



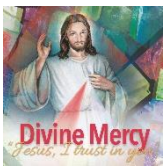
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 Parish Bulletin – April 11, 2021
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Dear Parishioners,

Mystagogia is this beautiful fifty day period extending from Easter to Pentecost Sunday. It is intended not only for our Neophytes in the RCIA but for the Church in general. Kindly spend a few minutes of prayer and meditation each day, reflect upon the solemnity of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, read extra scripture passages or say the rosary. May we all be enriched by the spiritual wealth of the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Joe
 Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora
 Pastor



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11. The Association of Marion Helpers of St. Patrick's invites you to celebrate with us at 2:30 p.m. on April 11 with songs, words from St. Faustina, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of the image.

Shamrock: The deadline for all *Shamrock* articles is Friday, May 7. Please email them to Bill Oliver at oliverB@wlu.edu and office@stpatrickslexington.com.



Engage! This Easter Season, the Adult Faith Formation/New Evangelization Team hopes that you will benefit from the weekly installments of Bishop Robert Barron's program, Engage, sent directly to your Email addresses from our parish through Flocknote. These short, inspirational videos from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute are our gift to inspire you throughout the Church year. Remember that each Email contains a link for you to access the extensive Word on Fire Digital Library for even more exclusive content. The program's parish administrator is Kelly Williams, a member of our AFF/NE Team. We are excited to present this resource to you and hope it will deeply engage you in your faith journey. ~ Kathleen Nowacki-Correia,



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of
 †Mike Yoemans by Luci Majikas.

Friday, April 9 – No Mass

Saturday, April 10

5:00 PM †Richard A. Hiser by Ann Hiser

Sunday, April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM †Jean and †James M. Morgan, Jr.
 by Children

10:30 AM †Ted DeLaney by the Straughans

5:00 PM People of St. Patrick

Monday, April 12

12:15 PM †Pat Freeman by Amelia
 Freeman

Tuesday, April 13

7:30 AM †Douglas Wilmer by Richard and
 Shana DeLuca

Wednesday, April 14

7:30 AM †Chet Poranski by Rita Poranski

Thursday, April 15 – No Mass

Friday, April 16 – No Mass

Saturday, April 17

5:00 PM †Virginia Hess by Eileen Tarr

Sunday, April 18

8:00 AM †Dede Hudgins by Maggie
 Davies

10:30 AM Dufour Family by Bill and Cindy
 Bither

5:00 PM †Andrew Steele by Luci Majikas

Counters Needed! We need volunteers to help count the collection after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It should require less than an hour of your time, one day a month. If you are interested, please call Leslie or Cindy in the office at 463-3533. Thank you!

Confirmation Session #7 will be held this Sunday, April 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

Scripture Readings for this weekend: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.



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Weekly Schedule ©LPI

Friday, April 9 – No Mass

Saturday, April 10

- 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial (private)
- 4:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 9:10 AM Religious Education
- 9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 10:30 AM Mass – Youth Ministry
- 2:30 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Session

Monday, April 12

- 11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, April 13

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting – Parish House
- 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council – Church Hall

Wednesday, April 14

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Adoration
- 8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish House
- 7:00 PM RCIA – Parish House

Thursday, April 15 – No Mass

Friday, April 16 – No Mass

Saturday, April 17

- 4:00 PM Reconciliation
- 4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 18

