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25 Week Club – Mrs. Oryann Lima, Coordinator

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Mr. Fernando Brum, President

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Food Pantry Open Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm weather permitting Helpline (401) 253-8366

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm Easter to Advent

4:00pm Advent to Easter

Sunday at 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Português - Domingo às 7:30

Weekday Mass at 7:30am (bilingual):
No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation and Holidays:

As listed in the Parish Bulletin

Baptism

After the birth of the child, parents are invited to contact the rectory to schedule the Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the parish office.

<u>Marriage</u>

Upon engagement, couples should contact the parish office to schedule a wedding date and initiate the preparation process that ordinarily requires a period of six months – one year.

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:20pm – 3:50pm or by scheduling a time with the parish office

Anointing of the Sick

Those in need, or a family member, are encouraged to contact the priest

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who believe they are being called to receive the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the parish office.

Holy Orders - Vocations to the Priesthood

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Speak with the priest or contact Fr. Brian J. Morris, Director of Vocations, at (401) 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

Rectory Hours: Monday through Friday* 9:00AM to 4:00PM

*Wednesday to 3PM

Gospel Reading *John 20:19-31* Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading - Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share

these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who



was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Family Connection - Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: What were the disciples to do with these gifts? (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another.

~ From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.

United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Trinity / Irmandade Unida do Espirito Santo & Santíssima Trindade

The 'Second Dominga', will be at the home of Bobby & Melanie Leitao, 11 Beach Street in Warren. All are invited to pray the Rosary and for fellowship at 7PM. The 'Mordomos' this year are M/M Eduardo & Filomena Pereira, 62 Collins Street in Bristol

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A Segunda Dominga, vai realizar-se em casa do Bobby & Melanie Leitao, 11 Beach Stree, Warren. A casa estará aberta a partir das 7:00 da noite. Os Mordomos deste ano são os Senhores Eduardo & Filomena Pereira, 62 Collins Street, Bristol.

<u>Change in Saturday Mass Time</u> – Starting this weekend, April 23, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 5:00PM until Advent. Please tell your family and friends.

Divine Mercy



Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, 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 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You."

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Holy Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy; B - Be merciful; C - Completely trust in Jesus.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

Office of Faith Formation Important Information

Final day to submit work packets: All work packets MUST be submitted on Monday, April 25 at the Faith Formation office. We will be there to collect packets from 6-7:15 PM.

Confirmation Rehearsal: We would like all candidates and sponsors to attend the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Our **MANDATORY** rehearsal will be held immediately after Mass. All candidates and sponsors **MUST** attend the rehearsal.

Confirmation Mass: Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 5:00pm Mass

Arrive by 4:30pm - Please do not be late. Candidates and sponsors will sit in the assigned seats given at the rehearsal. All parents and guests will be able to select their own seats.

First Communion Rehearsal – MANDATORY – Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6 pm. A parent should plan to attend this rehearsal. This is a mandatory rehearsal. We will meet in the gym.

First Communion Mass – Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11 am

All candidates should report to the gym no later than **10:30am**.

Could we see the end of abortion in America? In the USA, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies a year.

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health could change that. The Mississippi law at stake in this case bans abortion after 15 weeks. The question before the Supreme Court is whether all pre-viability bans on elective abortions are unconstitutional. This is the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal in all 50 states.

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Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. What can we do? The most important thing we can do to is to bend our knees in supplication to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for the end to Roe, and to the brutal practice of abortion. We all need to pray without ceasing. And we need to tell our friends and church communities to join us. Can you imagine what could happen if all who want an end to abortion joined together? If each believer committed to prayer and fasting? What would happen if tens or hundreds of MILLIONS of Americans prayed for an end to abortion? With God, ALL THINGS are possible.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday - April 23

5:00PM – Ronald Viera, Manuel & Hilda Macedo, Fatima Leal, Edalina & Manuel Cordeiro, Deodato, Maria & Durval Amaral, Maria Julia Borges, Armando & Anibal Germano

Sunday – April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:30AM – Maria José Mendonca, Manuel & Gloria Sousa, Manuel Salema, José Alberto Avila, Jeffrey Vieira, Alvaro DeMello, Manuel DeMelo, Maria Tavares, Margarida Martins,

Timothy DaPonte, José Vidal, Lurdes

Vidal, Paul Jorge Vidal

9:00AM – Manuel & Germina Tavares, Arthur & Maria Perry, Richard Rego, Luis & Henriqueta Araujo, Luis & Louie DaSilva, Maria Adelaide & Joseph Mello, Maria Jose Macedo, Jose F. Melo, Dr. Victor P.

