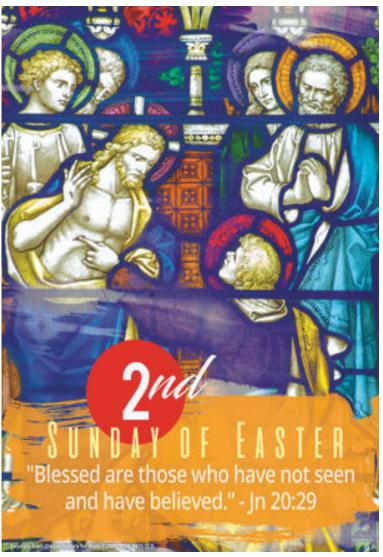
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm St. Mary 5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

7:30 am St. Agnes 8:30 am St. Mary 10: 00 am St. Mary 10:30 am St. Agnes 11:30 am St. Mary 4:30 pm St. Mary

DAILY MASSES

7:00 am St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon April 20 Easter Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Tue April 21 St. Anselm

9:00 Anthony Gagliardi by his daughter

Wed April 22 Easter Weekday

9:00 Rev. Francis X. Callahan by The Rosary Group

Thu April 23 St. George

9:00 The Wellbeing of the Grillo Family/Breda Quirk

Fri April 24 St. Fidelis

9:00 Mrs. Chui Kam Yiu by her family

Sat April 25

Vigil

5:00 JoAnne Wengroff by Suzanne Beliveau

Sun April 26 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 10:30 *Kay Cronin* by Richard and Pat Rouse

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1

Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn

3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

[7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

[7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn

6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk

16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-

10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

"Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

Philippians 4:6-7

St. Mary Church

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7:00 No Intention

Tue April 21 St. Anselm

7:00 Joseph Griffin by wife Mary Ann

Wed April 22 Easter Weekday

7:00 No Intention

Thu April 23 St. George

7:00 No Intention

Fri April 24 St. Fidelis

7:00 No Intention

Sat April 25 St. Mark

7:30 Susan Piroh Mino by her sister Pat

Vigil

4:30 Alexa Marie Sanner by her parents

Sun April 26 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 Paul O'Brien by his family

10:00 Mary Louise Vitelli by Benjamin Paige

11:30 Helen and Mike Serena by Bob & Rita Serena

4:30 Lynn Calo by Anthony and Barbara Petito



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love thee about all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I can not now receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, as if thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee."

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends:

This Second Sunday of Easter has been traditionally called "Low" Sunday, a reference to its almost anticlimactic nature in relation to the high festival of Easter celebrated just a

week before. Of course, for all of us, in this very strange spring of the year 2020, the bulk of the season of Lent as well as Holy Week and Easter itself, have been lowered in intensity as our churches have been closed, access to the sacraments limited, and life in general curtailed by the crisis connected with COVID-19. As low, and dark, and even as eerie as these days may seem on the surface, the circumstances of our time in no way cloud over or diminish the fundamental truth of our faith that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Mary, who was crucified, dead, and buried, has been raised by the glory of the Father and is alive and among us even now.

Pope St. John Paul II designated this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, and there are very special blessings attached to the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. Normally, there would be scheduled devotions in many churches, our own included, as well as the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, located in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and under the care of the Marian Fathers. This devotion, like most everything else, has been curtailed because of the virus plaguing our nation and the wider world. However, that does not mean that we cannot properly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in our homes, by ourselves and with our families. Access the internet and print out the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers and pray them, preferably at the three o'clock hour this Sunday. It takes but a few minutes, but our collective calling upon God, the Father of mercies, in this time of disturbance and anxiety, will be a demonstration of our faith and confidence in God, in whose hands all of us live and are sustained.

Know that all of you remain close to us, and we to you, in this time of social distancing. You and your intentions are included in every Mass and in all of the prayers of the priests and deacons of the parish. We all look forward to the day, which we hope will be soon, when we shall be together again in church. Please keep us in your prayers as well.

A final note: I am grateful for all who have made an effort to send in their weekly contributions. Many do so by mail. You are also strongly encouraged to look into contributing on-line. There is also a basket on the shelf at the back door of the rectory on Gulf Street where you can leave your envelopes. Just drop them there, ring the doorbell, and someone will come to take them inside. While we are being careful, as always, with parish funds, please realize that we still have bills that must be paid. Please do what you can, mindful of course, of your own financial circumstances.

May the Risen Lord bless and keep you all!

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MEDITATION GOSPEL UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or disconnected worthwhile, and feeling and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on. If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am. While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are presence of mystery and God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrated by their parents.



Please welcome into our parish community the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church during the month of March: Violet Camille Darrah, Adam Joseph Sylvain, Henley Violet Velush, and

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