Saint Joseph Parish 173 Albion Street, Wakefield MA 01880 Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday Mass Schedule

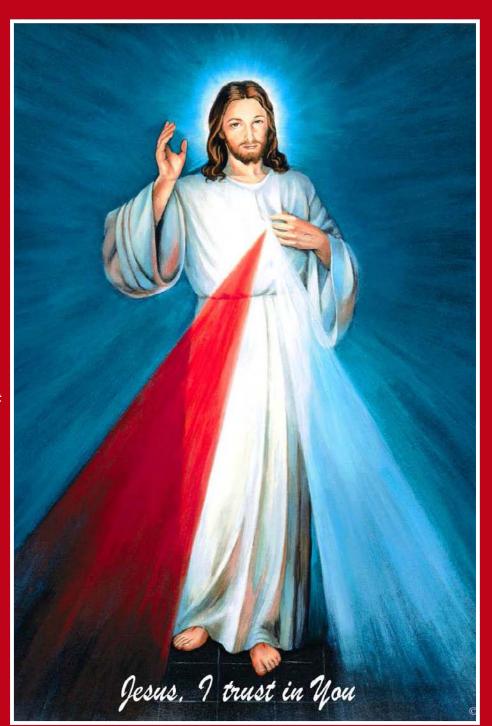
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM Sunday Mass 7:30 AM 9:00 AM (Family Liturgy) 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM Daily Mass Schedule Monday - Friday Mass 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM Saturday Mass 9:00 AM Parish Holy Hour Every Sunday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confessions Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment.

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Chapel Hours 7:00 AM - Midnight Adoration (M-F)-10:00AM - 12 AM Weds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM No Adoration on Holidays



April 12, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The image of Divine Mercy shows Jesus with white and red rays radiating from His heart. The rays remind us of the blood and water that came from the side of Jesus when He was pierced with the sword as He hung upon the cross. The white rays symbolize the water of Baptism and the red the blood of the Eucharist. This pouring out of the blood and water is the source of the sacramental life of the Church. Divine Mercy Sunday is a reminder that our salvation is a gift of God's Mercy.

On the cross Jesus paid the price of salvation. He satisfied the justice of God for the wages of sin is death. We, in turn, received His mercy, the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of eternal life. We are loved by God unconditionally. Let us respond to this love by giving our love to Jesus. We will celebrate Divine Mercy this Sunday with prayer and adoration. The schedule is listed on page 5 in this bulletin. In celebration of Divine Mercy, we are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the sacrament of God's mercy since our sins are forgiven and washed away.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Easter celebration. Thank you to Anne Grant who, along with the cantors, choirs and musicians, provided beautiful music for our liturgies. Thank you to the liturgy committee for providing all that was needed for our liturgies. Thank you to the ministers, altar servers and ushers for your service. Thank you to Carrie Kelly and those who helped her decorate the sanctuary. Thank you to Steve Zolud, Michael Olivo and their helpers for providing us with the video projections of the music and prayers. I also thank the RCIA Team for leading our candidates to the reception of the sacraments. Also, thank you to all who sent cards and gifts.

A 12 week television series on the Acts of the Apostles began last Sunday. It is called *A.D. The Bible Continues*, on NBC, at 9:00 p.m. Sunday evenings. It is well done and worth watching.

The Praise & Worship Group on Monday evening will be having a series of instruction for those interested in *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. This will be a 7 week program. It will begin this Monday at 7:30 p.m.

May Jesus continue to shepherd you in all of your needs.

God love you,

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Reflection of the Week

Wickedness is not always overt; the neglect of simple kindness, great or small, kills as surely as open violence.

HOLY HOUR A time of quiet music & reflection Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

PRAYERGROUP

Hour of praise and charismatic prayer Monday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

> BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

HEALING SOAKING PRAYER

Come meet us to pray for healing Wednesday 6:30 pm Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Scriptural Teaching An Inquisitive Walk through the Scripture, 71

We recommend keeping these reflections in a three-ring binder for the sake of pondering, challenging, questioning what is offered. Please consider that this is a series and some things may not be as clear if all individual reflections are not read.

As we continue reflections on Moses as a "type" of Christ, we mentioned last week the Golden Calf. As part of his response, Moses interceded with the Lord with a remarkable prayer: "This people have sinned a great sin; and they have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if You will, forgive their sin - and if not, blot me, I pray, out of Your book which You have written." (Ex. 32:31, 32) Like Abraham before him, Moses had a very intimate relationship with the Lord and could speak to Him with a certain familiar boldness. When Abraham interceded for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18), the Lord was leading him to have the heart of the Lord in caring for His people. Likewise, when the Lord commanded the sacrifice of Isaac (Gen. 22), it was for the sake of bringing Abraham to a more profound awareness of just how much he (Abraham) loved and trusted the Lord. When the Lord threatened to destroy Israel because of the Golden Calf, He was in fact bringing Moses to a crucial point of loving his people in relation to how much the Lord loves His people. St. Paul would later write: "For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race." (the Jewish people) (Roms. 9:3)

