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April 11, 2021

2ND SUNDAY of EASTER



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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

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Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. God bless.

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## 3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

All of us need to be extra careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



**DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE**  
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Stay Connected While You're Away.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected within your community. You might not be able to visit our church, but you can still stay in touch! Just go to [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) to sign up to receive your church bulletin delivered straight to your inbox. Just search for our church's name and click Subscribe.



## The Pastor's Prayer Request for...

### Rest of the Soul of Corine Swan

### In Our Prayers

Camella Batten  
Thomas Bodie  
Betty Bryant  
Clifton Danzy  
Jacqueline Douglas  
Arthur Eiland  
Jesus Gomez  
Natasha Grace  
Jose Guerrero  
Rosetta Hatcher  
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Angela Hicks  
Betty Hill  
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Rosemary McGraw  
Eddie Pokorny  
Vera Pryor  
Eddie Sellers

Shirley Talton  
Edminyon Toms  
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### Our Homebound Parishioners

Edna Adams  
Bertha Boyd  
Rochelle Brent  
Annie Buchanan  
Marion Canty  
Keith Jones

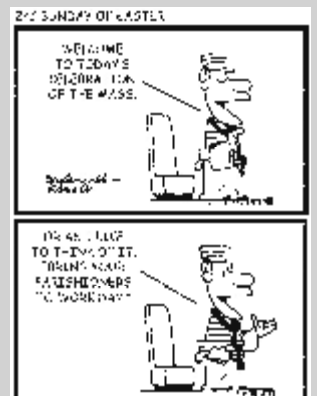
Mildred Lincoln  
Arthur Moore  
Elfreda Moore  
Myrtis Price  
Christine Simmons  
Lorenza Sturgis  
Leola Thompson  
Zelma Williams

### COVID-19 VACCINATION...

The City is providing vaccination for Englewood residents who are at least 18 years old. Here is the registration link...

<https://communityvaccineuic.health/englewood>

If you need assistance with registering, please contact the parish office 773.873.4464.



Readings for the Week of  
April 11, 2021

**Sunday**

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-3

**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

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**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 promise 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

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