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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 11, 2021

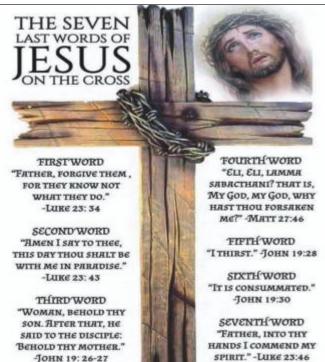
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Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Will be Live-Streamed at StPeterCatholicChurch.org



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SPIRIT." -LUKE 23:46

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 ~



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia!

Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our *risen God.* God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's lifegiving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

Are you looking for a way to remain connected to your Parish Family during this pandemic? **Do you** want to be involved in a VERY IMPORTANT ministry that does not require you to leave the comfort and safety of your own home? Here is you chance to do something for our Lord and St. Peter's All you need is to be able to pray, and that is certainly something all of us can do!

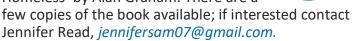
If you would like more information on joining our Parish's Prayer Chain, please email Mark Vallango and Carol Flatley at StPetersPrayerChain@hotmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting on Sunday, April 11th St. Vincent de Paul will hold an in-person meeting in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 am Mass.

All are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about what St. Vincent de Paul is all about, or are thinking of joining, please come to the meeting.

For more information please email: StPeters.svdp@gmail.com.

We will also be reading, 'Welcome Homeless' by Alan Graham. There are a





Attention St. Peter's Athletes

We are starting softball again in April and looking for players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:30 pm at the township (behind the *Moose Lodge*) or other nearby parks.

Anyone that is interested can contact Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976.

Thank you for your time and PLAY BALL!

Did it slip your mind to bring your Lenten Alms to Church during Holy Week? Not a problem, just bring it to Mass next weekend or you may drop it off at the parish office during regular business hours.



1st Way Life Center, in Johnsburg, is ready Ist Wav and eager to receive Life Center^J 100% of what you give.

Why is Easter the most important Christian holiday?

Easter Sunday is one of the most beloved Christian holidays. Christ's defeat of death is certainly cause for celebration, but Easter Sunday represents so much more.

Pope Benedict XVI explains how, without the Resurrection, Christianity as we know it could not exist. In 1Corinthians 15:14, St. Paul writes, "And if *Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our* preaching; empty, too, your faith."

If [the Resurrection] were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men... but the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader... He would then remain purely human, and His authority would extend only so far as His message is of interest to us.

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promises us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing Him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the *Gospels.* Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. *He's* going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the **Church fathers themselves?**

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ~

Jesus, I Trust in You

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter's

1st Way is very thankful for your recent gift through the Women's Ministry to us. You generously gave Life Center \$500 to our work. Your donations



help our moms choose life for their babies. We are blessed to be able to do the work we do and it would not be possible without support such as yours. When young women come to us with an unplanned pregnancy we provide them love, hope, and assistance.

Thank you for being part of our mission.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from April 11th through April 24th for † **Steven M. Umbricht**

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Be with them all, especially:

Dominick Adduci Gina Adduci Rosetta Balogh Stephen Bonner Rita Chinni Debra Cooke Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Norman Dolsky Dolores & Irv Éllefesen James Formeller **Michael Frer** Donald Gagnon Glenn Geske Anthony Hodnick Jeff Hornyak Diana Kattner Ed Kattner Ronald Klein Mark & Natalie Kluts Chuck Krueger Paul Kucia **Rich Lecropane**

Mary Link Deb[®] & Bob Maliszewski Donald Miller Fr. Tom Moran Norma Moretti Dan Nash Kevin Nicholson Emery Oesch Veronica Peterson Donna Polanek Betty Rygiel Susan Scalise Deborah Schaff Jacob Shapiro Dylan Szumanski Cheri Taylor Bonnie Terry David Thomas Josephine Tolomeo Mary Eileen Tosi Grace Wesinger Robert Witt Paul Wojciechowski Gunter Ziegler

The names above will appear on the prayer list January 1st through April 30th If you or a loved one would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

Eucharist Adoration Saturdays 5:15 p.m. – Sundays 6:45 a.m.



For The Weekends Of 4/10 - 4/18/2021

The Mass

From

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Father will be in the first classroom as you enter the school

Sat	4 pm	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango	Rygiel Family
Sun	7 am	†	Les Barycki	St. Peter's Preschool
	9 am	†	Maggie Arseneau	Dick Arseneau
	11am		Hanna Kolton	Kolton Family
Tue	8 am	†	Anthony D'Andrea	Sharon D'Andrea
Wed	8 am	†	Deacon John Chlopecki	Fr. Joe
		†	Sue Podolski	Debbie Glen
Thu	8 am	†	Anthony & Marion Vallango	Family
Fri	8 am		Trudy Krieger	Laura & Denise

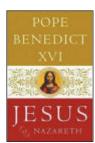
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Sat	4 pm		Witek Family	Rygiel Family		
		†	Dora Lindemann	Tony & Jean Rygiel		
Sun	7 am		Debra Cooke	Laura & Denise		
	9 am	†	Mary Jane Moorman	Pat & Rose Davis		
	11am	†	Steven M. Umbricht	Family		

Why is Easter the most Important Christian holiday? (Continuation from page 3)

Christ's Resurrection, celebrated on Easter Sunday, marks the very foundation of His divinity and His relation to us. As Pope Benedict explains, if Christ had not risen from the dead, our Christian faith would not exist; Jesus would have just been another prophet, not our God or our Savior.