DeMedeiros, Alexandre Thiverge

10:30AM - Manuel Teixeira, Olivia

Tavares, Manuel Tavares, Sr., Louise Sylvia, John Sylvia, Jr., Daniel John Pacheco, Justin Matthew Nunes, Jose Nunes, Francisco & Maria Garcia, Zelia & Gil Amaral, John Amaral, Maria Julia Borges, Gilberto Leste

5:00PM - Pro Populo

Monday - April 25 (St. Mark, Evangelist)

7:30AM - Ema Brum, Kerry DeMeneze

Tuesday - April 26

7:30AM - Luis Guilherme DeOliveira

Wednesday - April 27

7:30AM – Arthur Carreiro, Maria Eduarda Carreiro, Orlanda Carreira, William Ducharme, Sr.

Thursday - April 28 (St. Louis de Montfort, priest)

NO MASS - NÃO HÁ MISSA - NO MASS

Friday – April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

7:30AM – Freeman Dias, Sebastian Dias, John, Rose & April Selley

Saturday - April 30

5:00PM – Joao & Ceatana Pereira, Belmira & Mariano Machado, M. Luz Rego, Maria da Luz Soares Rego, Josie Cabral Rego, Francesca Leonilde Soares Amaral, Alice & Albino Tavares, Antonio & Filomena Oliveira

Sunday - May 1 (Third Sunday of Easter)

7:30AM – Manuel & Maria A. Cardoso, Marta Carvalho, António & Maria Silveira, José & Filomena Avila, Conceição Maria Botelho, Sylvestre & Manuel Sousa, Duarte Botelho, Adelia Guedes, José Nunes, Justin Nunes, Alberto Avila Teixeira

9:00AM –Olivia Silvia, Olivia Belmore, Jacinto & Maria Rosa, Luisa Rosa, Carlos Vieira, Carlos Medeiros, Gloria Barreiro, Lucilia Medeiros, Artur & Ofelia Medeiros, Delia & Albano Correia, Joseph Gomes, David Enos, Natalina "Natalia" Ramos

10:30AM – Jose & Maria C. Tavares, Virginio & Germina Almeida, John de Sousa, Jr., Jose DaPonte Simao, Cecelia Aguiar, John M. Medeiros, Fernando & Maria L. DaSilva, Herminia & Alberto Ferreira, Conceicao Botelho, Joseph Faria, Herminia do Couto

5:00PM - Confirmation with Bishop Evans - Pro Populo

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of *Manuel & Noelia Moitoso*

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APRIL 24, 2022

Stewardship - Time, Talent & Treasure

Weekly Budget, April 10 - \$5,150.00 E-Giving, April 10 - \$588.09 Thank you! Obrigado!

<u>Catholic Charity Appeal 2022</u> Our Goal - \$41,800 //Gifts received - \$24,736

New Pastor Update

Dear parishioners, I wanted to update you on the progress of getting a new pastor in place here at St. Elizabeth's. We have sought the help of Senator Jack Reed getting the new pastor's application approved by US Immigration. It was approved this week, thank God, and now he will have to get his visa application approved by the authorities in Rio de Janeiro. So this is good news. It may take just a while longer, but my hope is by the summer your new pastor will be in place. This has certainly been a difficult year and so I thank you for your patience and understanding. Your prayers for a successful outcome are greatly appreciated.

God's blessing always, Rev. Henry P. Zinno, Jr. Caros paroquianos, Queria atualizá-lo sobre o progresso de conseguir um novo pastor aqui em St. Elizabeth. Procurámos a ajuda do Senador Jack Reed para conseguir que o novo pedido de pastor fosse aprovado pela US Imigração. Foi aprovado esta semana, graças a Deus, e agora terá de obter o seu pedido de visto aprovado pelas autoridades do Rio de Janeiro. Então, estas são boas notícias. Pode demorar um pouco mais, mas a minha esperança é que no verão o seu novo pastor esteja no lugar. Este foi, sem dúvida, um ano difícil, pelo que agradeço a vossa paciência e compreensão. As suas orações por um resultado bem sucedido são muito apreciadas. Bênção de Deus sempre, Pe. Henry P. Zinno, Jr. (google translate)

25 Week Club Raffle

Our 25 Week Club Raffle will soon begin. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their raffle tickets. Someone will be calling you within the next two weeks with your ticket numbers.



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