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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**SECOND READING:** John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**GOSPEL:** The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY  
In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus’ resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God’s royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas’ declaration of faith: “My Lord and my God!”

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup></b>
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess

### Mass Intentions for the Week: (Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>)

MON	04/28	7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
TUES	04/29	7:00AM. . + Carl Pavlosky – (Family)
WED	04/30	7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
THURS	05/01	7:00AM. . + Robert Rebar – (Eleanor Beltz)
FRI	05/02	7:00AM. . + Brian Bambino—(Jerry & Mary Frances Sandusky)
SAT	05/03	5:30PM. . . Happy 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Larry & Cathy— (Bill & Pam Moot)
SUN	05/04	9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

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Stewardship Reflections:

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church’s history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St John is often referred to as the story of ‘Doubting Thomas’ but the passage involved so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

We see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt, hiding and cowering and afraid. But Jesus returned to them on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

We will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as we really truly are – forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let’s commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ’s mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” – in His merciful love.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS  
April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly	\$ 2,237.00
Flowers	\$ 32.00
Good Friday	\$ 195.00
Easter	\$ 1,680.00

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!



**Thanks to All for a Beautiful Easter Celebration** –We express our sincere gratitude to 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’s Blessings to All!



Beginning this week there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

**Fr Balestino’s Ordination** to the Priesthood. A Mass will be held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at St Therese with a dinner to follow immediately after at the Social Hall.

**The sign-up sheet will be in the church until Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**



There will be a Memorial mass for Pope Francis on **Monday, April 28, 2025** at noon, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Bishop Mark will be the presider

*Heavenly Father, grant eternal rest to Pope Francis, whose unwavering faith in human life & ministry enriched countless souls. May his kindness to the poor and marginalized and care for our world, inspire us to serve with humility and unity. Amen*

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.  
R. let the perpetual light shine upon him.

And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**REGINA CAELI** – The Regina Caelis 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



Support the Catholic Home Mission Appeal today! Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and it’s current and former territories because they are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be as generous as your circumstance allows.



## **2025 Catholic Ministries Drive**

### **Follow Me.**

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31 a total of **\$2,230** towards our target amount of **\$8,800**. 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.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne's Parish.

## **Community News & Events**

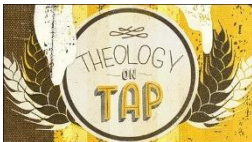
### **St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale**



A Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 to 1PM in the Social Hall.

**Gathering Dates April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM**

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.**



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** We are excited to welcome Catholic Author Mike Aquilina on April 30th to speak on "Women and Children First: Early Christianity and the Revolution of the Family" at Theology on Tap on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm. Our next Benediction & Board Games is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Saint John Gualbert at 6pm. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



**May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Annual West End Pickers, Trash to Treasure** indoor yard sale, here at St Therese Social Hall **8AM-1PM** Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects- surveillance cameras, garden/ flower boxes, and community events.



**Mom's House** is holding a **Walk-Thru Basket Party** at 1325 Franklin St. on Saturday May 3, 10-4, and Sunday, May 4, 11-3.

\$5 per sheet of tickets.

Winners drawn via Facebook Live on May 4 @ 3:15. Plenty of parking available! For information, call 814-535-4848.

**Visitation Parish Pilgrimage --** We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 16, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please call the rectory office at (814) 536-6110 ext.1 by April 15th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

**A Family Perspective:** (John 20: 19-31)

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



**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\*\*\*\*\*