

ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

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April 11, 2021 • 2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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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



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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

riage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

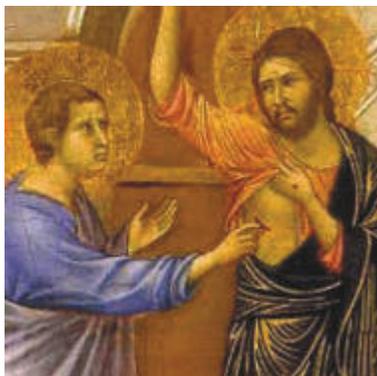
Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Please be aware of these upcoming deadlines if you would like to submit an announcement:

Palm Sunday—Deadline past

Easter Sunday, April 4th Bulletin: Deadline: Thursday, March 25th
Sunday, April 11th Bulletin: Deadline: Tuesday, March 30th

Spirituality of the Readings – Doubt?



Do you believe in the resurrection?

If the answer is “no,” St. Paul says that “our faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:14).

Alright, but sometimes it is hard to know what this “resurrection” is. Could it simply be bringing Jesus back to life so he could go on as before?

No! since Jesus was deeply marked by injuries, humiliation and death, a mere return to life would let these recede into the background. An ordinary life. All better now.

Here is a metaphor to suggest an answer.

Imagine there is a “spiritual soil” from which all life “sprouts.” In his death Jesus plunged deep down into such a soil. He stumbled, fell, and lost the very thing we think is irreplaceable and to be guarded beyond all else: life.

But in this metaphor, life is only a garden plant. It grows from the loam so rich that we hardly see it. That spiritual soil is love.

Vast, quiet love.

Our doubt sets in, like Doubting Thomas’s. He was resentful, probably broken-hearted. He warded off his grief by simple denial. Unless I “put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe” (Gospel).

And look at the other men. In the gospel of Luke, women, not the men, were the ones who saw the empty tomb first as well as the angels, and they took it seriously. But “... their words seemed an idle tale, and [the apostles] did not believe” (Lk 24:11). In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus first came to the women. When the men went to the place where Jesus had said he would meet them, “they worshipped him, but some doubted” (Mt 28:17). In Mark, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, but when she went to the apostles, you guessed it, they rejected her testimony (Mk 16:9). Nor did they listen to the men who had met Jesus walking to Emmaus (Mk 16:12-13).

Hard to miss the fact that the women usually believed and the men usually did not. Women dared to trust what they saw. Yes, women have been given lower status in culture throughout the ages, but we know that it is a big mistake to ignore their testimony.

Dan Brown’s Da Vinci Code was a vehicle for huge doubt. For him, males have systematically repressed the essence of Christianity. The real truth, he claims, guarded through centuries, is that Mary Magdalene was Jesus’ secret wife! Moreover, a flesh and blood descendent from Jesus is alive today (a woman, living in secret and in fear for her life). Obviously, as Brown seems to think, if the gospels are just huge cover-ups, then the resurrection would be just one more spin on the glittering wheel of deception.

What is the truth about the resurrection?

Jesus’ life, death and resurrection pointed us toward the source of all life, the source of the universe, of trees, of women and men, of marriage and offspring. Jesus was the river of love that God had poured into the world. He was now flowing back into the ocean of the Trinity and taking us along, whichever of us chooses to believe.

That is the resurrection.

Do you believe in it? If you do, then you believe that love is the foundation of life. Just put your finger into the mark of the nails, and put your hands into his side and you will find it.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering - March 28

\$5,613.50

Online Giving

\$1,921.35

Attendance: 264

Due to the holiday bulletin publishing schedule, the Easter offering was not available at the time of printing. Please see future publications for this information.

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

4/1— Holy Thursday Trust Fund for the Poor

4/2—Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land

4/4—Education of Seminarians



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GIVE ONLINE!

