

Weekend of April 7/8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 7

OL 8 AM Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima

OL 4 PM For Our Parishioners

SJ 6 PM No Mass

*Sunday, April 8 **Divine Mercy Sunday***

OL 8 AM Joshua Noble by John & Pat Cotton

SJ 10 AM Mass of Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OLOL

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL

Monday April 9 No Mass

Tuesday April 10 Mass of the Day

Wednesday April 11 Mass of the Day

Thursday April 12 Mass of the Day

Friday April 13 Mass of the Day

Saturday, April 14

OL 4 PM For Our Parishioners

SJ 6 PM No Mass

Sunday, April 15

OL 8 AM Joshua Noble by Eric & Ellen Barbasso

SJ 10 AM Mass of Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement:

\$ 4,000

Weekend of April 1, 2018

Holy Thursday \$ 782

Good Friday \$ 1,296

Easter \$ 5,129

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Lay Ministries	April 7/8	April 14/15
Eucharistic Ministers		
4 PM	Gerri O'Brien Richard Boucher Mary Jane Colbert	Gay Ann Cooney Annette Bilodeau Ben Brown
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Gary Bates John Kost Richard Vincent	Gary Baates Crystal Noble Will Noble
10 AM	Virginia Drew Mike Bascom Teresa Bascom Jeannie Garcia Joe Michaud	Jim Klingensmith Marc Desgroseilliers Julie Roberts Mike Bascom Teresa Bascom
Lectors		
4 PM	Dianne Bird	Donna Brown
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Anne Boisvert	Karen Cote
10 AM	Colleen Steinbeiser	Pauline Marston
Altar Servers		*Candle Bearers
4 PM	J. Clark	J. Clark
6 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	M. Nowak C. Nowak	C. Desgroseilliers L. Desgroseilliers

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For your convenience, we are offering an additional method of financially supporting your Parish.

- ◆ Set up payments through your bank's online payment service
- ◆ Set up an account with Vanco Payment Solutions
- ◆ Click on the donation link on the Parish Web site
- ◆ Call or visit the Rectory during business hours—435-6242

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA - Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

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READINGS

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"With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:33)

Question of the Week



How might the power of Jesus' resurrection more effectively shape life within your family, religious community or parish?

HIS WORD TODAY

The seven weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost constitute the Easter season. While less well known than Advent or Lent, the Easter season is important because we live in the light of Jesus' resurrection at Easter and are challenged repeatedly to reflect on the difference that the Easter event makes in our lives.

In place of the Old Testament readings, the Lectionary during the Easter season features a series of texts from the Acts of the Apostles. Today's passage from Chapter 4 paints a beautiful and idealized picture of Christian community life at Jerusalem in the days after Easter. It says that these early Christians were of one heart and one mind, that they held all their possessions in common and that no one among them was in need.

This model of Christian community has been the object of imitation for centuries on the part of religious orders and new religious movements. Often overlooked is the statement in the center of the passage: "With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." It was in response to the resurrection that these early Christians were of one heart and one mind and shared their goods and saw to it that none of them was in need. What made the difference in their community life was the resurrection of Jesus.

Most of the Sunday Gospel readings for this Easter season are from John's Gospel, a work composed very much in the light of the Easter event. Today's selection describes the appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples first on Easter afternoon and then on the Sunday after Easter. In his farewell discourse in John 13-17, Jesus on the eve of his death had promised to give his followers the gift of peace, joy and the Holy Spirit. On Easter afternoon the risen Jesus greets the same group (minus Judas) with a word of peace, causes them to rejoice and gives them the Holy Spirit. Moreover, he sends them out to share these gifts with others.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Very Special Thanks

to all those who gave of their time and talent to make our Easter Season so remarkable and lovely— to all those who cleaned, decorated and got the churches ready, to those who contributed to working on all of the flowers and church decorations, to the sacristans, to those who sang and to those who played musical instruments for all our liturgies, to our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. We couldn't have done it nearly so well without you!! God bless you for all your efforts!

