

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

APRIL 24, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Acts 5:12-16

Second: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

FOCUS: My Lord and my God!

When we receive the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus are substantially present, yet disguised under the appearance of bread and wine. As with Thomas, the Lord gives us the ability to see and believe in him. A good prayer for the moments of consecration, then, is the confession of faith that Thomas makes: *My Lord and my God!*

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Apostles continue preaching and healing as more people come to believe in Jesus Christ. In a vision, John records seeing the risen Lord, who says he was dead but lives. In the Gospel, after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples and blesses them with the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins. Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Michael Wood, Frank Valenti and Robby & Margie Cousins

9 a.m.: Ronald Faso, Louise Pisciotta and Chris Pierce

11 a.m.: Francis Hernandez, Stanley Lewis, Larry Lewis and Richard Tolliver

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 10-17: Totaled \$ 5,030.87

Envelopes: \$ 980 – Online: \$ 4,050.87

Easter Sunday (envelopes): **\$3,537.56**

THANK YOU!

AN EASTER THANK YOU

How beautiful it was to be able to celebrate the holiest week of the liturgical year almost as was done before the pandemic. Worship was enhanced by all the familiar faces and new faces – as well as the many moving parts that somehow manage to come together.

The Art & Environment Ministry is responsible for the changes on the altar during the Easter Triduum – culminating with the glorious explosion of flowers on Easter. The Music Ministry elevates our prayer. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters and behind-the-scenes volunteers also played key roles – as did you with your presence!

DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple.

It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. For more information:

www.thedivinemercy.org



CAN YOU SMELL THE COFFEE?

OK, probably not. It's too early to turn on the urn.

But it's beans so long that we've endured this grind of isolation – and what better way to wake up the weary than with a cup of joe and conversation!

Plan to stop in Deacon John Hall after any of the Masses the weekend of **April 30-May 1**. Along with the opportunity to reconnect with your church family, there will be doughnuts!



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

During the blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, Deacon Carl also read the following prayer. It came from the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C., and he wanted to share it with all of you:

Heavenly Father,
Your Son taught us

“Blessed are the Peacemakers
for they shall be called Children of God.”

In this time of great worry, we fervently pray
that Your Holy Spirit sustain
all the people of Ukraine

to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice.
Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence.

Yet, may they also have the strength
and perseverance
to defend their land from all adversity
and foreign attacks.

Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.

O God, our Father,
in the days to come, we beseech you
to comfort the suffering,
heal the wounded,

and accept the souls of the faithful departed
into Your Heavenly Kingdom.

We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God
extend her blessed mantle of protection
over our Ukraine. Amen.

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...

Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just “happens.” Instead, it’s the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.



The Archdiocese of New York’s **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 5**, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2022. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will officiate. Couples must register through their church by May 16.

But here at St. Paul’s, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. So our Masses the weekend of **May 28** and **29** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you’ve reached either milestone.

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A CALL TO JUSTICE

Pope encourages youth to shine

After riding on his popemobile and greeting the crowd, Pope Francis welcomed the estimated 100,000 young people – almost double what was expected – and said the “square has long been waiting to be filled with your presence, your faces and your enthusiasm.

“Today, all of you are together, coming from Italy, in the embrace of this square and in the joy of the Easter that we have just celebrated,” he said.

However, the pope said that although Jesus’ resurrection conquered the darkness of death, there are still dense clouds that darken our time.

“In addition to the pandemic, Europe is experiencing a terrible war, while injustices and violence continue in many regions of the earth that destroy humankind and the planet,” he said. “Often it is your peers who pay the highest price: Not only is their existence compromised and made insecure, but their dreams for the future are trampled on. Many brothers and sisters are still waiting for the light of Easter.”

But he encouraged the young men and women present to not be afraid of life and all that it entails but instead to be afraid “of the death of the soul, of the death of the future, of the closure of the heart.

“Life is beautiful, life is meant to be lived and to give it to others; life is meant to be shared with others, not to close it in on itself,” he said.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Each month, there seems to be one or two new families seeking help from our Food Pantry. Your donations of **unexpired** and non-perishable foods – as well as paper and plastic bags for packing groceries – are much appreciated. In particular, we could use:

Pasta, sauce, all varieties of crackers
All varieties of canned beans, rice
Canned fruit, applesauce, corn, peas
Coffee, juice, tea, mayo, mac & cheese
Instant oatmeal, granola bars, cereal
Peanut butter, jelly, instant mashed potatoes
Egg noodles, cookies
PLEASE, NO CANNED SOUP! Thank you.

