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Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday • May 1, 2011

Good News!

May 1, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 2:42–47 / 1 Pt 1:3–9 / Jn 20:19–31

Where was Thomas? That's one of those biblical unsolved mysteries. Why wasn't he with the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them? The Gospel states the disciples were together in the locked Upper Room out of fear. Was Thomas not afraid? Was he getting provisions? He's often referred to as "doubting Thomas," but I think of him more as "missing Thomas." Why wasn't he there?

Jesus returns a week later, when Thomas is present. Before Thomas asks, Jesus presents his wounded hands and side as tangible proof of his identity.

Now we find ourselves among those Jesus considers blessed—those who haven't seen him but who believe. But how difficult it can be to live by faith alone! Most of us would leap at the opportunity to see the risen Lord face-to-face as Thomas did.

We may not have that experience, but we can take comfort that Thomas did, because Jesus came to him in the way that Thomas needed. Jesus comes to each of us in the personalized way we need him to. The risen Jesus, through the Spirit, is present with us always because he is no longer limited by time or space.

Some people experience Jesus through a mystical vision, others through the unconditional love of a spouse, working closely with the poor, through study and academia, through a deep friendship. Jesus makes himself known to us through our "native language"—in the ways we alone can understand. Because of this, we too can say with the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.



April 30th - May 1st

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, April 30:

Youth Group Tag Sale

3:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino

SUNDAY, May 1:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Deceased members of the Henry Clark family & Margaret Fontanella request of the Fontanella family
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +John and Leon Wandzyt, request of Kathlyn & Jack Smythe

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Last Sunday classes for the school year at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, May 2: No Mass

TUESDAY, May 3

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a special intention

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, May 4

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for + Ruth McNamara

9:00 - noon Christmas Fair Workshop

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

3 p.m - 7 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes

4:30 - 5:45 gr. 1-5

6:30 - 7:45 gr. 6 - 8

THURSDAY May 5

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, May 6 No Mass

SATURDAY May 7

K of C annual Plant Sale 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

3:00 - 3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rosary before Mass

NEXT WEEK

MAY 7TH - MAY 8TH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY



Usher's Group III

Triple Play Café Breakfast

Blood Pressure Screening

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Plant Sale - 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Rudy DeTuccio and for +Vincenza and Francesco Russo

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea

Minister of the Word: Kyle Toce

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, MAY 8:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Michal, Helena and Henry Sabczak

Altar Server:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl

Altar Server: Ben VanDine, Nick Memphos

Minister of the Word: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: John Sheetz

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 9:

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 10:

9:00 a.m. Mass and Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Rolande & Clifford Mishio request of the Fournier Family

9:00 a.m.-noon Christmas Fair Workshop

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. gr. 1 - 5 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. gr. 6-8

THURSDAY, MAY 12:

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. K of C Business Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 13: No Mass

SATURDAY, May 14

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Plant Sale

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in the back of the Church. Please pick them up.



Upcoming events at Immaculata Retreat House:

Matt Talbot Dinner Tuesday, June 7th 5:00 to 9:00 PM
Guest speaker: Rick Pacukonas. Cost: \$20. per person.

Matt Talbot Retreat for Men Friday, June 10th to Sunday, June 12th 2011. With Sister Michelle Lister. Cost: \$180. per person

Our Lady of Peace: 30th Anniversary of Medjugorje
Please join us for an afternoon of prayer, testimonies, adoration, and Mass. Refreshments provided. Sunday, June 26th 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Space is limited, so please call for reservations. Free will donation.

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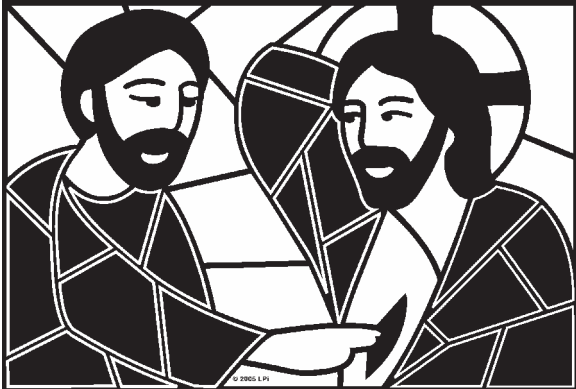
God's Plan for Tithing

April 24th offertory was \$ 4,133

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
John 20:21

Jesus offers us peace, not when we sit quietly in a pew, but when we allow Our Lord to send us out into the world to do His work. We will find great peace, when we turn away from the materialism of the world and instead care more deeply for those in need.

"Do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those



who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:27b-29

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-

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Please join us for Breakfast at the

Triple Play Café

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage

Cinnamon Rolls

Fruit Cup

Orange Juice

Coffee or Tea

Time: 8:15 AM - 11:30 a.m.

Date: Sunday, May 8th

Location: Parish Center

\$5.00 / Person \$15.00 / Family

Blood Pressure Screening Available

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Beatification of Pope John Paul II

May 1, 2011

October 22 in 1978 was the day Pope John Paul II was installed as Bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter, and head of the Universal Church (he had been elected six days earlier, on October 16). On that same day, the opening prayer for the feast day Mass was published. The prayer — called a “collect” — was written in Latin and translated into several languages, including English:

O God, who are rich in mercy and who willed that the Blessed John Paul II should preside as Pope over your universal Church, grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind. Who lives and reigns with You, Father Almighty in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This is how Cardinal Angelo Amato, the head of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome -- the dicastery which oversees all beatification and canonization causes -- explained recently, "Beatification and canonization are not recognitions of someone's superior understanding of theology, nor of the great works he or she accomplished" and the Catholic New Service wrote subsequently "... (Cardinal Amato) ... declaring someone a saint, the Church attests to the fact that he or she lived the Christian virtues in a truly extraordinary way and is a model to be imitated by others... The candidate, he said, must be perceived as an image of Christ."

But then we might ask: what way did John Paul make clear this holiness?

And we might answer: through his prayer. In other ways as well, but especially through his prayer. Just as Jesus prayed, long and often and alone, so too did John Paul pray long, and often, and alone. John Paul prayed with a fervor and a love of God... "Totus Tuus" meaning he was given over entirely to the love and protection of the Virgin Mary." (May we all follow in his footsteps.)

Truly, this candidate is perceived "as an image of Christ."

(The above has been taken in part from "Inside the Vatican" April



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