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www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

April 11, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 6:00pm	John Miller
Sunday, 8:30am	Nila Frohnapfel
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	Por la Comunidad de la Parroquia

Monday 4/12	Easter Weekday
6:30pm	John Miller

Tuesday 4/13	Easter Weekday
9:00am	George Vargo

Wednesday 4/14	Easter Weekday
9:00am	Eileen Klug

Thursday 4/15	Easter Weekday
9:00am	Nila Frohnapfel

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 6:00pm	Elizabeth Barill
Sunday, 8:30am	Margaret Grace & John A. Boyle
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	En honor a Diana Lopéz Rodriguez



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle the week of April 11th are in memory of **Abraham Lucci** from his wife, Elizabeth.



Mass intentions are being accepted for 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10

for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



Thank You! Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the box in the Narthex, or to the office by Sunday, April 18, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, April 11

8:30/9:30am	Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
9:30-10:45am	RCIA
9:45-10:45am	First Communion Rehearsal—P/H
10:00am	Baptism of Stella Amor Sedney
1:00pm	NA Meeting
6-8:00pm	Middle School Youth—P/H

Monday, April 12

7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg—L/L
7:00-9:00pm	Boy Scouts—Pavilion

Tuesday, April 13

6:30pm	NA Meeting—Peace Hall
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Saturday, April 17

5-5:30pm	Reconciliation
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Sunday, April 18

8:30/9:30am	Last Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
9:30-10:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
5:00pm	Confirmation



We welcome Stella Amor Sedney, who was baptized this weekend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
(Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are being accepted for the year 2021. The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.



Everyone over the age of 2 years old must wear a mask in the church and keep it on at all times, except at the moment when you consume the host!

If you have children who are too young to wear a mask for the whole time, or you have a condition which prohibits you from wearing a mask safely, we strongly encourage you to remain at home for your safety, and for the safety of others.

As a reminder, the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect until further notice.

THANK YOU!

As we enter into this Holy Season of Easter here at St. Mary, we also enter into the final phase of our Confirmation Process and First Communion Preparation, both to be celebrated on April 18th & 25th respectively. As she has done for the past 19 years Kathy Kerzak has led the charge in ensuring that our young Catholics receive the very best in preparation not just for the major sacraments but also in designing their overall catechetical formation. While I have only been here less than a year I have been blessed to work Kathy and see her faith and dedication as well as connection with the students of our Parish Formation Program. I and all the previous pastors she has worked along side with have benefited from her insights and energy. However, after all these years Kathy has taken a new position as the staff chaplain for Mon Health Systems and will finish up her time here as full-time Faith Formation Director on April 30th. On behalf of the parish of St. Mary and all the people I wish her a fulfilling new challenge and sense of accomplishment for all she has brought to this position these past two decades.



FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

Position Opening

St. Mary Church is seeking a vibrant individual to

coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume by May 15, 2021. For the full job description and responsibilities, please see p. 6

Religious Items Needed

The Sisters of the Infant Jesus at Immaculate Conception Clarksburg, are in need of religious items to send to Zimbabwe.

To mail items, please send to:
Sister Maria/Sister Bertha
Immaculate Conception Church
150 South Maple Ave.
Clarksburg, WV 26301

For further information, call 304-203-8399
The deadline to donate items is May 14.
If you have larger items, you may place them in the box in the narthex to be collected later.



St. Ursula Food Pantry Position Opening:

St. Ursula Food Pantry & Outreach **seeks an Administrative Assistant** (32 hrs/wk) to assist clients, document service, and perform book keeping. Duties include working with volunteers to organize food and clothing donations. Must be able to lift and carry 30#. College degree with some work experience in social services preferred. Knowledge of Word and Excel necessary; Quickbooks (and Publisher), a plus.

Contact: Sr. Rachel Blais at 304-599-3822 or email your resume to rachel.blais@gmail.com

St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

**** Soup and Cereal****

Baby & Toddler Program needs:

***Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)



Adult Faith Formation

Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home—

Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking new path.

We will meet on Mondays via ZOOM, from 7-8:00pm

April 12 (Introduction + Chapter 1)

April 19 (Chapter 2),

April 26 (Chapter 3),

May 3 (Chapter 4),

May 10 (Chapter 5),

May 17 (Chapter 6)

The encyclical can be found at vatican.va or purchased from Nancy or at usccb.org for \$13.95.