We can focus on two elements. First, the intimate relationship that Moses had with God in that he could plead with such assurance for his sinful people. Second, that Moses was willing to be blotted out of the Lord's book for the sake of his people. The Lord Jesus is one with the Father and yet this did not prevent Him from emptying Himself of His glory (Phils. 2:1-5) to become one with sinful humankind in all things but sin. Jesus did not only this but was even willing to become sin (2 Cors. 5:21) and a curse (Gals. 3:10-14) for the sake of His people; and, on the cross, He experienced being totally abandoned by God as He quoted Ps. 22 "My God, My God, why have You abandoned me?" Moses and Paul offered to be blotted out of God's book but Jesus experienced it on behalf of all humankind when He died on the cross. Jesus has the same love of humankind as the Father does and so He knew that after His self-sacrifice and experience of abandonment would come Resurrection and Ascension to the right hand of the Father in His natural glory.

God was showing us in Moses a man who would put the well-being of others before his own – not just for a temporal reprieve but to be willing to be blotted out of the Book of Life. As man, Jesus died for all humankind but as Son of God – "the Way, the Truth, the Life" – He offers to all humankind the way to Eternal Life – Life Abundant. (Jn. 10:10)



ADULT FOCUS



Bereavement Community

Hear how our members have dealt with loss and learn strategies and activities that have helped others move back into the warm peace of the Lord. Meetings held on first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Our Lady's Room. Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Faith Sharing

Join us for insights and fellowship. **Mondays** at 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room* (*Please note: No Meeting on Monday, April 20 – Patriot's Day)

Tuesdays at noon. Call for confirmation. **Wednesdays** at 7:30 pm in St. Joseph's Room. **Thursdays** at 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Room

Knit, Purl, Pray

The Prayer Knitting Community meets on Tuesdays @ 9:30 am in Our Lady's Room. All are welcome.

Affirming Life Community

Heartbeat Pregnancy Center (781) 229-7887 A Women's Concern Toll Free (866) 435-7292 Rachel's Vineyard 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

Living With Chronic Illness Support Group

Support ministry for those experiencing chronic illness, cancer, or long term medical conditions from both visible or invisible illnesses. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in Our Lady's Room at 7:30 p.m.

Separated/Divorced Support Group

The next meeting for our **Program on Separation** and **Divorce** will be on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Room.

<u>St. Joseph Table</u>

Serving healthful meals to those in need. The Second Friday and Fourth Wednesday each month. Schedules may change to accommodate certain holy days and holidays.

Please call Rose at 617-697-0888 or email: rmdittom@aol.com.

(Please note: if Wakefield schools are cancelled due to inclement weather - *then our Adult Focus meetings will be cancelled that day.* We ask that you please check local news stations.)

Religious Education

Kengi

Registration for the 2015-16 School Year starts on April 15, 2015 for students going into Grade 1 through Grade 9. We encourage you to register preschool and kindergarten too so that we have your contact information for events and mailings. The forms can be found on our website under Religious Ed or you may come into the Rectory and fill out the forms. Please call Diane Murphy at 781-245-5770 or email <u>dmurphy@stjosephwakefield.org</u> if you have any questions. Books are available in the rectory for PS, K, 1, 3-8.

<u>First Communion</u> will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

<u>Confirmation</u> will take place on Friday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2015 will be held on August 3 - 7. Registration will begin on May 4, 2015. *More details to follow.*

Upcoming Youth Events!

Teen Pilgrimage to St. Therese Shrine in Rhode Island on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info or to sign up with Julie, email: jvazquez@stjosephwakefield.org

Grade 5 Games & Pizza Party on Saturday, April 25, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30p.m. Sign up with Julie at email: <u>jvazquez@stjosephwakefield.org</u>



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

"21st Century Catholic Learning Community Based on Timeless Values." Quality, Faith-based, Personalized Instruction

Hawks Banquet

St. Joseph School Basketball Team celebrated their banquet on March 28, 2015. We wish to thank Ted and Theresa Gaffney as well as all the coaches and parents who dedicate all their time and talent to this program.

2015/2016 Registration

Saint Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Alayne Flynn at 781-245-2081 for more information.

For additional information on our school please call 781-245-2081 or visit <u>www.stjosephschoolwakefield.org</u>

Divine Mercy Schedule Sunday, April 12, 2015



Adoration 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Confessions 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary 2:00 p.m. Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Benediction 3:45 p.m.

