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St. Mark's Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Lectionary: 44 Reading I

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm <u>118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24</u>

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading II1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved:

<u>1 JII 5:1-0</u>

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel <u>Jn 20:19-31</u>

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This Week's Mass Intentions	
Monday, April 12	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 † Nora and Matthew Cavazini Requested by Winifred and Robert Cavazini † Dorothy Wright Requested by Family † Carrie and James Collis Requested by Bill and Shirley Collis † Bonnie McGonegle Requested by John MacGowan and Mary Reilly
Tuesday, April 13	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 † Jean Judge Requested by Estate † Sergio Germinario Requested by Ed and Judy Blaha † Deceased Members of the Ghilardi Family Requested by Doster-Azzollini Family Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns
Wednesday, April 14	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 † Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Butler Requested by Family † Maryellen McCormick Requested by Saint Mark's Parish Family † Agnes Morgan Requested by Estate † Veronica Flarity Requested by Eileen Sheridan
Thursday, April 15	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 † Colette Casey Requested by Estate † Edmund B. Hourigan, Sr. Requested by Hauck Family † Dr. James Boozan Requested by Clarke Family † Peg Krauss Requested by Gerri and Tom Bleach
Friday, April 16	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 † Phyllis Blaine Requested by Estate † Thomas Jappe Requested by Judie Brophy † Linda Delicio Requested by Walking With Purpose Hospitality Team † Florence O'Neil Requested by Family
Saturday, April 17	
7:30 AM 4:30 PM	 † John Loosen Requested by Saint Mark's Parish Family † Margaret O'Donnell Requested by Irene and Leo Hurley † Nancy Junjulas Requested by Kathy and Bob Flammer † Florence "Flo" Dalton Requested by Maureen Kelly Machirella † Anthony J. Ferri, Jr. Requested by Tom Malloy
Sunday, April 18	
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	 † Maureen Smith Requested by Family † Edward Palmer, III Requested by Foerst Family † Linda Delicio Requested by Margaret Azzarella † Rita Sheridan Requested by Marianne and Jim Sheridan † Christopher Schneider Requested by Carol Rizzi † Dr. James Boozan Requested by Wayne and Denise Dreyer People of the Parish # Homesting Group Requested by Avila Family
5:00 PM	† Hernestina Cruz Requested by Avila Family





Readings for the Week April 11, 2021

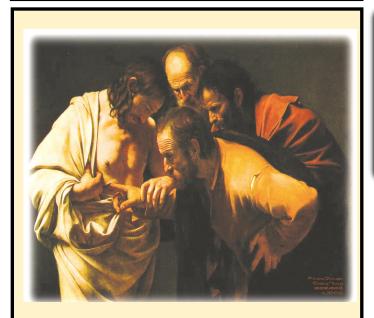
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8 **Tuesday**: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 **Saturday**: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Sunday of Divine Mercy April 11, 2021

Holy Hour with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 2 PM.

REAYFOR THE SICK

Please Note: New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Sharon Cox, Lee Cox, Bobbie Woods, Julia Buonocore, Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died:

+ Bonnie Godoy

May the angels lead you into paradise...



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes

and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

2021 Easter collection totals will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.



Some Thoughts for April, By Marge Loenser

I can't think of a better way to start a month than by the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ which was on April 4th. The earliest the church celebrates Easter is March 22nd. The latest is April 25th, which happens also to be the Feast of St. Mark, which this year falls on a Sunday so no Feast Day. Sorry, St. Mark, we'll catch you in 2022, on Monday, April 25th!

I love the name "April" it conjures thoughts of soft rain, early blooms, warmer weather, spring; lilacs and forsythia appear, tulips daffodils and all sorts of blooms join in the symphony of color and joy!

Since there are only a few saints to celebrate this month, I would like to share with you one of my pilgrimages. This one was to Betania, Venezuela. Fr. John Campoli and his pilgrimage leader, Mary Buckman, headed the trip. I believe it was in August, 1994. We wanted to be there on the 15th, the feast of the Assumption. The visionary that Our Blessed Mother appeared to was Maria Esperanza. Many other local people have seen the apparitions as well. Mary Buckman told us there is a profusion of blue butterflies before our Lady appears. I was psyched! The apparitions were at the end of a large field which was part of Maria's farm. We had hours to kill and I had been wandering around when suddenly I tripped and fell injuring my leg. My traveling "buddy" Annie, ran to get a priest. It was Fr. Butler who was traveling with us. He prayed over my leg and I immediately got up! The Lord healed me through Fr. Butler. Thank you Lord.

The apparitions were seen in early evening, but we were there in the afternoon, expecting a very large crowd. Finally it was almost nightfall and a large crowd had assembled. All of a sudden the crowd was swaying and pushing and everyone was oohing and pointing up. I didn't see anything, but it was apparent these natives did. The crowd pushed and swayed and pointed, and I had to grab on to a tree for safety. Later on I asked Fr John if he saw anything. He said he caught sight of the apparition of Our blessed Mother. Apparently the moon had been dancing as well. (I missed that too). Even though I didn't see what he and all the natives saw, I felt part of this miracle. It was quite a day.

