MONDAY, APRIL 12 - READING ACTS

The first reading each day has been making its way through the Acts of the Apostles, as it does each Easter season. We hear about the early Christians' preaching, teaching, and healing, and what occurred as a result. Acts is filled with drama and adventure. During this Easter season, try to read the entire book. Be inspired by those who "were filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak of God with boldness." Today's readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13 - NO NEEDY PERSON AMONG US

In the early Christian Church, the community cared for one another. Most homeless shelters have a constant need for basics, such as socks and underwear. Imagine how profound a need this is for those who lack them. Buy a few pairs of socks or underwear, and take them to a place in your community that serves those who are without a home. Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 - WE CANNOT HELP BUT PROCLAIM IT

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." The early Christians could not help but proclaim the Good News in word and deed, and we are called to continue to do so. How can you bring those around you into the light of God's love? Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 - CONTINUE THE CELEBRATION

One of the beautiful things about Easter is that for fifty days we celebrate our joy. Do something that reflects an Easter custom today. When my children were little, we hid plastic eggs all over the house throughout the Easter season. It was a fun way to keep the joy of the season present for us. You might continue to add flowers to a prayer area in your home, or adorn it with white and gold, to help you to be present in the season and remind those you love that we are still in the season of celebration. Consider also making a lamb cake or getting special Easter treats at the store. Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 - LOAVES AND FISHES

In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we see the Eucharist. Go to Mass or adoration today. Take this opportunity to thank Jesus for the great gift of himself in the Eucharist. Receive this gift and go out into the world and love as he does. Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 - CALLED TO SERVE

We hear about the apostles choosing assistants and laying their hands on these men, including Stephen, who would be the first Christian martyr. They were called by God to serve the needs of the community so that no one would be left at the margins. God is calling you to use your gifts to serve as well. How is God calling you today? Do you think the path of following that call is always going to be easy? Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.



**SUPPORT OUR
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PARISH**

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND 2021
ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS**

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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Acclaimed author Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ, explores the history of women's roles in early Christianity in her workshop, Women in the Church: Past, Present, and Future. The virtual workshop, presented through Weber Retreat and Conference Center, is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021. The schedule includes a break for lunch.

Sister Christine's award-winning 2017 book, Crispina and Her Sisters, looks into the authority that women exercised in the early Church and, through visual imagery found on burial artifacts, demonstrates how these early disciples were far more influential than is commonly understood.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$30. Registration is required to receive the live stream link and is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center:

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