

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Mass Intentions

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, April 12	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Anthony & Josephine Kaminski by, Family
Tuesday, April 13	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, April 14	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Frances Hudack, by Uncle Steven & John Banick
Thursday, April 15	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, April 16	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Joann Turco, by Gene & Felicia Domulevicz
Saturday, April 17	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Peter Zalesny & Catherine Sikorski, by Daughter Ann & Family
Sunday, April 18	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Robert Sobotka, by Wife, Carol
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Regina Angeli, by Mary & Alan Angeli

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **April 13th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Candle for Mary: In Loving Memory of Lillian Kaminski, by Norma Krupinski
St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory of Edmund & Fran Elczyna, by Family

HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY— **March 28, 2021** **\$ 4,074.00**

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 12th, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.** Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242.

We need your help: We are looking for someone within our Parish who could fix a 3' x 3' area of sheetrock in the ceiling of St. Mary's Rectory. Please call the parish Office if you can help.

Every donation counts!! If you have not yet pledged, please... Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! (\$28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$15,710.00 (\$12,290.00) We are grateful to the 119 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at DioceseofScranton.org.

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LOTTERY WINNERS:

DATE	#	NAME	AMT.	DATE	#	NAME	AMT.
03/22/2021	505	Joe Hillan	50.00	03/23/2021	933	Frank Galicki	50.00
03/24/2021	309	John Grabowski	50.00	03/25/2021	895	Sue-Dan Zielen	50.00
03/26/2021	614	John Hillan	50.00	03/27/2021	249	Sharon Baluta	50.00
03/28/2021	656	Sondra Gronka	500.00	03/29/2021	942	Barbara Miscavage	50.00
03/30/2021	345	Brenda Grabowski	50.00	03/31/2021	330	Phoebe Jo Tarnowski	50.00
04/01/2021	065	Holly Levandowski	50.00	04/02/2021	086	No Winner	5000
04/03/2021	565	No Winner	50.00	04/04/2021	982	Kathy Spelman	100.00

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

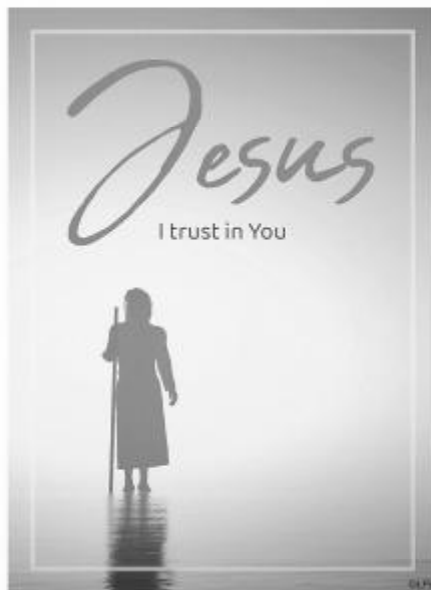
WHY ARE PRIESTS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PARISH TO ANOTHER? HOW IS THAT DECIDED?

Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or

because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.



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