

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

April 28, 2019

*"Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."*

— Revelation 1:18a

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,865.00	\$4,171.00
Number of Families contributing	118	103
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$52,059.00	\$50,808.00
Received to Date	\$46,021.00	\$37,488.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,038.00	\$13,320.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$117.00	\$4,123.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$7,777.00	\$18,527.00

Eight people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$106,280.00
Total Received	\$3,821.00

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$2.00.

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$79.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$40.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 8:30 p.m. Mass was 525, and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 310.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man came upon a tall tower and stepped inside to find it all dark, as he groped around, he came upon a circular staircase. Curious to know where it led to, he began to climb, and as he climbed, he sensed a growing uneasiness in his heart.

So he looked behind him and was horrified to see that each time he climbed a step, the previous one fell off and disappeared. Before, him the stairs wound upward and he had no idea where they led; behind him yawned an enormous black emptiness.

**Life is just like this one way staircase. There are no steps below where we can retrace our steps. The only way is forward; and as long as one had no idea where the stairs lead to, it would be frightening. It is altogether a different matter for the person who is aware where the stairs lead.**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Shirley Suedle Carroll in loving memory of her on the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of Wink's Ann Marie in loving memory of her on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER** will be celebrated this Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 A.M.; everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer beginning this Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Lady of Epiphany Legion Group will be taking care of the feast.

**MASTER'S TABLE** The Youth Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

**THANK YOU** to two members for a donation in honor of St. Expedite.

**THANK YOU** to our young boys for organizing the Easter Basketball Tournament and their donation of \$1,600 to the Church.

**THANK YOU** to the Teen League for their instant donation of \$1,800 for the church.

**EASTER GOLF TOURNAMENT** organized by the Young Men's Association was a grand success. Congratulation to Adric Thomson Carroll and Jason Patrick Carroll for winning the Tournament and special thanks to Michael Ford and Ryan for participating in the game and for their contribution of \$400 for the Tournament. Thank you to the organizers and the players.

### PRAYER CHANGES

One song can change a moment, one idea can change the world,  
one step can start a journey, but,  
**A PRAYER CAN CHANGE EVEN THE MPOSSIBLE.**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A Couple married 45 years, raised a brood of 11 children. Now they enjoy 22 grandchildren. When asked the secret for staying together all this time, the wife replies.

"Many years ago we made a promise to each other: The first one to pack up and leave has to **TAKE ALL THE KIDS.**"

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of the world.
- If you woke up this morning with good health, you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.
- If you can attend a church meeting without fear of persecution, harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

**THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE**

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the Sun every year.

**WHAT MATTERS**

"Be who **YOU** are and say what **YOU** feel because those who matter don't mind, and those what mind, don't matter." - *Dr. Seuss*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Sunday of Divine Mercy  
**Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena  
**Tuesday:** St. Pius V  
**Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker  
**Thursday:** St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer; Holocaust Remembrance Day  
**Friday:** Ss. Philip and James; First Friday  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Duggan on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick, and St. Joseph for all souls in purgatory.  
**Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat Raid Riley on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;  
**Thursday:** For a Special Intention.  
**Friday:** For Apple's Johnny Key on his Birthday.

**MY PRAYER**

*Each day when I awake  
I say a little prayer.  
For I know that God will listen;  
He is always there.*

*He is the only one,  
In whom I put my trust.  
The one I can confide in,  
When the going gets really tough.*

*He listens to my every word  
And guides me through each day.  
I know He won't desert me.  
He's a friend that's here to stay.*

**READERS**

- Sat. Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Karen & Cathy Lisa  
**Sat. Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa  
**Sun. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria  
**Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa  
**Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa  
**Sun. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Fallon  
**Tuesday** - Ann Rita  
**Wednesday** - Skylar  
**Thursday** - Pamela & Christina  
**Friday** - Pamela

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Front Bridget Ann  
Left Cup Winnie Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

- April 28<sup>th</sup>** **May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora  
Rose Marie Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** Bridget Rita  
**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora  
**Wednesday** Rosie Cat  
**Thursday** Betty Jo  
**Friday** P.A.'s Ann Marie

**A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME**

*"Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others."*

*—Anonymous*

**JUST TO MAKE YOU SMILE**

- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- Every notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

**DON'T DEPEND**

Don't depend too much on anyone in this world. Because even your shadow leaves you when you're in darkness.

**BENDS IN THE ROAD** "A bend in the road is not the end of the road...unless you fail to make the turn."

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**FILL US WITH YOUR JOY**

*Lord Jesus, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with Your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for Your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of Your victory over the grave and gift of everlasting life. Amen.*