

APRIL 19
2020



SECOND
SUNDAY OF

Easter

Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

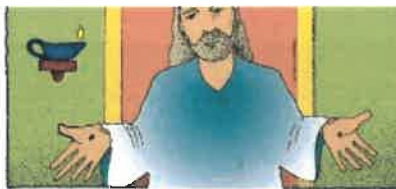
JOHN 20:19

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Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was

actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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**DIVINE MERCY
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 19, 2020 – 9:00 am - LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE
Monday, April 20, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE
Tuesday, April 21 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON LINE
Thursday, April 23, 2020 - 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE
Friday, April 24, 2020 - 8:00 am - VIEW ON-LINE
Sunday, April 25, 2020 – 9:00 am – LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE



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Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after; and also put on our website. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the “shelter in place” mandate has been lifted.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,
AFTER THE 9:00am MASS
FATHER WILL EXPOSE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
AND END WITH BENEDICTION

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, April 12.....\$825.00

Easter.....\$1,095.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

St. Patrick Parish depends on you, especially during this difficult time, to continue our daily operations . Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. For those not using Online giving, and would like to, please go to our website:

www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online giving link. We have just updated our format to make signing up easier. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. *Thank you*



With our shelter-in-place mandate still in effect you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given below.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite

myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

You need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so! The Baltimore Catechism notes that a Spiritual Communion "is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God."

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars, or pray this chaplet in your home.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
(Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)

ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We are operating on a very small scale; the only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. You can just e-mail the office at stpatrickwilton@aol.com to add it. Thank you



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ullman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve Niemiec; Liz Brooks

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Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF APRIL

- We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

THERE IS
CAUSE
FOR
REJOICING
HERE

Although you
have NEVER
seen HIM
you love HIM.

-Peter-

READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 19, 2020



Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy Sunday)
 Tuesday: St. Anselm;
 Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day
 Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
 Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day
 Saturday: St. Mark

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.



YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE!

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today's reading, unique to John's Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

WE WALK BY FAITH

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn't believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with "divine mercy," their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord's peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

4/19/2020