Father John

**Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration
Saint Joseph's Church, Northwood
April 8th--2pm to 3:30pm**



Jesus, through St. Faustina Kowalska, established the Sunday following Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to celebrate this feast of our Lord's great and unfathomable mercy, and to venerate His image of Divine Mercy as He asked - "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" - at St. Joseph's Church in Northwood on Sunday, April 8, starting at 2 PM until 3:30 PM. Services will include readings and reflections from St. Faustina's diary, Exposition of the Eucharist, and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Feast of Divine Mercy, visit <http://www.divinemercysunday.com/>.

"Confession is the act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."

Pope John Paul II

Congratulations to the following children who recently received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Landon Deane from OLOL, Liam Cox, Isabelle Houde, and Abel Szatko from STJ, and youth Lillian Broome and Preston Bethke.

Thank you to our teachers, Donna Brown and Kathy Thoms and RCIA volunteer Eric Barbasso for their dedication in preparing our parish children and youth for this Sacrament.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION



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An Act of Kindness

The neighbor of a four-year-old child was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just Helped him cry.'

Young Life Update -

Welcome Ryan McLaughlin!

Ryan is a recent graduate of University of New Hampshire with a degree in Recreation Engagement and Policy (focus in Program and Event Management). Ryan comes to Young Life with experience in ministry and leadership from CRU, and he is currently a volunteer Youth Leader at BeFree Church in Barrington. He has a passion to introduce teens to Jesus and encourage young Christians in their faith walk, and has already begun Campaigners with local high school students.

In addition to direct contact work with students, Ryan and members of the Young Life committee have been hard at work building connections with and visiting local churches and getting the word out about the ministry and how we can work together in our shared mission to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth, which we interpret as including every student in the halls of our local high schools. We are grateful for our partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and look forward to many faith-filled adventures together!

Link to our Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/ylgreaternorthwood/?hl=en>
Link to our website: <https://greaternorthwood.younglife.org/Pages/default.aspx>

The Parish Yard Sale dates will be Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9. Items can be dropped off at the parish center Saturday, June 2 thru Thursday, June 7. A planning meeting will be Monday, April 23, 6pm in the Parish Center. We are also in need of a volunteer to help with print and social media advertising.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *The next meeting of the Women's Club will be held on April 10th, 7pm, at the Parish Center Women of the Parish, please join us.*
- ◆ *The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on April 19th at 7pm at the Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.*
- ◆ *Baskets will be placed at the rear of each church to collect Rice Bowls.*

Something to Think About....

What are you discussing as you walk along? (Luke 24:17)

You've heard of the expression "meeting someone where they're at," but what does that mean? You could say that it means first of all just being available to someone. That's what Jesus does in the above reading. He meets these two men on the road to Emmaus and walks with them for several miles. He takes the time to listen to their story before offering any opinions of his own. And during the entire journey, he never tells them who he is. That's showing a lot of restraint, considering who the conversation is about!

But there's more to meeting people where they are at than just offering a listening ear. Listening to these two disciples, Jesus determines what their problem is and helps them address their grief. They haven't understood that the very thing they're distraught over--Jesus' suffering and death--is part of God's grand plan of salvation for everyone including themselves. So he explains that plan to them by telling them what his Father has done for him.

What a perfect model for all of us as we take up the call to evangelize! Every day, we meet people like these Emmaus disciples--people who are wandering, unsure of themselves, or on a path leading them away from God. As Jesus did, we can make it a point to be present to him--to get to know them and build a friendship with them. Remember Jesus' words, "Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles (Matthew 5:41). It's in the context of friendship that we can begin sharing our stories with each other, and that's when the gospel is proclaimed!

Sometimes this process can happen quickly, and sometimes it can take months. But sooner or later, you'll know when the time is right. But before that time comes, it's best to have something prepared. So spend some time today writing down what you might tell someone about what the Lord has done in your life. Then, as you pray, you'll find points of contact between your story and theirs. And you'll know what to say and how to say it.

"Lord, give me the grace to journey with those searching for you. Teach me how to listen to them and to share your love with them."