

April 11, 2021 The Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

We give praise to God for the Confirmation of Caleb, Christian, Ella, Jocelyn, Kaleb, Morgan and Zachary by Bishop Toups last Wednesday! May the Holy Spirit inspire them always!

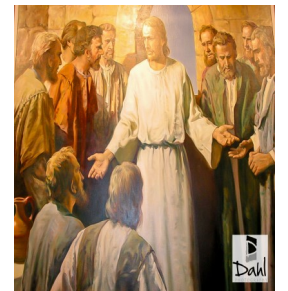
Youth Ministry Meeting after Mass, next Sunday, April 18

Mass Intentions

4/11/21 For the People of the Parish
 4/13/21 Theresa and J.C. Giglio
 4/14/21 Bryan Sieben
 4/16/21 Deceased Members of the Giglio and Maceo Families
 4/17/21 Doris Zappi

The Gospel (John 20:19-31) portrays the Resurrected One's appearances on the evening of Easter and a week later. What he brings back with him upon his return from the Cross, death, and hell is ultimate, perfect peace. A peace "not as the world gives," but a much deeper peace. This takes place in three scenes. First, he wishes for his disciples the peace that he himself *is*. He backs this up by showing them his wounds. It is precisely the deadly work that men have done to him which is the foundation for the peace that emanates from him. Hatred has raged against him but his love had the greater stamina. The focus is not on reconciliation with the disciples who had shamefully denied him and fled; all of that is submerged under the greater peace he offers them. Yet his gift goes much farther. He breathes on them and bestows on them his own spirit of mission, the Spirit that empowers and authorizes them to pass on to other men the peace he has given them: "If you forgive men's sins, ..." From the outset the gift of Jesus is given in order to be passed on to others. God judges men as he forgives them (confession and contrition are required); so too the Church's forgiving must be a judgment - it must take place in truth and not in ignorance. A possible "refusal of forgiveness" is a matter of love; postponement of forgiveness aims to bring about a more complete readiness to receive forgiveness. All of this must take place in faith, hence the episode with Thomas. An attitude of believing surrender rather than insistence of seeing and experiencing is the prerequisite for receiving peace, for any reception of a divine gift. One can have no peace as long as he doubts and holds back. He has to fall down and say in faith: "My Lord, and my God!" - *from Light of the Word, by Hans Urs von Balthasar*

What does the Catechism Teach?
 "By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. He invites them in this way to recognize that he is not a ghost and above all to verify that the risen body in which he appears to them is the same body that had been tortured and crucified, for it still bears the traces of his Passion. Yet at the same time this authentic, real body possesses the new properties of a glorious body: not limited by space and time but able to be present how and when he wills; for Christ's humanity can no longer be confined to earth, and belongs henceforth only to the Father's divine realm. For this reason too the risen Jesus enjoys the sovereign freedom of appearing as he wishes: in the guise of a gardener or in other forms familiar to his disciples, precisely to awaken their faith." - *from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #645*




Week of April 4 - 10, 2021

Income \$530.00
 CCD \$477.00
 Catholic Relief \$100.00
 Holy Land Good Friday \$427.00
 Education of Seminarians \$2,461.79
 Expenses \$1,972.58

Birthday List

Haylie Feagin 4/11
 W.J. Hicks 4/11
 Angela Warren 4/12
 Tony Fesco 4/13
 William Cheshire 4/15

 Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown