Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24, 2022

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." -Luke 23:5b-6



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

 Monday
 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

 Tuesday
 Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

 Wednesday
 Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

 Thursday
 Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

 Friday
 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

MASSES FOI	R THE WEEK		-
Saturday-	April 23	4:00 PM	Matilda & Jeff Dorman (Debbie Spickerman)
Sunday –	April 24	9:00 AM	Robert Sullivan (Johanna Reed)
Monday –	April 25	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	April 26	12:00 PM	Marion Hanjaras- Happy Birthday (John & Sally McGrath)
Wednesday -	April 27	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	April 28	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	April 29	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	April 30	4:00 PM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)
Sunday –	May 1	9:00 AM	Joan Gout Host (The Host Family)

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1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Solomon's Portico was one of the few areas of the old temple remaining when Herod rebuilt the second version. The portico was used for housing Levites and for exchanges between experts in interpreting the Law. Symbolically, the presence of Christ's apostles gathering there lends a measure of authority to the proceedings as underlined by the miracles and the enthusiasm of 'the people'.

2nd Reading: Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-18

This is probably written, at least in the first part of the book, as yet another appearance of Christ after His resurrection. Much as the disciples were launched by the newly risen Lord into their apostleship, the writer here begins the Apocalypse with a similar intent. Later in the book the strange symbols and apocalyptic language can confuse matters, but this beginning, this revealing of Christ's mission to the Church, is comparatively clear.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

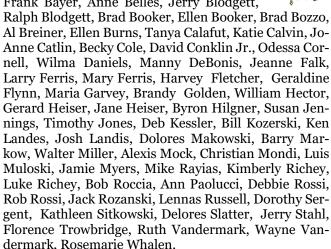
Even though several people saw Jesus after His resurrection, in His glorified bodily form, many more did not. And even though many of His pre-crucifixion followers were witness to Jesus' miracles, the notion that He had been resurrected, transformed from death into new life, was hard to believe; John's account of Jesus appearing before Thomas a week after the first appearance addresses the concerns. Thomas becomes the iconic (and representative) doubter of Christ's resurrection, but when Christ reappears in glorified, bodily form before the disciples, *including Thomas*, the doubts of the larger community are addressed formally. And when Thomas is then shown believing, credence is given to the physical presence of Christ. It is no different for us today: *we hear about the Christ event, but we doubt*. There is certainly no shame in doubting, and not coincidentally it provides an opportunity for faith. Without faith, a virtue that is given to us in a special way by God, we would surely be lost in this secular world today. So, in an odd way, our doubts bring us even closer to God, and the faith that follows doubt helps bring Christ into the world. It's almost as if God planned it all out!



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett,





LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 4/17/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$ (<u>4867.00)</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,063.01

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obli-

gations. Thank you!!

2022 Catholic Women's Conference

Over the past four years, more 2,000 women from the Diocese of Scranton have deepened their faith by attending the "Refresh Your Faith" Catholic Women's Conference. I am happy to announce that the conference will return this year on June 11, 2022, with another outstanding line-up of speakers and music. The theme will be: "Full of Grace." The day-long conference will be generously hosted by Marywood University for the second consecutive year.

The keynote speaker will be Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of numerous books, including *My Sisters the Saints*. The spiritual speaker is Father Jeffrey Kirby who is currently serving in South Carolina. Another speaker is Deb Hadley, who despite terrible tragedies, has found a life full of grace. Molly McManus will lead the spiritual music.

More detailed information and registration is available at www.cwcnepa.com.







Sunday, April 24th - 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, May 1st - 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

<u>Sunday, May 8th – 9:00AM</u> Lee John Sullivan

<u>Sunday, May 15th – 9:00AM</u> Isaiah Torres

Sunday, May 22nd – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

2022 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN"

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 08, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, --- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION:



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered missions territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. Masks are currently recommended to be worn indoors for Susquehanna County as per the CDC guidelines. If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

April 24th - Regular Classes

<u>May 1st</u> – Regular Classes- First Holy Communion Mass at 9AM.

<u>May 5th</u> – Confirmation Mass with Bishop Bambera at Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna at 5:00pm. **May 8th** – **No Classes- Happy Mother's Day!**

May 15th - Regular Classes

SCRANTON MENTAL
HEALTH MINISTRY
at the Cathedral of Saint Peter

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH?

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting a five part series on mental illness in order to reduce the stigma of these illnesses through education and factual information about mental health conditions. The series reinforces the core Christian belief that everyone has dignity and value and should be fully welcomed into the Church and the community.

The series will be held on the five Tuesdays spanning April 19 to May 17.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:30 TO 8 PM AT THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTORAL CENTER 330 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON

For more information contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570.344.7231 or DeaconEd@stpeterscathedral.org

"Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul. In suffering, we learn who our true friend is."

