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April 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Scripture 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 REFLECTION: 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?

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, April 22nd	9:00 AM	Sunday, April 23rd
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (April 17th - April 23rd)

MON	4/17 NO Mass
TUES	4/18	7:00AM. . . + (A) Matilda Holtzman - (Eleanor & Family)
WED	4/19 NO Mass
THURS	4/20 NO Mass
FRI	4/21	7:00AM. . . + Rich Poplinsky - (Shirley Homola)
SAT	4/22	5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	4/23	9:00AM. . .+. Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Husband, Bob)



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Stewardship Reflections:

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us. We can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven. This is challenging when things like job stress, family crises, health troubles, and political strife loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like Thomas, in the Gospel. He was beaten down by the events of the last several days, and refused to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord." Thomas stubbornly does not believe their story until he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into the Lord's side. These doubts actually drew Jesus to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Jesus recognized Thomas' pain and disappointment. Jesus calmed his doubts and fears, by allowing Thomas to touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace! When we are tempted to give into doubts about our faith, all we need to do is seek the Lord and He will restore our "Easter vision" through prayer, in the sacraments, and through the encouragement of our Christian communities. Our Lord is mercy itself. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 3/15/2023)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
April 8th & 9th, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,876.00
Monthly	\$ 38.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Holy Land	\$ 424.00
Flowers	\$ 36.00
Easter	\$ 1,570.00
1 st Offer	\$ 5.00
Lent	\$ 110.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 43.71

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners
and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

**Today is the Day!!!
Don't miss out on the fun!!!**



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party is TODAY
Sunday, April 16th. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and include cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.



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Thanks to All for a Beautiful Easter Celebration –We express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Crookston and everyone who helped make our Easter celebration a beautiful experience! Thank you to those who cleaned, decorated, and arranged the flowers in the church. Special thanks to the Organist for providing us with the beautiful music.

God Blessings to All!

Many Thanks for all your Easter Greetings.
They are deeply appreciated.
God Bless You.
Christ is Risen!



Fr Balestino

REGINA CAELI – The Regina Caeli is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive –Together we Serve–

Thank you to the families who have pledged a total of **\$1,045.00** of our target amount of \$7,682 as of **March 31st**. Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

Community News & Events

Pilgrimage Journeys of Paul in Greece-Oct 9-16

Join Fr. Dave Peles and Deacon Michael Russo and follow in the footsteps of St. Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and explore the ruins the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. Discover Thessalonika, Berea, Delphi, Corinth, where St. Paul met Aquila and Priscilla. Enjoy the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens. Visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon. Mass will be celebrated every day.

Starting at \$2,948 from Philadelphia, your all-inclusive trip includes basic tour and guided sightseeing, round trip international airfare, administration fees, entrance fees, hotel gratuities and program fees. Enjoy daily breakfast and dinner (included), deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels and much, much, more. A round-trip bus will be provided from St. Benedict Church, Johnstown to the Philadelphia airport. For more information and a brochure, contact Deacon Michael Russo (814) 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.



Drive by Spaghetti Dinner

Come to the **Church of the Transfiguration on Sunday, April 30th** and enjoy an easy and quick Sunday dinner. Come into our parking lot at 219 Third St Conemaugh, and follow the directions and pay for your dinner. It is **\$8 a meal** that includes hot Spaghetti, 2 meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert. Drive down to the kitchen and someone will bring up your hot meals to your car. Drive home and enjoy! Thank you for your support.

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING CLASS - The following class will be an In-Person (not via ZOOM) and will be open to all!

New Testament taught by Fr. Brian Norris at St. John Evangelist, Lakemont Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 8 weeks) beginning May 2nd. The cost for this class will be on the registration form. For registration please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

Last minute registrations for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown "Strength in Christ" men's conference

are still being accepted. The diocese invites all men to be part of this faith-enriching opportunity. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Keynote speakers will be Father Joe Freedy, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Gary Zimak, an evangelist and author who is recognized as the leading Catholic speaker on overcoming anxiety. The conference will also include Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and lunch. Please register as soon as possible on-line at www.dioceseaj.org.



Families and the Gospel: (John 20: 19-31)
"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrations by their parents

Abortion: You are precious in My eyes and honored and I love you...I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and from the west I will gather you...Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.
*****Isaiah 43: 4-7*****

"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"



Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



May 3rd KOC Meeting 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall
May 7th Christian Mothers Meeting
May 20th & 21st Cake & Coffee to celebrate May Birthdays

St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

The Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 5TH** and **Saturday, May 6TH** from 9AM to 1PM in the St Therese Social Hall.

Gathering dates will be:

- 9 to 12AM on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd



Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn, or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning! **Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**