

APRIL 11 AND APRIL 18, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

**The church has opened again to 15% capacity for weekday and weekend Masses
Masks must be worn**

Wednesday April 14 - 9:00 am -special intentions for Andrew Choi

Friday April 16 – 9:00 am – John Sieb

Saturday April 17 – 5:00 pm – Debbie Curto, Roger Settimi, Alex Macdonald

Wednesday April 21- 9:00 am – Frank McCarvell

Friday April 23 – 9:00 am – Shirley Downey

Saturday April 24 – 5pm – Roger Settimi, Peter Reilly, Connie & Joseph Curto

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -April 12-17

MON - Rev. Francisco Sordo

TUE - Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

WED – Permanent Deacons

THU – Rev. James McSharry

FRI - Rev. Francis Hubilla

SAT – Rev. Joseph Okoko

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -April 19-24

MON - Rev. Christopher Tracey

TUE - Rev. Mark Morley

WED – Jesuit Fathers

THU - Rev. George Nowak

FRI - Rev. Ireneusz Koziak

SA - Rev. Charles Galea

**THANK YOU!
FOR YOUR ON GOING GENEROSITY**

If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking messages.

Like Us on facebook.com/mstblssdsrmnt! Tweet Us @MSTBLSSDSRMNT! Follow Us @branchesoffaith! We are on social media. Stay up to date, with happenings in the parish, faithful posts, and much more! Spread the word that we have social media to your family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online!



BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK

Saturday April 17th in the Parish Parking lot the Knights of Columbus will hold a Bottle drive. The proceeds will be going to Food Bank.

April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday

My Lord and my God! (John20:28) From a homily by Pope Francis for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013:

“In today’s Gospel, the apostle Thomas personally experiences the mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus, Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him, “We have seen the Lord” (John 20:25). It isn’t enough for him that Jesus had foretold it...He wants to see; he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus’ side.

“And how does Jesus react? With patience; Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week’s time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith.

“My Lord and my God!” (John20:28). With this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus’ patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ’s hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer...

“Maybe someone among us here is thinking: my sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable, my unbelief is like that of Thomas; I don’t have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him...

“Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.”

“My Lord and my God! Thank you for your unending mercy!”

*Masses for the weekends are still happening.
We must follow the 15% capacity.
You can register or take your chance and
just come to Mass.
Keep safe.*

Praise the Lord; Amen

A minister sold a mule to a man and told him the critter was trained to go when the rider said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when the rider said, "Amen"

The prospective purchaser mounted the mule and said "Praise the Lord," and the mule raced away. Becoming excited, the rider kept saying "Whoa", with no effect on the animal. Then he remembered and said "Amen," and the mule stopped abruptly. The rider looked down and found the mule had stopped right at the edge of a very high cliff. Wiping his brow he said gratefully, "Praise the Lord!"



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Sunday April 18th

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

If you read through the resurrection account in Luke's gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples.

All of the disciples—from the two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room—seemed to be "slow of heart to believe" (Luke 14:25) But the disciples' lack of understanding was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the questions you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it.

So the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack (Psalm23:1), Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read "I go and prepare a place for you" (John14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him "turn the light on" for you. Let him lift your hope and give you joy.

"Lord, I want to know you better. Help me understand the Scriptures more."