

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 20:28-29

2nd Sunday of Easter: *Divine Mercy Sunday In 20:19-31*

After the death of Jesus, his disciples scattered, afraid and unsure of their fate, but in the end, their faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ prevailed. The newfound faith of the disciples led to a profound sense of unity among them. Their Easter faith has changed the way they live their lives. - When we accept Jesus in our midst, the risen Lord is with us, and He is one with His Church, we can overcome our worries about our needs and the fear of those who act against the Church. Hopefully, like the first community of believers, with one heart and mind, we can freely and joyfully look after one another's needs.

The Apostles were in hiding for fear that they were the next target after the death of Jesus. Although two (2) of them have seen the empty tomb and heard the women talk about seeing Jesus, they have not seen the Lord personally. While still in a state of shock and bewilderment, the Lord did not want to prolong their doubts and fears and appeared to the ten (10) and bestowed peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now, with the Risen Lord before them, they remembered His words about His death and resurrection, and instantly, the fear of being blamed for abandoning Him and having a weak faith vanished, and they rejoiced *Alleluia!*

Because Thomas was not present when the Lord appeared to the Apostles the first time, his resentment of not having the same joy they exuded led him to demand physical evidence that Jesus had risen. *Unless I see the mark of the nails on his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.*

After a week, Jesus the Divine Mercy appears again in the presence of Thomas and invites Thomas to probe His sacred wounds: *Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!* - The humbled Thomas responds with his confession of faith, *My Lord and my God!*

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy of Jesus, the revelation of His merciful heart. In the Gospel, Jesus showed Thomas what He showed St. Faustina: The sacred wounds that proved His unconditional love for us. The wounds from which the fountain of divine mercy flows. He invites us today to trust in His Divine Mercy. O blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as the fount of mercy for us, I trust in you. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have Mercy on Us and the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You!

When we accept the Divine Mercy and put our trust in Jesus - like the Apostles and the first Christian communities, we are set free to live as children of God. *If you remain in my word, you*

will be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (Jn. 8:31) Putting our trust in the Lord, who has conquered death, means the world has no more power over us. We have conquered the lies and deceptions of the world. True power comes when we humble ourselves before Him and renew our faith, saying, Jesus, I Trust in you!





Sunday April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday Donut/Bagel Sunday Scouts Car Wash

• 7:00 am Mass

• 9:00 am RE Grades 1,2,3,4

• 11:00 am RCIA

• 2:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle and High

School Divine Mercy in Church

Monday, April 8, 2024

Office Closed

7:00 pm Bible Study GSM

• 7:00 pm Pastoral Council

7:00 pm Troop 432

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

4:30 pm RCIC/T

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 am Spirituality Committee Meeting

3:00 pm Chaplet & Perpetual Help Novena

Novella

4:00 pm RE Grades 1,2,3,5

Thursday, April 11, 2024

5:00 pm La Pieta Prayer Group

6:00 pm Eucharistic Revival

Friday, April 12, 2024

5:30 am Men's Ministry

2:00 pm Caregiver Support Group

6:00 pm New Church Update

Wine &

Cheese

Saturday, April 13, 2024

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12:15 pm Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

 Monday - Friday
 7:00 am - 7:25 am

 Wednesday
 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

 Saturday
 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday 7:00 am **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8:30 am, **1**0:30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Maintenance/Custodian, Ray Lopez

Sunday 8:30 am

This Week's Worship Aide You can now download Sunday Worship Aides to have on your cell phone. Just scan the Square!







Sunday, April 7th

7:00 am All Parishioners 9:00 am Robert Brown (Thanksgiving) 9:00 am G Jerry Bolich (Healing) 11:00 am † Kenneth Rausch 4:00 pm † Kathy Zambo

Monday, April 8th

7:30 am Rich Mayo (Thanksgiving) 12:15 pm † Tom Mulligan

Tuesday, April 9th

7:30 am † Donald Von Raesfeld Sr 12:15 pm † Teresa and Manolo Lopez

Wednesday, April 10th

7:30 am Charles & Constance Hunn (Thanksgiving)
6:00 pm † Thomas Bonvicini

Thursday, April 11th

7:30 am † Kathryn Hobbes 12:15 pm † Victor Rubalcaba

Friday, April 12th

7:30 am † John Carter 6:00 pm † Donna Reid

Saturday, April 13th

7:30 pm Shiela Domingo (Thanksgiving) 4:00 pm Supporters of SVDP (Thanksgiving)

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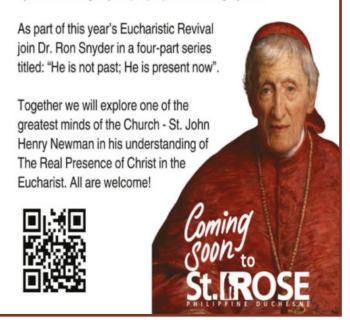
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Presented by Dr. Ron Snyder

6pm on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, & Wednesday April 24



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where he can answer your questions regarding your funeral and burial needs. Make an appointment to meet with Carmen by calling him directly at 716-861-4043. Carmen will meet with

you at the St. Rose Campus by appointment during normal office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:00am –

4:00pm or Friday 8:00am-Noon.)

Prayer & Spirituality:
Charismatic Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of the first group to use the new meeting rooms, join the Charismatic Prayer Group on April 9th at 7pm

All Are Invited



tessyhomes@aol.com.

Simon of Cyrene Care Giver Support Ministry

Do you find yourself constantly thinking of and doing tasks for someone who cannot take care of himself? Do you get tired of these duties but can seldom find help nor consolation and rest? *If so, bring your bibles and join us every 2ND Friday of the month at 2:00 pm in the office building.*Upcoming meetings: Jan 13 &Feb 10 For inquiries, call the office or email





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