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Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Hills Parish

Established on February 4,



2007

173 Main Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts 01039-9768

April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



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Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

8:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

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9:00AM - 1:00PM

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Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery

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Our Lady of the Hills Parish

Welcomes You !!!

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 15 - April 23

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| Saturday | April | 15 | 4:00 PM |
| Sunday | April | 16 | 8:00 AM + Frank & Blanche Guilmain from family |
| Sunday | April | 16 | 10:30AM + Susi Martinez |
| Monday | April | 17 | 8:30 AM + |
| Tuesday | April | 18 | 8:30 AM + Living and Deceased Members |
| Wednesday | April | 19 | 8:30 AM + All Souls in purgatory |
| Thursday | April | 20 | 8:30 AM |
| Saturday | April | 22 | 4:00 PM +Tom Thomas, Jr. 2nd Anniversary from Beverly Thomas (Bishop Mass) |
| Sunday | April | 23 | 8:00 AM Joel Emerick from MaryJane Emerick |
| Sunday | April | 23 | 10:30 AM + |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 22nd
4 PM - Lectors - Dick Bart
Euch. Minister—Mary Bart
Greeter - Laurie Pennell & Carol Demerski

April 23rd
8 AM - Lector - Brian Barry
Euch. Minister - Joanne Kelliher
Greeter - Madelyn Breen & Trine Rondina

10:30 AM - Lector – Lou Bouley
Euch. Minister - Colleen Padeck
Greeter - Judy O'Brien & Tom Tessier

*Altar Servers help needed at all Masses

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter
Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday: Income Tax Day
Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury
Saturday: Earth Day

Faith Formation

8th Grade: As Class was able to be held as usual on Sunday, we'll have the Circle of Grace class on April 16th.

Confirmation Class: Although noted in the email sent to this group earlier in the week, this is a reminder that the Retreat will be on Sunday, April 23rd.

**Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.**

Weekly Schedule

Monday - Patriots Day office closed
Tuesday - 6 PM Church Hall The Chosen
Sunday - Faith Formation

Adoration will be held on Monday April 17, 2023
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Benediction about 2:50 PM



WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 9, \$3,232.00
Weekly Goal \$3,500
Thank you for your support.

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days.” Mk 1:12 to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.

PRAYER AFTER MASS

It is our custom here at Our Lady of the Hills to kneel after Mass and say a Hail Mary in honor of a priest. May we keep that custom alive and bring it with us into the present and future.

RENOVATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We wanted to provide you with a brief update from the committee.

The committee has made choices and are finalizing plans for Phase 1 of the renovations.

Our guiding principles for the plans are:

- Life Safety Code Compliance
- Accessibility requirements
- Preserving the aesthetics of the Church

The Diocesan engineers are currently reviewing the plans and we are awaiting their approval to proceed.

Once the plans are approved, we will share with you more detailed information.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

From Saint Patrick’s Breastplate

**I arise today
through God’s strength to pilot me,
God’s might to uphold me,
God’s wisdom to guide me,
God’s eye to look before me,
God’s ear to hear me,
God’s hand to guard me,
God’s way to lie before me,
God’s shield to protect me,
God’s hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.**

Hello All,

We have been doing the Take and Eat program from our parish for the past several years . We prepare meals for anywhere from 43-50 people every 2 weeks. We are blessed to have the dedicated volunteers. At this time we need more volunteers to help with desserts. It is not a huge commitment. Nancy Wood is the dessert Co-Ordinator. You can contact me at (413) 268-7203. Won’t you please help? Monetary donations are also accepted as food and supplies are expensive.

Thank you for anything you can do so we can continue this important ministry.

Madelyn Breen,
Co -Ordinator Take and Eat Program
New Volunteers always welcome!

DOUBT

**There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson**

OUR FASCINATING FAITH Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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