

# Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



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- To form one another as disciples who encounter Jesus Christ deeply through word, sacrament and service.
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# Mass Intentions...


<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>April 11</b> Anthony & Genevieve Kolodziej & Families+ Antonio & Patrocina Romano+
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30AM	<b>April 12</b> Lionel & Rosella Keith+
10:30AM	Edmond & Bridie Girard +
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30AM	<b>April 19</b> Joseph J. Miaskiewicz +
10:30AM	Florence Pimenta +

Mass cards are available in the Parish Office after all Sunday Liturgies and during the week Mon.- Fri., 9:00 am-12:00 pm

*Scripture for the week of April 12, 2015*

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

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 20th-Patriot's Day**



Please remember Celeste Egan, the deceased of our Parish and those who were buried from St. Thomas Parish during the past weeks. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Schedule for Weekend Mass**  
*Please join us often!*

<b>St. Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>St. John the Baptist</b>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 4:00PM
Sunday, 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 7:00PM Brazilian Mass	Sunday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM(Spanish), 5:00PM
<b>Weekday Masses:</b> Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM	<b>Weekday Masses:</b> Monday - Saturday, 6:45AM
<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays, 3:15PM	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays, 3:00-3:30PM

# Parish Activities


**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Apr 13	8:30AM Mass—Chapel
Apr 14	6:15pm Girl Scouts Troop#361
Apr 15	6:15PM Girl Scouts Troop#233 7:00PM Bible Study—S.L.C.
Apr 17	8:30AM Mass—Chapel




**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

April 18	Brazilian Dinner Dance—6PM
April 25	Consecrated Life Mass—4PM



We would like to thank all our parishioners who gave donations for our Easter flowers and decorations. A complete list of donors will appear in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!



**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**  
The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their monthly Food Drive at all Masses this weekend, April 11th & 12th. Please leave your canned goods, cereals, toiletries, etc. at the entrance of the Church. We thank you for your support and your generosity!

# Living Faith

*...that we might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18*

Our next session of **Living Faith** will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Fr Dan Sheehan Spiritual Life Center from 6:30-8:30 PM.

**Our sessions this month are:**

*(Back by popular demand!)*

**1. Camino de Santiago**

*(Following the Way of St. James)*

Deacon Russ Mower

**2. The Different Titles of Mary**

Seminarian Godfrey Musabe

**3. Recognizing Jesus in our Daily Lives.**

*Learning from how the disciples recognized Jesus after the Resurrection.*

Sr. Janelle

Since the rooms upstairs are small we will cut off the numbers at 15 persons for the groups that meet there.

If you wish, you can pre-register for the presentation of your choice by e-mailing Eloise Gabriel at [eloise-gab@yahoo.com](mailto:eloise-gab@yahoo.com) or by calling Sr Janelle at the St Thomas parish office (978-531-0224,x14). If you would like to bring some food to share for our supper please contact us!

We look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April!



## Liturgy Memorials

The Altar wine & hosts have been donated for the month of April for the honor and glory of God in memory of Cathleen Morency by Pat & Moes Florida friends, The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in memory of James Cronin by Mary Cronin & family.

### “Liturgical Memorials”

The following items used at liturgy are available as memorials or commemorations each month at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**Hosts & Wine:** to be consecrated at all Liturgies during the month (donation \$25.00).

**The Oil** used in the altar candles during the month (donation \$25.00).

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is the candle that burns constantly, except on Good Friday, before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Four each month (donation \$30.00).

**Flowers** before the Main Altar and on the Side Altars for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Liturgies (Not during Lent). Main Altar (donation \$40.00), Side Altars (donation \$30.00).

Donations and donors will be listed in the Bulletin each week of the month.

If you wish to donate any of the above, please call Sheila or Tracy at the parish office Monday-Friday 9AM-12PM.

### Upcoming Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<b>April 18 - April 19: Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Rafael Bautista - 1-Plate Joanne Mizioch - 2-Cup Sophia O'Brien - 3-Cup	Christine Capillo - 1-Plate Rose Statezni - 2-Cup Sheila Lynch - 3-Cup	Patricia Cronin - 1-Plate Pat Laehn - 2-Cup Bill Geary - 3-Cup
<b>Lector</b>	Pauline Bautista Maria O'Toole	Jennifer Puzzo Frank Herschede	Tony Porcello Maddie Pimenta
<b>Altar Server</b>	Colleen Silva <i>-volunteer needed</i>	Matthew Sheldon Nathan Sheldon	Kaitlyn McLaughlin Mark Harrison



*This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the "Year of Consecrated Life."*

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, at the 4 o'clock Mass, we will have a special celebration with those women and men religious who have been part of our lives. All parishioners are welcome to invite family members or friends who are consecrated religious to join us for this Mass, and a reception to follow. This is our opportunity to celebrate with them the special way of life they lead in response to God's call and in service to the People of God. Save the date in your calendars and phones now!