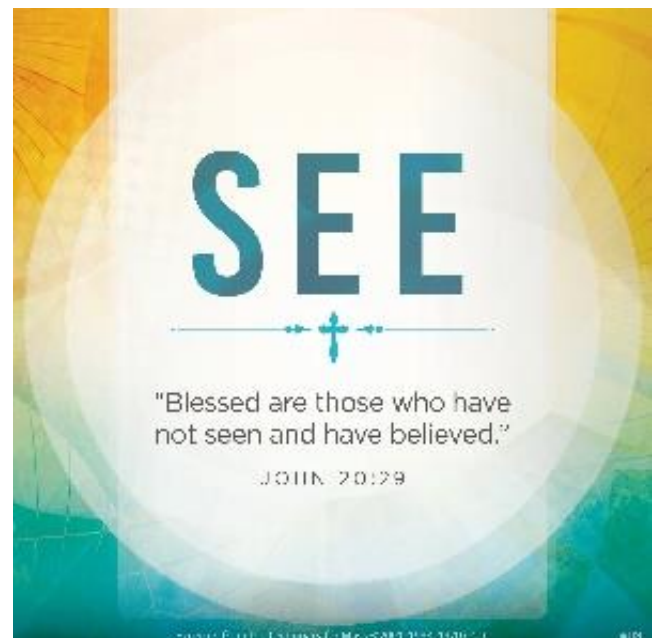
- 7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 9:10 AM Religious Education
- 9:10 AM Homebound Ministry - Church
- 9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ
- 10:30 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Confirmation Session

Parking in the Lot: Please respect the Staff parking place reserved for our DRE, who must be able to access it at all times, as the sign states, "7 Days a Week." It is the first spot on the left past the white brick garden on the side of the parish house. Please do not block access to it, by parking next to it or behind it (indicated by the "No Parking" sign) in order to allow access to that Staff spot at all times, including prior to and during all Mass times. Thank you.

The next SPARC in-person session for Dr. Scott Hahn's "The Bible and the Church Fathers" will meet on Thursday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in the Parish House. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. For those who prefer to remain home, you can watch at your convenience by going to (or click here) StPaulCenter.com, click on **Log In** on the upper right of the screen. Enter our user Email address: dre@stpatrickslexington.com and our password: StPatricksLexington and then on the lower right under the bar, Journey Through the Scriptures, click on *The Bible and the Church Fathers*. Under the Streaming Access bar, click *Watch Now*. Sponsored by our AFF/NE Team

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

We are in need of someone to Adore from 9-10 a.m. or 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Wednesday Adoration. Because we do not have an Adorer from 9:30-10:30 the Adorer from 9-10 is sometimes alone in the church for at least some of the time. I am asking the Holy Spirit to grace someone(s) in the parish to answer this call for help! May the Lord continue to bless our parish and the world through Eucharistic Adoration. Contact: Maggie Davies 540-819-6425





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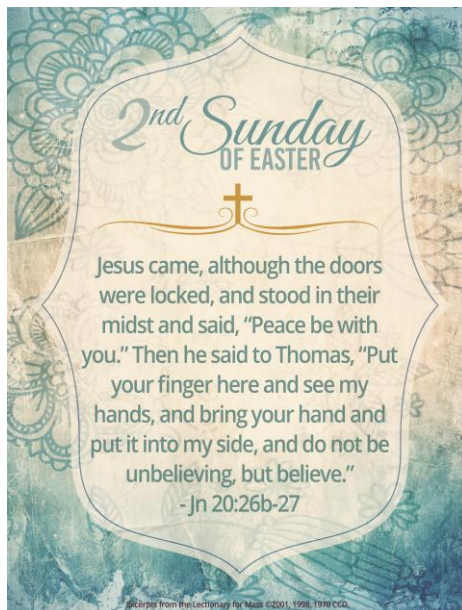


From the Director of Religious Education,
 Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:



"Jesus, I trust in You."

On the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember that Christ's agonized heart, opened after His supreme sacrifice for our salvation on the Cross, has become the well-spring of His divine and tender mercy. In the famous depiction of Christ as the Divine Mercy, the red ray emanating from His side denotes Christ's blood as the life of souls and the white ray represents the waters of Baptism in Christ, which makes souls righteous. St. Pope John Paul II proclaimed in 2001 on the first universal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, "This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity. Through the mystery of His wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here, alone, can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret." In these challenging times, let us pray more fervently than ever before, "Jesus, I trust in you!" For more information: thedivinemercy.org ~K.N.-C.



Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:



On this Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy), our biblical texts present Christ's Resurrection as a manifestation of divine mercy. The first reading recounts the communal nature and charitable ministry of the early Christians in Jerusalem. The psalmist invites all believers to praise God's enduring mercy. Saint John reflects that those who love God keep his commandments, and those who believe in Christ conquer the world. And in John's Gospel, the risen Lord appears to his frightened disciples in the Upper Room, gives them authority to forgive sins in his name, and awakens Thomas' faith, declaring as blessed those who believe without seeing him.

"The wounds of Jesus are a scandal, a stumbling block for faith, yet they are also the test of faith. That is why on the body of the risen Christ the wounds never pass away: they remain, for those wounds are the enduring sign of God's love for us. They are essential for believing in God. Not for believing that God exists, but for believing that God is love, mercy and faithfulness" (Pope Francis, Homily, 4/27/14). As our celebration of Christ's Resurrection continues, may we who enjoy the blessings of divine mercy share those blessings with others through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

*** Sincere thanks to our cantors, instrumentalists, liturgical ministers, and Art & Environment Committee for contributing to the success and beauty of this year's Paschal Triduum and Easter liturgies!

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Prayer Net: Warren Browning; Marilyn Rom; Laura Lowe; John Rafferty; Chris Hugo; Barbara Griner; Allen J. Chittum, Sr.; Cindy Kleinchester; Margaret Mitchell; Eileen Roth; Mack Sharp; Mitchell King; Irene Pouliot; Allan Perkins; Paul Freeman; Matt Hemp; Carol Melvin; Wendell Tucker; Greg Mantho; Stephanie Batterman; Deborah Soutar; Rita Rooney; John Ekin; Tanya Lalley; Shawn Hamric; Patricia Browning; Coen Deschambault; Virginia Mitchell; Amanda Soutar; Patricia Burch; Knox Thomas; Mary Lou Olszewski; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Terry Early; Jerry Beckley; Lou Ramsey; Antonietta Scire; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; and families affected by the coronavirus. (For Prayer Net requests, contact Cher McCoy at chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com or 540-570-2111.)



Holy Father's Prayer Intention: We pray for those, who risk their lives, while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis.

Parish Finances:

Collection for 4/4/2021	\$ 8,540
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$ 7,461
Operating Income YTD	\$ 322,336
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$ 298,440
Over YTD Budgeted Income	\$ 23,896
Collections not included above:	
Haiti Lenten Banks YTD	\$ 4,386
J&P – Kroger Community Rewards	\$ 242
Annual Diocesan Appeal YTD	\$ 18,010
Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal	\$ 20,920

Giving Options: Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. For your convenience, please consider giving online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org or through our direct debit program at [Direct Debit](#). Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450.

Kroger Community Rewards: With 50 households participating between 12/1/2020 — 2/28/2021, we have received \$242. This money will be used by the Justice & Peace Ministry to assist the needy of our community. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to register, and for using your card when shopping at Kroger. If you haven't registered your card, please consider doing so. You will need to know our assigned number (**RR394**) or Justice & Peace Ministry of St. Patrick Catholic Church. There are two ways to register:

1. **By Phone:** call 1-800-576-4377 and listen for the option which mentions Community Rewards.
2. **Online:** go to kroger.com/communityrewards.

If you have questions or need assistance, call Sherry Smith at 540-305-7992.

The RARA Items of the Month are personal hygiene items.

Please continue to check the parish website at stpatrickslexington.com for updates.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
 With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

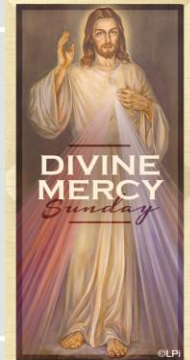
PSALM:
 Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:
 Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

GOSPEL:
 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021
 Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
 Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
 Thursday: Tax Day
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



REFLECT

FIRST READING
 Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

SECOND READING
 John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

GOSPEL READING
 The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

How good & how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!