If you are interested in participating, please email Nancy at nickliz@aol.com so you can receive the ZOOM link.



Divine Mercy Sunday at St. John

University Parish

Please join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11, 2021. You are invited to attend some or all

of the afternoon devotions:

1:00-4:00 pm Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with Veneration of a first-class relic of St. Faustina

2:30-3:30 pm Confession available

3:00 pm Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
"Jesus, I trust in You!"

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Faith Formation Director

Job Summary:

Progressive parish of 600 families is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. The position is full-time and reports to the Pastor.

Responsibilities & Duties:

Coordinates and manages all Faith Formation ministries and volunteers including, but not limited to: Religious Education (PK-5th), Youth Ministry (Middle and High School), Children's Liturgy of the Word and Vacation Bible School; sacramental preparation program for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Christian Initiation for adults and children (RCIA); and helps facilitate adult faith formation. The Faith Formation Director is also the Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish.

Qualifications and Skills:

BA in Theology/Religious Education or related educational field
Excellent organizational, supervisory and leadership skills
Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills
Works well in collaborative efforts with other parish ministers
Seeks ongoing educational opportunities to keep current on trends in catechetical ministry
Excellent computer skills including the use of Microsoft Office and communication via social media
Fluency in Spanish is beneficial but not required

Salary & Benefits

Health, vision, dental, participation in 403B plan, paid vacation and personal days, and education stipend.

If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume by May 15, 2021. Position will begin on August 1, 2021.

Send letter and resume to Fr. John by email: papajohnwv@msn.com, or via mail to:

Attn: Father John McDonough
St. Mary Parish
3346 University Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505

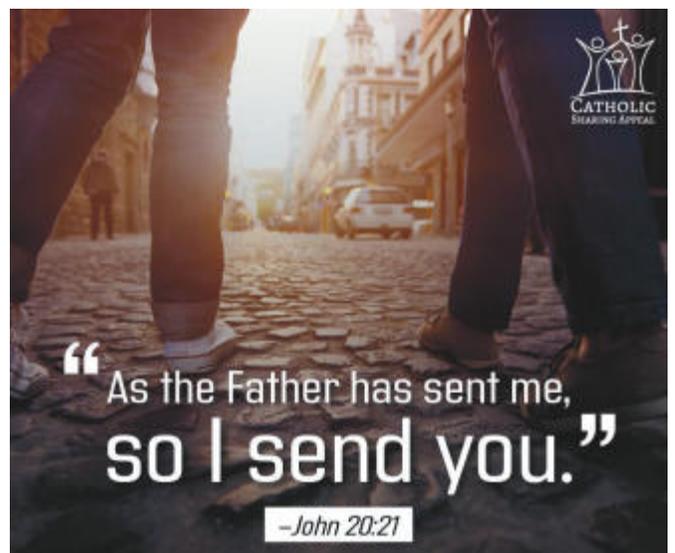


Catholic Sharing Appeal

For most of us, the Christian life is so "routine" that we often don't stop to think about how radical it is; selflessly loving God and others in imitation of Christ, who gave Himself on the Cross. In fact, if we really took seriously its demands, we'd probably be struck by how impossible it all seems; for man to love as God loves.

That's likely what the Apostles were thinking when the Risen Lord, with the nailmarks still fresh in his hands, sends them on mission "as the Father has sent" Him. And yet, it'd be a mistake to only focus on the seemingly impossible demands of this mission. Because if we're sent as Christ was sent by the Father, we're also called to live in the same relational mode that He did and does, in complete dependence upon the Father. This is why Christ's sending of the Apostles on mission is inherently connected with their reception of the Holy Spirit—the love between the Father and Son. If we're not in relationship with God, the Christian life is truly impossible.

But of course, God invites us into relationship with Him today: in prayer, in the sacraments, and in Christian community. And when we're relying on Him, the mission He sends us on can seem less impossible. Here at St. Mary Parish, we've discerned that part of our mission is to build up our parish community through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. During this Easter season, let's ground ourselves deeply in our relationship with God, so that we can generously respond to this and the entirety of our mission.



