

April 12, 2015

A Sabbath Thought

We are told that after the first Easter, "the community of believers were of one heart and one mind" (Acts 4:32). That is the purpose of our gathering in this Easter season: In the community that breaks down all barriers, we find the risen Lord.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 4:32-35

What the resurrection did for the first believers, it can do for us. Away with selfishness and greed! Long live faith, hope and love!

PSALMS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Faith is the key to our new life in Christ. Through his resurrection, we have overcome.

JOHN 20:19-31

In time, over 100,000 Sundays separate us from our doubting brother, Thomas. But the risen Lord does not hesitate to bless us who have not seen and yet believe.

Worship Services

TODAY – April 12th Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 am - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

SUNDAY – April 19th Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 am - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

EASTER DINNER!

When: Today, April 12, 2015 2:00 PM Where: The Fellowship Hall Adults - \$12 Children - \$3 Ham, Kielbasa, Eggs and More!! Contact Claire Armstrong For Tickets - 215-788-7681

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The Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE RITE

- V.I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, Set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.
- R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.
- V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

THE GOSPEL (JOHN 20:19-31)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health of Robert Taddigs, John Rusnak, Gerry Brunson and Robert Eaton; **Our Father...**