There are invitations available for you to send to religious you may want to invite. Please see Sr Janelle for copies. Please let us know by April 18th how many guests you will have joining us.

**Thrift Shop**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Thrift Shop. We need Jewelry, pots, pans, kitchen wares, small appliances, toys, old tools, rugs, men's toiletries, just about anything you don't need. As usual you can drop things off on Saturdays between 9am to 1pm or call Bob & Sylvia at 978-977-9672 to arrange a time. God's blessing to all of you. Please remember we cannot accept T.V.'s, microwaves, etc.

**VOTF Adult Faith Formation Lecture**

**When:** Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 7 to 9 P.M.  
**Where:** St. Thomas Church Hall, Peabody  
**Who:** Francine Cardman, Ph.D., Boston College  
**Title: Francis, Bishop of Rome: At the Crossroads of Dialogue, Decentralization & Participation**  
**Lecture:** Dr. Cardman will discuss some concrete ways in which dialogue, decentralization & participation can be fostered in the service of mission and evangelization.  
 Refreshments served. Free will offering appreciated. For more info call John & Barbara Gould 978-535-2321



This week, April 12, 2015

The First collection will be for the parish.

The second collection will be for Landscaping Needs

<b>Mar 29th Collection:</b>	\$3,408.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	\$1,426.00
<b>Holy Thursday for the Poor:</b>	\$ 743.00
<b>Good Friday, Holy Land:</b>	\$ 747.00
<b>Easter- Clergy Benefit Trust:</b>	\$4,615.00

Next week the first collection will be for the parish. The second collection will be for Fuel & Utilities

Thank you for your generous sacrifice.



For those who want to follow Fr Michael Alello as he runs the Boston Marathon, here is his information:

Bib # 27309

Running in Wave 4/4, beginning around 11:30.

Anyone interested is going somewhere along the route to cheer him on? Contact Sr Janelle.

Receive alerts on where he is:

<http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/participant-information/att-athlete-alert.aspx>



**BENEFIT CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Tickets will be sold at the door, so join us for a wonderful night of homegrown parish musical talent for all ages. Our biggest fundraiser for our sister parish in the Dominican Republic, the concert will be a fun night for the whole family. Tickets are \$10 each or a family discount for 3 or more. Transportation is provided if needed and there is plenty of parking available. Come to St. Thomas School Gym on APRIL 11th, doors open at 6pm. See YOU there!

## **THE GIFT OF GOD'S MERCY: Divine Mercy Sunday and a Holy Year of Mercy**

On the cover of today's bulletin is the image of Divine Mercy. The church has come to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. Here is a brief reflection on this feast and an announcement of a Holy Year of Mercy which was proclaimed by Pope Francis.

**The Feast of Divine Mercy.** Devotion to Divine Mercy has its more recent origins in the thought and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun whose writings influenced Pope John Paul II to the point where on May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II wrote of the reasons for this devotion:

*This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.* ~ Bl. Pope John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

**The Image of Divine Mercy.** St. Faustina recalls a vision of Jesus appearing to her with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (*Diary*, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

**A Holy Year of Mercy.** Recently Pope Francis announced that he was declaring a special year of grace. "I frequently have thought about how the church can make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy," he said during his homily, when he decided to call a Holy Year, which will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016. The biblical theme of the year, he said, will be "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," an admonition that applies "especially to confessors," the pope said with a smile.

Traditionally, every 25 years the popes proclaim a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy years, like the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth.

We will be making preparation to observe this Holy Year but in the meantime this seems an appropriate time to begin reflection and prayer. The doors of the church "are wide open so that all those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness," Pope Francis said at a penance service, which featured individual confessions. It was part of a worldwide celebration of "24 Hours for the Lord," in which Catholic churches were staying open for prayer, eucharistic adoration and confession.

During the coming months our parishes will be exploring ways for us to participate in this Holy Year. This weekend I encourage you to join others in the chapel at Saint John the Baptist Church for prayers and reflections on the theme of Divine Mercy. The service will begin at 2:30 PM. Please come and pray together for the gift of divine mercy to bring healing to our personal lives and to our world of violent conflict.

God bless. Fr. John



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# *Come to the Waters of Healing*

## *One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion*

◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015

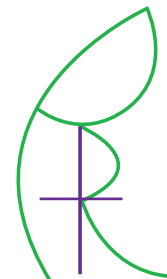
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing in a loving and confidential environment.

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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future."  
Jeremiah 31:15-17




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