Sunday, Apr 11, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Hold onto the holy memories

It's unlikely that those who survive the pandemic will look back on these days with much nostalgia. Sickness and loss, fear and division, stress and isolation: The consequences will be with us for a generation. Yet emerging from the tragedy were also instances of humanity, decency, and heroism that echoed the time of the first apostles. We've shared food, masks, information, errands, toilet paper, songs. We've gathered on balconies and in virtual rooms. We've found ways to pray and to encourage. This Divine Mercy Sunday, give thanks for those who have helped you through this and every crisis.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44).
"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

Monday, Apr 12, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Stand with those who stood for you

Though you may not remember it, your Baptism was an extremely important day in your life—the beginning of your life in Christ. Your godparents represented you that day, speaking on your behalf if you were a baby. Perhaps later you became a godparent to others. Whether you're still close or have drifted apart over time, reach out to your godparents or godchildren and reminisce about that day. Talk about the role you have played in each other's spiritual life and pray together for deepening conversion. Promise to keep on praying for each other in our ever-growing identity as children of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*

Tuesday, Apr 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

The dilemma of indifference

The Eastern Church began exploring monotheletism, the notion that Jesus had only a divine will, despite being both human and divine, in the 600s. Pope Martin I issued a reprimand, opposing this heresy. This angered the Eastern emperor, who had the sickly Martin dragged to Constantinople for trial. The pontiff was beaten, starved, and exiled, leading to his death. But Martin also blamed a Western Church that never came to his rescue. "I am surprised at the indifference," he wrote, of "those who belong to the church of Saint Peter." Ask for Martin's intercession today, for all who suffer indifference.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). *"The community of believers was of one heart and mind."*

Wednesday, Apr 14, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Let your life be your witness

How do you live your faith? Some days may be harder than others, but rarely, if ever nowadays, will the effort to be a faithful follower of Jesus land someone in jail or cost them their life. Yet that was the fate of the early disciples who insisted on proclaiming the stories of Jesus' life, death, and rising. There are 20th-century martyrs as well (Blessed Stanley Rother, Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, the martyrs of El Salvador among others), but faith calls

all of us to kindness to all people, fairness in the face of injustice, trust in God's promised Spirit, and a constant willingness to see the face of God in our neighbors. Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus by the way you live?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). *"The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people."*

Thursday, Apr 15, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Be up to the tax at hand

Taxes are due today, an obligation that few people savor and yet all of us rely on. Catholics can feel proud to promote the common good by paying taxes for schools, roads, parks, healthcare, and other social benefits. In their pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. bishops go even further, saying: "The tax system should be continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor." If you feel disheartened by the paperwork or the cost of taxes, take heart that despite any flaws in the system, taxes help build the commonwealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). *"The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him."*

Friday, Apr 16, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

A God of his word

Poor communication is the main reason relationships fail. If it isn't clear what is being promised, then it is easy to become disillusioned when expectations aren't met. People who lose faith in God often point to God's untrustworthiness: They asked for something and didn't receive it. Hence, they conclude that God is not to be trusted. But remember the promise of God is love. Look around; wherever you see love—even a love lost—you see God's promise fulfilled. As Saint Augustine put it: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." Help embody God's love today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). *"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."*

Saturday, Apr 17, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Call a deacon

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos*, meaning "one who serves at table," found in today's first reading. The office of deacon endured for several centuries after its origin in Acts. But eventually the diaconate was reduced to a temporary stage of ordination to the priesthood. After Vatican II the permanent diaconate was revived. Today many men, most married although some single, enter the diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders. They serve their parishes and assist their pastors in many ways both social and liturgical. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good deacon. Give him a call.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). *"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK 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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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service **ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562**

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

2nd Sunday of Easter Readings & Gospel

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

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.

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Primera lectura

Lectura del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

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.

Palabra de Dios.

Segunda lectura

Lectura de la primera carta del apóstol san Juan

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.

Palabra de Dios.

Evangelio

Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan

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.

Palabra del Señor.



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