

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022



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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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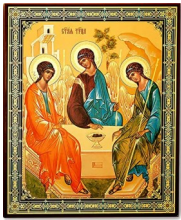
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! He wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89:2-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 25th - Private Intention
Tues., April 26th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
Wed., April 27th - John Oldenski (Tom & Eileen Widomski)
Thurs., April 28th - Stanley Widomski (Kristin Strivinsky & Family)
Fri., April 29th - Mary Ann Hallman (St. Stan's Class of '69)
Sat., April 30th, 4:00PM - Special Intention (Jack & Kathy Ciecierski)
Sun., May 1st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ED SELLENY**, as gifted by Rich & Diane.

CHRIST IS RISEN
HE IS RISEN INDEED

CONGRATULATIONS

The winners of the Women's Society Easter raffle were Sandi Creech Brocius and Len Zielewski. Each received \$500. Special thanks to all who supported the raffle.

"DIVINE MERCY,
SWEET RELIEF FOR
ANGUISHED HEARTS,
I TRUST IN YOU."

SAINT FAUSTINA



*"For the sake
of His sorrowful
Passion,
have mercy on me
and on the entire
world."*

SPECIAL THANKS...

To the handful of brothers of Delta Sigma Phi at Gannon University who, on their National Day of Service, volunteered their to help rid our buildings of outdated, unneeded, and unusable "junk."



WEEKLY OFFERING (APRIL 17, 2022)



Due to early holiday deadlines, this information was not available at the time of publication.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up - one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice. When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working." I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world. But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh - by beholding that messy reality - did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection. "Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say. Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection - our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Free Marriage Tip:
**Don't ask your wife when
dinner will be ready while
she is mowing the lawn.**

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DONALD SEEMAN, JR.**, as gifted by Pearl & Kathy.

HOLY TRINITY USHERS

Ushers will meet Tuesday, April 26th in the Gathering Place at 7:00PM. Men and women are welcome to be a part of this ministry. They will finalize plans for the upcoming Pre-Election Social the Sunday before the election.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 25th– Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)
 Tues., April 26th - John Figurski (Greg & Marge Figurski)
 Wed., April 27th - Charles Presor (Marilyn & Family)
 Thurs., April 28th - Don Benczkowski (Barb & Frank Agnello)
 Fri., April 29th - Loetta Lipinski (Judith Wagner)
 Sat., April 30th, 5:15PM - Robert & Shirley Kempisty (D., C., & L., Loeffler)
 Sun., May 1st, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

WE CONGRATULATE Mia Mangini who earned Second Honors during her second term at Mercyhurst Preparatory High School. Keep up the good work, in and out of the classroom!

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples. While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary. He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift! This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day. Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Each of us has talents and weaknesses. Our beloved usually knows these well. In difficult times each of us may carry some exaggerated self-doubt. If your spouse is a "doubting Thomas" help her/him uncover their true worth with a word of truth from you who know them best.

140 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA!
 August 26, 27, 28

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ALLELUIA!

Divine Mercy

N T E R H D J E S U S Q S A I N T
 Y U T A Y D G W O R L D B Y M O D
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nine	confession	Good Friday	Easter
Hail	Mary	Chaplet	Divine
world	decade	cross	passion
sorrowful	Faustina	Holy	Jesus
Mercy	Saint		



"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.'"

- John 20:19

News for Our Partnership

OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

This coming weekend, we will have our annual Good Shepherd Collection in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them with the escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement Plan must be adequately funded to cover their future needs.

Please consider a generous gift to the annual Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection on the weekend of April 30 & May 1. The special envelope provided or any envelope and mark on it "Good Shepherd Collection."

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate any of our young people who have received sacraments this past year, and any student those whose celebrations were muted due to the Corona virus pandemic. The celebration will take place at the 10:30AM Mass on Trinity Sunday, June 12th, at Holy Trinity. The celebration will continue with a brunch served in the Social Hall. Please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office to make a reservation. All parishioners from our three parishes are welcome to attend. If your child is part of the celebration, please let Mary Ann know when you place your reservation.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



BINGO

All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instants * 50/50 Game**

- Sunday, May 1, 2022
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- 1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Holiday Auction
- Door Prizes
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

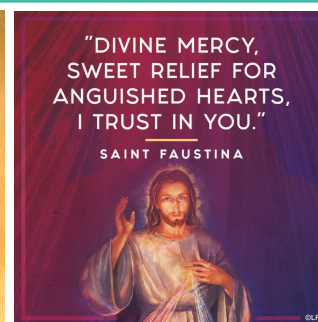
Walk Ins Welcome

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program

NEXT BINGO: AUGUST 13 - ZABAWA KICKOFF!

ERIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SUMMER CAMP

Students are invited to join us at this year's summer camp. They will enjoy daily activities, weekly themes, and field trips – all in a safe, caring environment. Daily breakfast and lunch are provided. Camp is offered at 4 convenient locations. Visit www.eriecatholic.org for more information.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

4/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 4/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 4/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 4/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 4/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 4/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 4/30) Edie Luniewski.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

4/24) Fr. Thomas Curry, OBS; 4/25) Fr. David Carter; 4/26) Fr. Peter Pierjok, OSB; 4/27) Fr. Rick Tomasone; 4/28) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 4/29) Fr. Bob Manning; 4/30) All in Consecrated Life

Sunday, Apr 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mercy seasons justice

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

"Jesus came... and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.'"

Mercy is described as a double blessing in Shakespeare's famous "quality of mercy" speech. Mercy blesses the giver as well as the receiver. We're blessed by being merciful since God promises to be generous to us in the same measure we use with others. Withholding compassion punishes both the denier and the denied. Saint Gertrude expresses gratitude to God for how divine mercy "has led me through the many obstacles I have placed in the way of your love." Love better by loving with compassion.

Monday, Apr 25, 2022

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

Hear him roar

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Even though the Gospel of Mark comes second in the New Testament, it was the first one written and served as source material for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The author of Mark was not one of the 12 apostles but was a friend of Peter, who called him "son," and Paul, with whom he had a bumpy relationship. Mark is depicted in art with the symbol of a winged lion - his gospel may be simple and to the point, but the "roar" of his words certainly took flight! Don't underestimate the power of your own words about the Lord - they too may endure!

Tuesday, Apr 26, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Martyrs for the poor

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

"...so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

On this day in 1998, Guatemalan Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera was bludgeoned to death for daring to defend the nation's indigenous people. Conedera was not the first Latin American religious leader—nor the last—to be martyred for championing the "least of these" as Jesus did. But the fate of all such martyrs shines a bright light on Catholic Social Teaching as it emerged from pivotal gatherings of Latin American bishops, for instance the Medellín (1968) and Puebla (1979) conferences. Quoting Puebla, how can you make a "preferential option for the poor" today?

Wednesday, Apr 27, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

The light outshines the darkness

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be seen as done in God..."

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins at sundown this evening. The Holocaust was one of the darkest moments in human history. It seemed that evil might triumph over good, darkness over light. The Catholic Church of times past sadly watered the deadly seeds of anti-Semitism. Thankfully that has changed in recent decades. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in his visits to synagogues and reinterpreting the New Testament to avoid the anti-Jewish implications that dominated for centuries. Pope Francis has prayed at the Western Wall and Yad Vashem, denouncing anti-Semitism, standing up for Jews when anti-Semitism occurs. Just as Easter Sunday comes after the horror of Good Friday, the light does indeed prevail. We are an Easter people.

Thursday, Apr 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

The stuff that healers are made of

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

The martyrdom of Marist priest Father Peter Chanel, S.M. on the South Seas island of Fortuna could be an action movie. There's a disgruntled king. A bloody fight. Peter Chanel, healer, steps in to treat the injured man, his enemy by any definition. Chanel momentarily turns, and the enemy rises up and strikes him dead. Chanel's murderer much later undergoes a conversion himself and becomes Christian, as does most of the island. One of Chanel's catechumens had said of him, "He loves us. He does what he teaches. He forgives his enemies. His teaching is good." Your personal battles may be less cinematic, but in the communion of saints, Chanel is available to inspire right action against the odds.

Friday, Apr 29, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, LAY DOMINICAN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Grounded in love

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

"A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick."

Saint Catherine of Siena, O.P. models for us balance in our life of prayer and social commitment. Early in her life, she stayed at home and focused fervently on prayer. But God had other plans. Catherine had a vision in which Christ reminded her of the call to love God and neighbor. Catherine's spiritual director wrote that God spoke the following to Catherine: "It is the justice of these two commandments that I want you now to fulfill. On two feet you must walk my way; on two wings you must fly to heaven."

Saturday, Apr 30, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Live free of fear

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

"They saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, 'It is I. Do not be afraid.'"

John Dear is a Catholic priest and longtime peace activist, having been arrested more than 75 times in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. But it wasn't always that way. When he entered priestly formation, he couldn't imagine himself as an activist. His inspiration was Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., renowned peace activist, poet, and Jesuit priest who died on this day in 2016. Dear writes: "I first met Dan . . . in the early 1980s . . . I remember asking him how in the world I could ever work for peace. 'What are you afraid of?' he asked me. 'Don't be afraid. Don't live in fear. Live in faith and hope and peace.' I was shocked. No one ever said such things to me. I decided then and there to give it a try. Later, I realized: we all need a teacher who tells us not to be afraid." Whatever your particular calling, don't let fear keep you from being your fullest, Christ-like self.

