



JESUS

I TRUST IN YOU

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10/11, 2021

***'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'* (John 20:29)**

When you think about it, the apostle Thomas has kind of a bad rap. After all, the nickname 'Doubting Thomas' isn't really a compliment. However, when you put it in perspective, you kind of have to feel for the guy:

His good friend has just been brutally killed, and all of the remaining apostles are terrified and in hiding. Then Jesus appears to the apostles when Thomas is not there (*for whatever reason*), and they proceed to tell him about it later... Imagine if a group of people said to you, "Hey, we just saw our dead friend!" (*Needless to say, there's room for some doubt and questioning.*)

Whether we're following the upper room narrative in the gospel or the story behind Divine Mercy Sunday, this weekend's message is very clear: Trust Jesus and have faith.

In a society that trains us to be control freaks from birth, it's often hard to trust anyone or anything. From our media, to our government, to anyone that has wronged us, we're in a constant state of seeking truth and authenticity. However, with Jesus, it doesn't get any more real than that.

As we begin our Easter journey, let's have faith and trust in Jesus. Let's give up the control. Let's not focus on "fake news," but concentrate on the Good News, instead.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc., Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

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/.**

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/.**

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/.**

Second Reading

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: 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.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Asher Jensen Simoneit**, baptized in our parish this weekend! May God grant him and his family every grace and blessing as he begins as his faith journey.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of every month, immediately following the 8:00am Daily Mass until 9:30am.

Come spend some time with the Lord as he is exposed on the altar. Various devotions will be offered, with Benediction to follow.

DISCIPLESHIP SCHEDULE

(PLEASE NOTICE UPDATED DATES)

Monday, April 19th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In Church or Zoom (*please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website*)

Monday, May 3rd, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In Church or Zoom (*please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website*)

A COVID-19 PRAYER

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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PARISH TRANSITION PRAYER

God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on Our Lady of Charity parish and guide us during our time of transition. As we will be saying "Welcome" to a new Pastor soon, we ask that you bless our parish that his presence will be a grace both for him and for us. We are filled with faith, energized by the power of your love and united in the mission entrusted to us. We need your grace to be receptive to this change and view it as an invitation to conversion and growth. We pray this in the name of your Son and Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Our Lady of Charity, pray for us.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043 will hold their next meeting on Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria of OLV Elementary School. Plans for our 94th anniversary party will be finalized. Information about summer retreat offerings will be shared. We will be continuing our study of Mary's Mantle. Also details of our upcoming fundraiser will be shared. A report on our diaper drive will be given. CDA is a national women's organization of Catholic women 18+ and all are welcome to attend a meeting.

COOK WANTED

Bishop Head House is looking for a weekend cook. Saturdays 3 meals, and Sunday brunch only. If interested or have questions please call Deacon Dan at the Residence (824-4644).

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

Sunday

8:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)

11:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Currently by appointment only.

(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)

Friday, closed

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Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

Sponsors for the coming weeks include:

April 16: Volunteers Needed

April 23: MAK & Friends

April 30: Liturgy Committee

May 7: Liturgy Committee

FAREWELL, FR. MOCK!

This weekend is Fr. Mock's last weekend with us as the Temporary Administrator. Please offer a prayer up for him as he prepares for his new assignment as RETIRED (and Canonical of NDA). We thank him for sharing with us his many gifts and talents throughout the past several months, helping us navigate COVID in our churches, and staying with us for much longer than he was originally intended. Best of luck and God speed!

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NDA

- You are invited to join the next NDA Virtual School Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Quinlivan on Wednesday, April 14th at 8:30am, simply go to the Notre Dame Academy Facebook page.
- Are you a graduate of a South Buffalo Catholic Elementary School? Please check out this new Facebook group just for you! Search South Buffalo Catholic Elementary Schools Alumni Group.
www.notredamebuffalo.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for All Seasons. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith, and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances as he taught us, and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give HOPE for All Seasons. Thank you for your continued support of Appeal 2021! More information and prayer cards can be found in the back of church.

HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of our entire parish staff, have a most joyous and blessed Easter season! Alleluia!

**** PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT ****

DUE TO A DELAY WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW LIFT-A-VATOR AT HOLY FAMILY, ALL MASSES CONTINUE TO BE AT THE ST. AMBROSE SITE.

FROM FR. MOCK

When I accepted the appointment as Temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Charity Parish last October 26th, I was assured that my time at the parish would not be very long. Accepting that at face value, I honestly expected to be replaced in a very brief time, perhaps even before Christmas. Imagine my surprise to not only celebrate Christmas with you, but Easter as well!

This has been an unusual six months for me, but also a time that I have come to appreciate. I have long believed that the Holy Spirit works in ways that consistently surprise us. I am truly grateful for the longer than I expected surprise, but more so for the experience at OLCF, and I thank you so very much for your welcome and your kindness.

My first weekend I recall telling you that I truly intend to be a conduit from one Pastor, Father Bryan, to the next, Father Steve. I pray that I have done that as well as I possibly could have. I did find it very difficult to get to know you in the midst of the pandemic. And, I regret that if I run into you when the pandemic is over, I may not recognize you without a mask! I have not seen most of you without one.

Thank you for a very wonderful experience, and please be assured that I will always remember you in my prayers.

-Father Mock

DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study this coming week is **canceled**. Please stay tuned for more information on the continuation of our weekly meetings. We encourage you to get together in some way virtually to talk about scripture during this Octave of Easter.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Heather McGinley and Kevin Collins are to be married on Saturday, April 17th, at the Holy Family Site. Please keep this couple in prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

PRE-BAPTISM SESSION

Before your child's Baptism, parents must virtually attend a Pre-Baptismal instruction class. The next session will be on **Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30pm** via Zoom. Please call the office (822-5962) to register. **Parents, remember you must have letters of recommendation from the godparents before the Baptism date can be set.**

RELIGIOUS SACRAMENTALS

Children making their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist are required to attend our first in-person class which will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021. Class will be held from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Please arrive in the church at 6:15pm. We ask that you practice social distancing upon arrival and masks are required. Thank You!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

"MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL." (JOHN 11:1-2)

Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, Brigid Evans, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O'Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jason Florea, John Godwin, Eric G., Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Robert Maggio, Dr. Thomas Raab, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat./Sun., April 10/11 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- SA • 4:00pm
Thomas Kozakiewicz (*Birth. Rem., req. by his wife, Kathleen, and sons*)
- SA • 8:30am
Tom Brinkworth (*req. by Ellen Coughlin & Ron Zimmerman*)
- SA • 10:00am
Ed McGlynn (*req. by Mary Anne King*)
- SA • 11:30am
Albert & Janet Renzi (*1st Anniv. Rem. req. by Mrs. Richard Cunningham*)

Mon., April 12 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Msgr. William Setloc** (*req. by McClain Family*)

Tues., April 13 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Stanley Mann** (*req. by his family*)

Wed., April 14 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (*req. by Fr. Steve*)

Thurs., April 15 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Herman & Joan Hollstein and Shelly Holowaty** (*req. by family*)

Fri., April 16 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Peg Thexton** (*Birth. Rem., req. by her family*)

Sat./Sun., April 17/18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

- SA • 4:00pm
Anne Lynch (*1st Birth. Rem., req. by Bob Lynch*)
- SA • 8:30am
James A. Coughlin (*req. by his grandchildren*)
- SA • 10:00am
Joe Golda (*1st Anniv. req. by his family*)
- SA • 11:30am
Ellen O'Neill (*req. by her family*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:
May they rest in peace.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Ambrose Site (April 11-17)
Peg Thexton (*Birth. Rem., req. by her family*)

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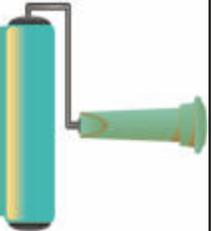
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