March 2015St. Vincent de PaulPoor Box Offering\$ 2,053.42Thank you

| Distributions | for Month of | March 2015 | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Utilities | \$ | 1,350.00 | |
| Heating Oil | \$ | 324.44 | |
| Food Cards | \$ | 320.00 | |
| | Total \$ | 1,994.44 | |

St. Joseph Parish Expenses Paid March 14, 2015 - March 31, 2015

| Altar Supplies | \$ | 293 |
|---------------------------------|----|--------|
| Audio Visual | | 213 |
| Building Maintenance & Supplies | | 1,184 |
| Charitable Works | | 600 |
| Coffee & Donuts | | 670 |
| Visiting Clergy Stipends | | 150 |
| Hospitality | | 775 |
| Offertory Envelopes | | 362 |
| Payroll & Taxes | | 17,861 |
| Postage | | 375 |
| Religious Education | | 60 |
| St. Joseph's Table | | 893 |
| St. Joseph School Support | | 2,903 |
| Snow Removal/Salt | | 450 |
| Wakefield Food Pantry | | 500 |
| Youth Ministry | | 251 |
| Total: | \$ | 27,540 |

EASTER COLLECTION \$ 21,097

For the health and retirement benefits of the clergy.

LITURGY CORNER Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Pope John Paul II said that the image of the Risen Jesus Christ portrays Jesus bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said, "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48)

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You." (Diary 327) "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

PARENTING CORNER

Ways to Keep Easter Joy Alive

Not many of us are used to sustaining an "Easter Spirit" of celebration all the way to Pentecost, so here are some suggestions:

- 1. Light a special candle during meals to recall the light of Christ.
- 2. Plan fun family activities one for each week of Easter.
- 3. Put up a sign or banner that proclaims, "He is risen!"
- 4. Every day read together from the Easter Story; Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20-21.
- 5. Add an "Alleluia' or three Alleluias to your grace before meals.
- 6. Put on an Easter play. Invite relatives and friends to watch.
- 7. Make a poster of a life-giving cross. Add paper flowers and leaves each day.
- 8. Celebrate life by doing something as a family to support an unborn child.
- 9. Keep fresh flowers around.
- 10. Use the traditional Easter greeting, "Christ is risen! He has risen indeed!"

St. Joseph Parish, Wakefield, MA

Apríl 12, 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday

Your prayers are requested for the benefactors of our parish and the deceased of our community especially Mary Tecce. Also, please pray for the sick among us and all those who have asked us to pray for them this week. Their names have been inscribed in our parish Book of Intentions in the Chapel. Please contact the rectory to add a name.

mass intentions

Saturday, April 11

- 9:00 Robert McSweeney, Memorial Mass
- 4:00 Mary Grace Doucette, Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 12

- 7:30 Mary Dube, 6th Anniversary
- 9:00 Ronald Bagarella, Birthday Remembrance
- 11:00 Richard Murphy, 4th Anniversary
- 5:30 R. Robert Grattan, 1st Anniversary

Monday, April 13

- 6:45 Margaret Wynne, Memorial Mass
- 9:00 Special Intention

Tuesday, April 14

- 6:45 Lucretia Barrett, Memorial Mass
- 9:00 Dorothy Conway, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 15

- 6:45 Patrick Keough, 24th Anniversary 9:00 John Cain, Sr., 1st Anniversary
- Thursday, April 16
 - 6:45 James McDonnell, 23rd Anniversary 9:00 Nancy McWhinnie, 1st Anniversary

Friday, April 17

- 6:45 Hank McCarthy, 4th Anniversary
- 9:00 White Family, Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 18

- 9:00 Carolyn Wetterberg, 2nd Anniversary
- 4:00 James Roberto, 16th Anniversary

Sunday, April 19

- 7:30 Caesar & Florence Zani, Memorial Mass
- 9:00 Joseph Paul Frotten, Birthday Remembrance
- 11:00 Albert DePiano, 16th Anniversary
- 5:30 Robert Umano, Jr., Memorial Mass



Please pray for all those currently serving in the military, especially those deployed overseas: Kevin Garofano, Debra Martinez, Scott McDonough, & Matthew Redmond.

Fr. Wenzel's Mass Schedule

Fr. Jim will be celebrating the following Masses: April 19 at 7:30 a.m., April 26 at 11:00 a.m., May 10 at 7:30 a.m., May 17 at 11:00 a.m., & May 31 at 7:30 a.m.

April /May Ministry Schedules

The April/May Ministry Schedule is available online and in the sacristy. **Please submit any June/July exceptions by May 1.** Please drop off at the rectory or email to mlaiosa@stjosephwakefield.org.

RCIA



Congratulations to Dawn Swain and Bianca Bacigalupo, Eugene DelGaizo and Christina Indorato who were received into the Catholic faith through the RCIA program at the Easter Vigil

this year. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests



St. Joseph Parish is answering Our Lady's call. Please join us as we hold our monthly cenacle. Please note: April and May monthly cenacle will be held on the <u>2nd Saturday of the month</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. (*Time*

change is due to Holy Week and First Communions.) We are asked to meet at least once a month, say a rosary together, pray special prayers for our Pope and read one or

more of our Lady's messages given to Fr. Gobbi. We also make an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Keith (781) 245-5770.

Scripture for the week of April 12, 2015

| SUN | Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31 |
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| Mon | Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 |
| Tue | Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Wed | Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 |
| Thu | Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 |
| Fri | Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 |
| Sat | Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 |
| SUN | Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 |





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