The next day we took a side trip to visit the site of a Eucharistic miracle. It was in a convent in Los Teques. (BTW this site and the Betania site were authorized by the bishop of the diocese). It was explained to us that at the consecration of mass in 1981, a priest broke the consecrated host in four pieces and laid them on the paten. He looked down and saw blood spurting from the host! He quietly placed the bleeding host in a chalice and placed it in the tabernacle. The priest told the bishop what happened and the bishop told him to place the bleeding host into a monstrance for adoration. The host continued to bleed down the stem of the monstrance. When our group got there to worship it had already stopped bleeding, but the Precious Blood remained on host. We spent time in adoration at the chapel. What a gift!

I have a lot of other pilgrimage stories to share, but that will be another time. Let us focus on the most miraculous event of all times! The Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When Peter and John ran to the empty tomb and looked in, John saw the folded head cloth of Jesus set aside and "believed." Know why? When people sat at dinner, they used cloth napkins and when they finished eating they tossed the rumpled napkin on the table. Jesus, <u>folded His</u> and John knew this to mean, He would return.

Happy Easter and may God bless each of us. Love Marge Loenser

CYO's Good Friday Stations of the Cross





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You are invited to join in with **Holy Innocents' Rosary Group** that meets online Monday-Saturday at 10:00am to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. **Please contact Kathy Lynch at 732-513-2970**

or <u>kathy.lynch65@gmail.com</u> for more details. It is easy to join by phone or she can assist you to access the group via teleconference. Everyone is welcome, even beginners.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the Century. 20th when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s. Jesus chose a

humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

Mercy and Healing

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit *HopeAfterAbortion.org*.



While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: <u>Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 (stmarkseagirt.com)</u> and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink <u>St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot</u>.

Prayer to Jesus for Coronavirus Healing

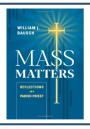
Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Carry in Your arms those who have died from the virus and bring them home. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know Your Peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who put themselves at risk in serving the sick. May they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they were meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions to help prevent future outbreaks. Our Lord Jesus stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us Your Peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen.



St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month. We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother

and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate



MASS MATTERS

Fr. Bausch's book "Mass Matters" is on sale in the rectory for \$15. Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you to pick it up!

Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.



Eucharistic Devotion



he importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of

God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

While everyone is not yet able to participate in the Mass in person, we encourage those who are able to make a visit on Fridays immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45PM. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

There are less participants than at Mass and all safety precautions are being taken. Masks must be worn at all times in Church.

Adoration at St. Mark's Church

Every precaution is made to ensure a safe environment in Adoration. Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com.





St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like

to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors. If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 732-449-6364.

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m. Misa de Semana: Martes 6:00 p.m.

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Segundo Domingo de Pascua Domingo de la Divina Misericordia Abril 11, 2021

Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 4, 32-35.

La multitud de los que habían creído tenía un solo corazón y una sola alma; todo lo poseían en común y nadie consideraba suyo nada de lo que tenía. Con grandes muestras de poder, los apóstoles daban testimonio de la resurrección del Señor Jesús y todos gozaban de gran estimación entre el pueblo. Ninguno pasaba necesidad, pues los que poseían terrenos o casas, los vendían, llevaban el dinero y lo ponían a disposición de los apóstoles, y luego se distribuía según lo que necesitaba cada uno.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 117, 2-4. 16ab-15. 22-24.

La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya.

Diga la casa de Israel: "Su misericordia es eterna". Diga la casa de Aarón: "Su misericordia es eterna". Digan los que temen al Señor: "Su misericordia es eterna".

La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya.

La diestra del Señor es poderosa, la diestra del Señor es nuestro orgullo.

No moriré, continuaré viviendo para contar lo que el Señor ha hecho.

Me castigó, me castigó el Señor, pero no me abandonó a la muerte.

La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya.



La piedra que desecharon los constructores, es ahora la piedra angular. Esto es obra de la mano del Señor, es un milagro patente. Este es el día de triunfo del Señor: día de júbilo y de gozo.

La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 5, 1-6.

Queridos hermanos: Todo el que cree que Jesús es el Mesías, ha nacido de Dios; todo el que ama a un padre, ama también a los hijos de éste. Conocemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios en que amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, pues el amor de Dios consiste en que cumplamos sus preceptos. Y sus mandamientos no son pesados, porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Y nuestra fe es la que nos ha dado la victoria sobre el mundo. Porque, ¿quién es el que vence al mundo? Sólo el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Jesucristo es el que vino por medio del agua y de la sangre; él vino, no sólo con agua, sino con agua y con sangre. Y el Espíritu es el que da testimonio, porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Juan 20, 29.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.Tomás, tú crees porque me has visto.Dichosos los que creen sin haberme visto, dice el Señor.R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Juan 20, 19-31.

Al anochecer del día de la resurrección, estando cerradas las puertas de la casa donde se hallaban los discípulos, por miedo a los judíos, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría. De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo". Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar".

Tomás, uno de los Doce, a quien llamaban el Gemelo, no estaba con ellos cuando vino Jesús, y los otros discípulos le decían: "Hemos visto al Señor". Pero él les contestó: "Si no veo en sus manos la señal de los clavos y si no meto mi dedo en los agujeros de los clavos y no meto mi mano en su costado, no creeré". Ocho días después, estaban reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada y Tomás estaba con ellos. Jesús se presentó de nuevo en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Luego le dijo a Tomás: "Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree". Tomás le respondió: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!" Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". Otros muchos signos hizo Jesús en presencia de sus discípulos, pero no están escritos en este libro. Se escribieron éstas para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su nombre.