On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection and in the Christian faith, with which God has blessed us with—and which would not have existed without Christ's sacrifice for us.

To read more on Pope Benedict's reflections on Holy Week through the Easter season, check out Pope Benedict's XVI book, Jesus of Nazareth.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers						
Divine Mercy Sunday									
Saturday 4/10 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Heather Justen	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling Mike Rygiel						
Sunday 4/11 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Cyndee Wehrheim	David Smid Tom Sullivan						
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Kim Etten	Ben Leali John Jindra						
11:00 am	Bill Collins	Marge Ladner	Andy Hommowon Mike Gordon						
3rd Sunday of Easter									
Saturday 4/17 4:00 pm	Lexie Spatz	Mary Seil	Andy Hommowon Phil Webb Mike Rygiel						
Sunday 4/18 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim Scott Hastings						
9:00 am	JoAnne Prato	Nancy Piggot	Paul Leali Ben Leali						

What To Watch on FORMED!

Jacqui Wold

Your Subscription is already paid for by the parish! All you need to do is Sign-up!

Just go to our parish website:

Jerry Bodden

www.stpetercatholicchurch.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the FORMED icon.

• Click Sign-up

11:00 am

- Sign-up as a parishioner
- Find your parish: Type in "St Peter Spring Grove" (no period after St) and choose the one that says 2118 Main Street.
- Create an account (Name & Email)

It's that Easy!

And you can be watching movies, reading books, or listening to CD's and Podcasts in minutes.

Lectio: Salvation with Dr. Michael Barber Lectio: Salvation New Life in Christ

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part

video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



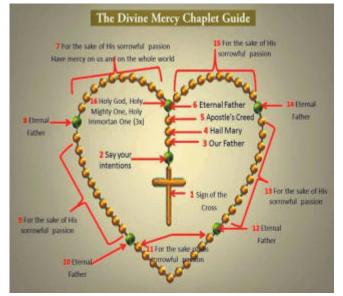
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11TH

Next Sunday: <u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> :				
í í	Acts 4:32-35;			
	Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1];			
	1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31			
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9			
	[cf.11d]; Jn 3:1-8			
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a];			
	Jn 3:7b-15			
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9			
	[7a]; Jn 3:16-21			
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18,			
	19-20 [7a]; Jn 3:31-36			
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14			
	[cf.4abc]; Jn 6:1-15			
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22];			
	Jn 6:16-21			
Next Sunday:				
	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9			
	[7a]; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48			



One of the best means of assisting the dying is the one that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina and insisted that she use often — even continuously: The Divine Mercy Chaplet; Jesus said:

My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet... Write that, when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior. (Diary, 1541). Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-3:45pm (or by appointment) **Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11*- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Hall 10:00 am
- SVdP Meeting Parish Hall After the 11:00 am Mass
- Sacramental Instruction Class 6:00 pm

Monday, April 12th

- First Reconciliation / Holy Communion Prep Class 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Prep Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 13th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 14th Reminder No Mornin

• Reminder No Morning Bible Study Thursday, April 15th

Friday, April 16th

Saturday, April 17th

- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, April 18*- THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Hall 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Class 6:00 pm

The Search for a Pastor During Biblical Times Dear Members.

We do not have a happy report, as we have not been able to find a suitable candidate for pastor of our church thus far. We do, however, have one promising prospect. The following is our confidential report on the candidates:



Adam: Good man, but has problems with his wife.

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Joseph: A big thinker, but a braggart. Interprets dreams. Has a prison record.

Moses: Modest and meek, but poor communicator; even stutters at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly in business meetings.

Deborah: One word—female.

David: The most promising candidate of all, until we discovered the affair he had with a neighbor's wife.

Solomon: Great preacher, but serious woman problems.

Elijah: Prone to depression; collapses under pressure.

Jonah: Told us he was swallowed by a huge fish. He said the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

Amos: Backward and unpolished. With some seminary training, he might have promise; but he has a problem with wealthy people.

John: Says he's a Baptist, but doesn't dress like one. Sleeps in the outdoors, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Paul: Powerful CEO type and fascinating preacher. But he's short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh, and has been known to preach all night.

Timothy: Too young.

Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday with great hopes that he will accept our offer!

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



PARISH INFORMATION

- **BAPTISMS** Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.
- MARRIAGES Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.
- **HOLY COMMUNION** Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.
- **REGISTRATION** New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at **StPeterCatholicChurch.org**
- **HOSPITAL VISITS** If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288
- **FUNERALS** Arrangements are to be made in consultation with Father.
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

<u>Knights' Corner</u> <u>WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE</u> Next Business Meeting Tuesday, April 13th - 7:00 pm Parish Hall





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