

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK
OF
APRIL 11 - 17**

“ For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3: 16, RSV Edition

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5: 17, RSV Edition

These two biblical citations are excellent summations for the 2nd Sunday of Easter. They capture the essence of the Christian faith and are, at the same time very challenging to each of us. They clearly suggest that God has given us opportunity to become new creations and that as such we are to challenge others as well. This, however, is far from easy and over time we have not advocated the wonderful gift, but often misinterpreted it.