PSALM 133:1

Hymns for this weekend's Masses:

Entrance Chant: The Strife Is O'er #408

Offertory Chant: Alleluia No. 1 #413

Communion Chant: O Sons and Daughters #405

Recessional Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise #411

THE STRIFE IS O'ER


VICTORY

Refrain




Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3. On the third morn he rose a - gain,
4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;
5. O Ris - en Lord, all praise to thee,



1. Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won; O let the
2. But Christ their le - gions has dis - persed; Let shouts of
3. Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign; O let us
4. The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell; Let hymns of
5. Who from our sin has set us free, That we may



1. song of praise be sung: Al - le - lu - ia!
2. praise and joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
3. swell the joy - ful strain: Al - le - lu - ia!
4. praise his tri - umph tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
5. live e - ter - nal - ly! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 888 with alleluias; Finita iam sunt praelia; Latin, 12th cent.; tr. by Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt.

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; adapt. by Willam H. Monk, 1823–1889.

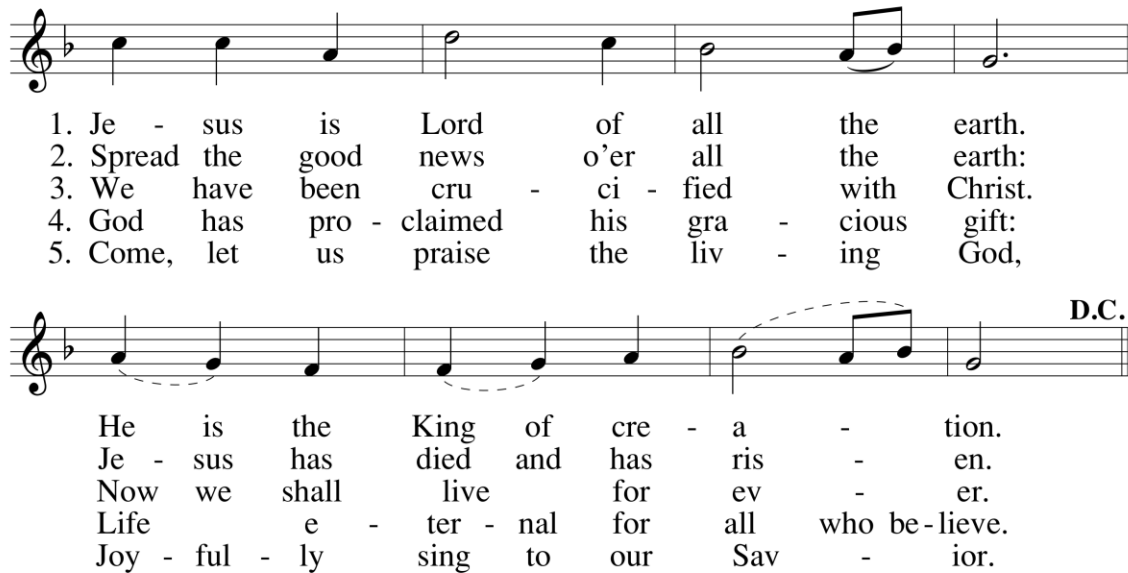
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the
ris-en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er.
Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

O Sons and Daughters



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That East - er morn, at break of day,
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5. When Thom - as, first the tid - ings heard,
6. "My wound - ed side, O Thom - as, see;



The King of heav'n the glo - rious King,
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way
 Who sat, and spoke un - to the three,
 A - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 How they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 Be - hold my hands, my feet," said he,



O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord has gone to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 And said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!

D.C.

7. No longer Thomas then denied,
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen,
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days,
 To God your hearts and voices raise,
 In laud, and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness,
And the joyful valleys ring
With hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King!**

2. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Like the sun from out the wave,
He has risen up in triumph
From the darkness of the grave.
He's the splendor of the nations,
He's the lamp of endless day;
He's the very Lord of glory
Who is risen up today!**

3. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**He has burst our prison bars;
He has lifted up the portals
Of our home beyond the stars:
He has won for us our freedom,
'Neath his feet our foes are trod;
He has purchased back our birthright
To the kingdom of our God!**

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Blessed Jesus, make us rise
From the life of this corruption
To the life that never dies.
May your glory be our portion,
When the days of time are past,
And the dead shall be awakened
By the trumpet's mighty blast!**