

APRIL 11, 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS. 4: 32-35. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

PSALM 118. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1 JOHN. 5: 1-6. The victory that conquers the world is our faith.

JOHN. 20: 19-31. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed



GOD'S WORD TODAY: All of us, at one time or another, experience the doubt and skepticism of Thomas. While we have heard the good news of Jesus' empty tomb, all of our fears, problems and sorrows overwhelm us and prevent us from realizing it in our own lives. In raising his beloved Son from the dead, God also raises our spirits to the realization of the totality and limitlessness of his love for us. As Thomas experiences, Easter transforms our crippling sense of skepticism and cynicism into a sense of trust and hope in the providence of God.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

MONDAY 4/12

8:00 A.M.

James Mullen (Jerry Lacotta)

Easter Weekday

TUESDAY 4/13

8:00 A.M.

Walter Pagoda (Family)

Easter Weekday

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

WEDNESDAY 4/14

8:00 A.M.

Michael Kitchura (Bob & Anne Horne)

Easter Weekday

THURSDAY 4/15

8:00 A.M.

Mary Ann & Edward Monahan (Jean & Rose)

Easter Weekday

FRIDAY 4/16

8:00 A.M.

Veronica Fredericks (Robert Fredericks)

Easter Weekday

SATURDAY 4/17

4:00 P.M.

Paul Carachilo (Larry & Carol Young)

SUNDAY 4/18-THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 A.M.

James Mullen (Family)

10:30 A.M.

William Wagner (Kim Farina)

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish



OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION APRIL 11, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$3,410.25
ON-LINE GIVING	\$369.00
DUES/SALARY	\$770.00
EASTER	\$6,316.00
FLOWERS	\$50.00
HOLY THU.	\$200.00
GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LANDS	\$115.00
RICE BOWL	\$15.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$140.00
INCOME=\$ 11,115.25	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=\$4,803.34	

COUNTERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 12

Joan Lowe

Sharon Cardamone



WORD OF LIFE: If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion

www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

MY LORD and MY GOD



DOUBT: The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that a number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that

there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of ‘doubting Thomas’ that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

His excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Worship, invite couples celebrating their 25th, or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. The Mass will begin at 2:30 P.M, and attendance will require an advance reservation. To register for the celebration, use the link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

ROAST BEEF DINNER TICKET SALES: Tickets for the upcoming Roast Beef Dinner will be sold and after masses on the week-end of April 10-11. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. **The takeout only dinner will be on Saturday, April 17th from 1:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. in the Parish Center (church basement). Curb-side pick-up will be available behind the church for anyone who would like to remain in their car. Thank You in advance for your support.**

ROAST BEEF DINNER: The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that the annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The dinner will be take-out only in the Parish Center (church basement) from 1:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Curb-side pick-up will be available behind the church for anyone who wishes to remain in the car. Cost is \$12.00; tickets for children under 12 are \$6.00. The meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and a dessert. Tickets can be purchased from Stewardship Committee members or at the following locations: The Parish Rectory (570) 876-1061, T & R Service Station, Battenberg’s Furniture Store and Sterling Pharmacy. Thank You in advance for your support!



SONNY SAYS: Two boys who liked to play with model trains were talking. “What do you call the assistant conductor of a train?” The other replied, “The **Semi-conductor** of course!”

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION FROM PRIESTLY MINISTRY:

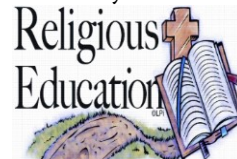
On October 27, 2020, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., imposed a suspension from priestly ministry on Reverend James T. Tracy, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton. This suspension prohibits Father Tracy from exercising priestly ministry and includes, but is not limited to the following:

- From presenting himself publically as a priest
- From exercising any function of priestly ministry in the territory of the Diocese of Scranton or anywhere else
- From celebrating the Eucharist publically or in private
- From celebrating any sacrament with any member of the Christian faithful in the territory of the Diocese of Scranton or anywhere else

These measures are disciplinary in nature and are the result of an internal canonical process involving the status of Father Tracy’s ministry as a priest. Furthermore, should anyone become aware of Father Tracy violating these precepts, they are to contact the Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton Immediately.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: Your

spiritually adopted baby is growing beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:
WEEKLY SCHEDULE CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- April 11-Divine Mercy Sunday-Classes
- April 18-Third Sunday of Easter-Classes
- April 25-Fourth Sunday of Easter-Classes
- May 2-Fifth Sunday of Easter-LAST DAY OF CLASSES

C.C.D. PARENTS: When you bring your children to Mass every week—you are instilling in them the good habit of praising God & His Church (One day they, too will bring their own children to Mass).

A PRAYER FOR EASTER:

O Risen Jesus, may I always seek and find you,
Think about you, speak to you
And do everything
For your honor and glory.
Be always my hope, my peace, my refuge
and my help
In whom my heart is rooted,
So that I may never be separated from you. Amen

