

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "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" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

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

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

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

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,924.00	\$3,623.00
Number of Families contributing	120	98
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$41,165.00	\$40,165.00
Received to Date	\$37,052.00	\$29,579.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,113.00	\$10,586.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$143.00	\$2,626.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,805.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,900.00

Fifteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION totaled \$344.00.

14 CHILDREN contributed \$50.00.

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 8:30 P.M. Mass was 150, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 100.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A poll was taken at a large college recently and students were found to be honest about one thing in particular - lying.

There were three major causes given for lying. 31.3% was the fear of punishment. 24.3% was the wish to avoid hurting someone. 18.3% was the desire to avoid a disagreeable situation.

The students were also asked under what circumstances a lie would be acceptable and 32.9% said, "to avoid hurting someone." Another 22.6% said, "to protect someone."

The lie that hurts someone else was registered as the "most unforgivable" and rated a negative 54.3% vote.

The big question is: is it even justifiable to lie? What is our answer? If your vote is in tune with the students polled, then you are out of tune with the Word of God.

The writer of Proverbs states that "he that speaketh lies shall not escape." What God expects is clean, honest hearts that love and speak the truth.

Is God getting what He expects from you?

"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and that he that speaketh lies shall not escape." -Proverbs 19:5

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. Tommy Newman in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on the 25th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Rouks in loving memory of Annie Rouk on the 11th Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the 11th Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN

who are going to receive Confirmation this Monday, April 9th. Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

*Evan Bagwell
Bryson Carroll
Cache Carroll
Evan Michael Carroll
Kinzinton Carroll
Pete Houston Carroll
Richilyn Carroll
Seville Carroll
Chase Costello
Karys O'Hara
Garrett Riley*

*Grant Riley
Hilton Riley
Jack Deacon Riley
Myles Riley
Paul Donovan Riley
Tommy DiCaprio Riley
Truman Riley
John Martin Sherlock
Kennedy Sherlock
Lace Sherlock
Spencer Sherlock*

THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for the third time for Pete Joshua Sherlock and Kara Carroll.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carlisle Carroll, Mike Thomas O'Hara for making the All-A Honor Roll; Beckham Carroll, Faro Thomas Carroll, Jim Richmon Carroll, Tommy Faro Carroll, Katsyn Riley and Royal Riley for making the A-B Honor Roll.

SPECIAL THANKS to Sugar Bakers for their donation to the Church.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, April 9th.

THANKS to two members who made a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

NO PAIN NO GAIN

**There is no wine if grapes are not pressed,
No perfume if flowers are not crushed.
So, don't be afraid if there are pressures in your life,
It will bring out the best of you.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Two prisoners were waiting to be executed. "Any last requests?" asked the jailer.

"Yes," replied one of the prisoners. "I love singing. Before I die I'd like to sing a song.

And the second prisoner said: "Kill me first."

FUNNY CHURCH NOTICES

- *What is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.*
- *Due to Fr. Scott's illness Wednesday's healing service is postponed indefinitely.*
- *The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.*

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** **CONFIRMATION.**
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul Little Ollie Harrison on the 15th Anniversary of his death.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Tom Popeye Sherlock on the 25th Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** In thanks for Jim Murphy Riley on his 9th Birthday.

FOR ALL THAT HE PROVIDES

**From Heaven our caring Father
Watches over us from above,
Guiding us by His wisdom
And teaching us how to love.**

**He surrounds us daily with angels
And gifts us with caring friends;
He places his beauty around us,
His goodness never ends.**

**So, each new day when we awake
And open wide our eyes,
Let's send up loving thanks to Him
For all that he provides.**

READERS

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| Sat. April 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Grace & Rita Riley | Sat. April 7th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay & Mary Melissa |
| Sun. April 8th, 10:00 A.M. | Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph |
| Sat. Apr. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Natalie | Sat. Apr. 14th, 7:00 A.M.
Carolyn & Bridgette Anna |
| Sun. April 15th, 10:00 A.M. | Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | Reed |
| Tuesday | JonBenet |
| Wednesday | Erin |
| Thursday | Skylar |
| Friday | Karen |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 8:30 P.M.
Front
Left Cup | April 7th
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann |
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| April 8th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie | April 15th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie |
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Ann T. |
| Thursday | Bibbie's Catherine Ann |
| Friday | Bridget Ann |

COMIC DICTIONARY

CONSCIENCE – *What hurts when all your other parts feel great.*

GLUTTON – *Someone who eats the slice of cake you wanted.*

PRAISE – *Letting off esteem.*

RAISIN – *A worried looking grape.*

SLEEP – *that fleeting moment that ends alarmingly.*

WORRY – *Interest paid on trouble before it falls due.*

YAWN – *An honest opinion openly expressed.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR FEELING AFRAID

Heavenly father, I feel afraid, and need your comfort and guidance. You are the source of strength and courage in my life, and in this moment I need your direction. Help me feel the truth of Your word that says, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Jesus, I place my trust in You and know that if You are with me, nothing can defeat me. In Christ's most holy name I earnestly offer up this prayer. Amen.