

The Chimes

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SAINT MARGARET MARY

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April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus 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." - Jn 20:27

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

OFFICES

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2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

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We hear in the gospel the famous story of Doubting Thomas. On many levels, we should not fault Thomas for being doubtful. After all, Thomas was perhaps rightly afraid to have his hopes lifted up only to find them shattered again to pieces. Also, Thomas very well knew that proclaiming faith in Jesus could have brought upon them persecution from all sides. If Thomas intended to be on the side of caution, we would not blame him. Yet, we know how the story ended.

Still, we find a bit of St. Thomas in each and every one of us. Doubt is a very natural part of life and it oftentimes comes when things are uncertain or when change is looming. We can find ourselves skeptical about things. Our skepticism can sometimes lead us to resist events that we cannot control.

I bring this up because I return to the topic of the Renew My Church process. Even as we enter more deeply into the process, it is very certain that doubt will be a natural response. Why do we need to talk about a restructuring of parishes? Why do we need a “renewal” or reenergizing of parishes? One this is for certain. All of this will bring change and as always, change can bring with it a great deal of doubt.

Among the reasons why a renewal is necessary is the present status of many of our parishes in the Archdiocese and all across the USA. There has been a drastic decline in the practice of the faith. Let us be honest, we can see the truth to this as we once again are able to see all of the empty seats in our pews this weekend. Just a week ago, they were fuller than usual. Of course, many of those who were here last weekend came as visitors to family members still living in the parish. However, we must also face the truth that the decline in the practice of the faith has had a great impact on parish life. Any number of reasons has been proposed as the cause of the decline. The first one that comes to peoples’ minds is the scandals of recent history. However, scandal has always been a part of the Church’s life for her entire existence of over 2,000 years. Yet, the Church has survived and will continue to survive every struggle because of Jesus’ promise to St. Peter that the gates of hell will not prevail over the Church that Jesus himself built on the foundation of St. Peter’s profession of faith. But, we must still take very seriously the reasons why more and more Catholics are no longer committed to their faith as those of past generations. Let me use as an example a study that was done by the bishops of Latin America that was taken shortly before Pope Francis was elected.

The study found four central reasons why people have left the Church. Even though the study was done in Latin America, if we talk to anyone who has left the Church, we can hear any one of these reasons in their words. The report cited the following:

Those who left never experienced a profound and intense personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

They did not have a meaningful community life where they felt accepted, valued, visible, or made to feel included.

They had an unmet desire for biblical and doctrinal formation as something that brings spiritual growth (not merely as theoretical formation and cold knowledge).

They were seeking a missionary spirit which called them to go beyond the confines of the church building to go out and meet those on the periphery.

Even though I truly believe—like many others—that the Church will never cease to exist based on Jesus’ promise to St. Peter, if we do not do something now, it will make the future that much more difficult on all of us. As we look to the future, we need to get over our doubts and fears and simply commit ourselves to finding ways in which all of our Catholic faith communities might fulfill the twofold responsibility that I have shared on several occasions—to pray well and to teach the faith. To be clear, this is not a matter of changing the tenets of the faith or a questioning of ancient customs and/or Traditions. It is a matter of finding authentic ways that speak to current generations of Catholic Christians that will do a better job in forming them into authentic disciples who are able to overcome doubt. Then, like St. Thomas, they will be the ones who will go out into the world and proclaim the Good News, baptizing even more people in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.

Please remember the following dates:

Sunday, April 28th, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Timothy 6332 N. Washtenaw OR

Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Henry 6335 N. Hoyne Ave.

These again are the Renew My Church 101 introductory sessions that have been scheduled for our grouping. ALL are invited to attend one or the other.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Queen of Hearts Raffle 50/50: You need to play to win! Tickets are 6 for \$5. They can be purchased at the Double Bubble, Edge of Sweetness and the school offices.

The Board of Specified Jurisdiction is recruiting new members for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board is looking for candidates from our broad community which includes parishioners, alumni/ae and parents of alumni/ae, leaders within the community (including business, education and other leaders) and parents.

You need not be a parent of a student to be on the Board. In fact, the Board needs a number of "independent" school members to operate effectively. The Board especially is seeking those people with the following areas of insight:

- Facilities management
- Architecture and Construction
- Higher education
- Marketing and Admissions.

Please contact either Brian Pavona (brian.james.pavona@gmail.com) or Sarah Miler (sbm618@gmail.com) if interested.

COLLECTION REPORT

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday Envelope Actual	\$9,100.41
Loose Money	\$2,301.43
Total Easter Collection	\$11,401.84
Easter Envelopes Used	197

**THANKS TO ALL WHO PRAYED WITH
US EARLY EASTER MORNING!**



MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 5th 10:30 am Mass

Bring flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms of the fairest...



RAFFLE WINNER Ticket #1074
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019
Dany Dizon
\$2,000.00
Congratulations!

EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

April 28th

2:00 PM—3:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

2:30 PM—3:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fellowship and Hospitality follows in the rectory basement.

*Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust
to My Mercy.*

-The Divine Mercy

THANKS
TO ALL
WHO
FILLED
EGGS
FOR THE
HUNT
THIS
YEAR!



CYCLES OF FAITH

2nd Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "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."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "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." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Readings for the week of April 28, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:24, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
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
St. Joseph the Worker:	Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/ Mt 13:54-58
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:45 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Please enter the middle door, school side.

(Become a regular, call

Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or

Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)

Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;

Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every 1st Friday of the month

beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fellowship follows after Mass.

Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY

First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make
arrangements at least one month in advance.
Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and
invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Lawrence Littel
George Meyers
10:30 am Julita Trovela
Ricardo Quiroz
Buenconsejo-Hanviriyapunt Family (L)

Monday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 am Rev. Joseph Magon and Maria

Tuesday, April 30 St. Pius V

8:00 am Kathy Sweetman

Wednesday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, May 2 St. Athanasius

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, May 3 Ss. Philip & James

8:00 am Buenconsejo-Hanviripapunt Family (L)

Saturday, May 4

8:00 am Agnes Robst
4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Sr. Mary Bruce Wright

Sunday, May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
Deceased members of McNeela Family
George Meyers
10:30 am Julita Trovela
Jeffrey Cobarrubias

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Edward Endre** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



BANNS

I **JOSEPH DUDZIK & KATHRYN MARIE KELLY**

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, April 29

Judith Seruelo

Wednesday, May 1

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, May 4

Elsie Heyler

Lectors

Saturday, April 27

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Alex Luciano & Leonard Kohl

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, April 27

4:00 pm M. Varallo, J. Moylan, G. Lindor,
D. Cole & M. Fallon

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am M. Neba, L. Honda, P. Mackin,
C. Chima, R. Hardy &
L. Igboanugo
10:30 am B. David, B. Skiles, M.K. McGuire,
P. Ohiri, J. Sereulo, T. Luciano &
L. Ibekwem



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534; **NEEDED:** handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

