

JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST

April 8, 2018 • Second Sunday of Easter

Our readings this week give us a glimpse of how the first communities of Christians began to understand their purpose and identity. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said, “Peace be with you,” calling his followers to bring his peace and forgiveness to God’s beloved world. The early Church realized it was not a group of individuals each seeking to live virtuously and then go to heaven. Instead, Christians formed communities, empowered by the Spirit, attempting to

live in profound trust in God and in each other. Remembering how Jesus displayed his wounds to his disciples, the church came to realize that it is called to share in the life of a wounded world. When we, the Church today, demonstrate our faith and love in action, we also show everyone who the crucified Jesus really is—the One who knows and accompanies us in our human suffering.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 8, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00 pm	April 7, 2018 †Florence Zusag req. by Ann & Hubert Bishop
Sunday, 9:00 AM	April 8, 2018 †ROSE SMITH REQ. BY MARY & BRUCE BOYLE / PARISH FAMILY OF ST. PATRICK
Monday, 9:00 am	April 9, 2018 NO MASS
Tuesday, 6:00 pm	April 10, 2018—NO MASS ADORATION until 9pm
Wednesday,	April 11, 2018—NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	April 12, 2018 †Rose Smith req. by Mary & Craig Bisping
Friday, 9:00 am	April 13, 2018—NO MASS Adoration until 11:00 am
Saturday, 5:00 pm	April 14, 2018 †Jerry Robbins req. by Linda Cakora / Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, 9:00 am	April 15, 2018 FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Altar Servers:

Saturday, April 14 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Matthew Jasinski
Sunday, April 15 - 9:00 am
Elena Alexander, Andy Horath,
Emily Horath

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, April 14 - 5:00 pm
Sue Nugent & Carmen Kinsella
Sunday, April 15 - 9:00 am
Roberta Stauffenberg,
Paul Engler, Steve Hoehn

Lector

Saturday, April 14 - 5:00 pm
Jerry Kinsella
Sunday, April 15 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Usher:

Saturday, April 14 - 5:00 pm
Bill Phelan, Howard Bieschke
Sunday, April 15 - 9:00 am
Jim Price, Eddie Horath

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Horath, Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, April 1\$2,588.50
Easter\$4,910.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,190.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 5,005.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient! to sign up.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

**There will be practice for FIRST COMMUNION on Saturday,
April 14th at 9:00 am in the church**



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask that you please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

If you have already made a gift to this year's CMAA, on behalf of our parish and the Diocese, I thank you! *Fr. Sebastian*

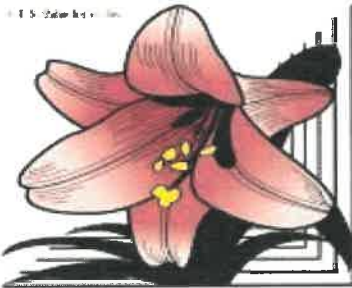
IN MEMORY / HONOR OF.....

Jim & Rita Phelan

Jerry & Vicky Phelan

Dot McGrath

Deceased members of
Oliver Family



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On **Monday, April 23, 2018 from 4-6pm**, Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Paul the Apostle, 511 N. Conrad, in Peotone (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and non-perishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, boxes, carts or wagons to transport food and grocery products through the line and back to their vehicles. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org

Divine Mercy Sunday

***April 8, 2018
Area-wide Celebration***

Saint Rose Parish

603 S. Main Street, Wilmington



Dear Parishioners,

Jesus told Saint Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when *"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"* (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to confession and then receive him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy. Throughout the Catholic Church, the Sunday after Easter is now called Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Church allows one to go to confession up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised *"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"* (Diary 699). He went on to say *"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy"* (Diary 1109).

Join the priests and parishioners of our area parishes, celebrate this incredible promise and receive a plenary indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy. Together, we want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we encourage you to invite your family and friends urging them to participate in the following services at Saint Rose Parish in Wilmington.

