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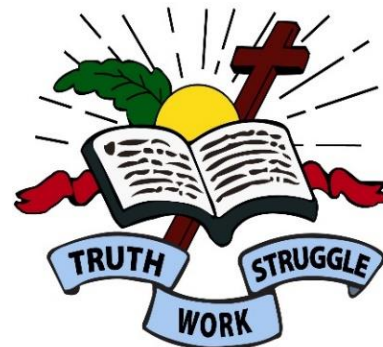
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### The Second Sunday of Easter

#### A Sabbath Thought

Absence, we say, makes the heart grow fonder. But the apostle Thomas discovers that the risen Christ's absence can be a source of doubt. The power that eventually healed Thomas' heart is still at work in our world.

#### About Today's Bible Readings

##### ACTS 5:12-16

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples' faith allowed them to lead others to Christ.

##### Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

##### REVELATION

##### 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This selection from the opening chapter of Revelation introduces us to a prophet's spiritual experience of Christ's risen presence.

##### 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.

#### ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 40:2-4

*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**

## *Worship Services*

**TODAY – April 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday of Easter  
(Low Sunday)*

**12:00 NOON – Holy Mass**

**SUNDAY – May 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

Intentions for the repose of the soul of our beloved former Pastor, Father Fred Mechowski offered by Ruth Mechowski.

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### *Bishops' Convocation in Scranton*

Last week Bishops from Europe, Scandinavia and Africa gathered in Scranton to discuss the preservation and the strengthening of ecumenical catholicity within non-papal aligned traditions. A Mass was celebrated on Friday to conclude the summit. I was honored to be present for what may well turn out to be an historic occasion. Please pray for continued dialogue and co-operation between the PNCC and our brothers in faith.

### *YMS of R Men's Retreat*

The Young Men's Society of the Resurrection will be holding a Men's Spiritual Retreat at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart, PA from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the bulletin board downstairs or by asking Father Don.

### *HELP THE LESS BLESSED*

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items, clothing or money for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to live the Christian life. Please leave your items in the Narthex or see Peggy Kowalik. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

### *BOOK DRIVE*

We will be collecting books that will be sold during our breakfasts, dinners and Annual Flea Market on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have books at home that you no longer need or want, please bring them in and we will find new homes for them. All profits will benefit our beloved Church of Our Saviour Parish. See Michele Ewaskiewicz for details.

## **INTENTIONS:**

**My Brothers and Sisters:** Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate 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 and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed and Ann Ratajack, Tom Goff, Roger Seliga, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Dorothy Zytczak and Michelle Freer. **Our Father...**

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## *Easter Dinner*

Today, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be observing our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the Fellowship Hall **at 1:30 PM.**

**Tickets are:**

**Adults - \$14**

**Children under 12 - \$3**

I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to attend and join with us as we enjoy good food and Christian fellowship.

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## *Today's Hymns*

**Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise  
unto the Lord!**

**The Hymns listed below can be found  
in the Blue Hymnal Book.**

### **The Asperges – Setting 2**

#### **Opening Hymn**

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

#### **Hymn to the Holy Spirit**

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#136 – That Easter Day

#### **Communion Hymn**

#137 – The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done

#### **Recessional Hymn**

#151 – O Ever Holy Sacrament