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Confessions

3:00 p.m. Holy Hour

***Veneration of the Relics of the Apostles of Mercy;
Exposition and Benediction the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Mercy Chaplet with meditations based on the
Diary of St. Sister Faustina;
Divine Mercy Litany and other prayers to our Lord.***

I encourage you to participate in this area-wide celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Blessings on this Easter Day,
Father Sebastian



RECONCILIATION

ST. ROSE, WILMINGTON — EVERY THURSDAY—
6:00—7:00 PM

Save the date

The Council of Catholic Women will have a Donut Day in conjunction with their "Ghost Card Party" with Split - the - Pot Raffle on May 6, 2018 after the 9:00 am Mass. Ladies ticket packets will be available next weekend



EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

--St. Julian of Norwich



GRACE NIEMIEC

St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women
Woman of the Year

Grace and her husband Steve joined St. Patrick in 1997. Grace is a Lector, Eucharistic minister and is a member of our choir. She has taught our 2nd grade class since 2001. Grace has been a great help in designing our parish directories in 2008 and 2016. In 2015, Grace began studying with the Lay Carmelites and will be fully professed by 2020. Also, in 2015, Grace started working at the Diocesan Office in the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Office. April of 2017 found Grace going on a diocesan mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia to help the needy in that area. Grace has helped CCW in many ways from helping with Card Party publicity, to assisting with pot luck dinners, and the garage sale along with helping past priests wherever she was needed. We truly thank and congratulate Grace.



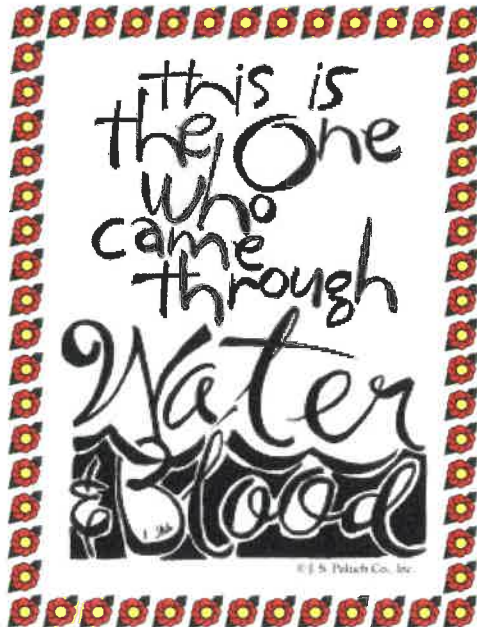
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF APRIL

- THAT ECONOMISTS MAY HAVE THE COURAGE TO REJECT ANY ECONOMY OF EXCLUSION, AND KNOW HOW TO OPEN NEW PATHS.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



April 8, 2018

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday: The Annunciation of
the Lord
- Wednesday: St. Stanislaus
- Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Friday: St. Martin I



THE WOUNDS OF JESUS

In the Gospel passage from John, Jesus appears twice to his disciples, and both times Jesus shows them his wounds from his crucifixion. Thomas actually touches the wounds. Jesus' wounds did not disappear after the Resurrection. Jesus meant for his followers to know that his sufferings, and ours, are part of our encounter with him. Jesus revealed how God is present in our human suffering, joining us in our most painful moments with consolation and with mercy.

Suffering is a great mystery, and we cannot adequately explain or justify the many wounds we experience in life. However, in prayer God can open a way forward. The Holy Spirit might offer wisdom to perceive when or how our sufferings make healing or hope possible for others or for ourselves. When we enter into this mystery we follow Jesus, who radically trusted God to transform his sufferings into new life.

EMBODYING FORGIVENESS

In just a few verses, we see that the disciples received not only a new perspective on suffering, but a new energy and a new task in their lives. Their new energy, Jesus' very breath, is the Holy Spirit. Their new task, given in the same breath, is to embody God's forgiveness and proclaim this forgiveness to all. When Jesus appeared to them, he didn't castigate them for their abandonment and betrayal of him just days before. Jesus gave them the peace of being forgiven. He gave the Holy Spirit, so to forgive others.

The experience of being forgiven and forgiving others is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus came to proclaim and to manifest God's desire to reconcile with God's very sons and daughters, us human beings. God is always working toward reconciliation and rejoices when any broken relationship is healed. When we accept forgiveness from God or from others, we are letting God into our hearts. When we forgive others or ourselves, we are participating in God's work.

Today's Readings: Acts 4:32–35; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

4/8/2018