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 **April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**“My Lord and my God!”**

When we receive the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus are substantially present, yet disguised under the appearance of bread and wine. As with Thomas, the Lord gives us the ability to see and believe in him. A good prayer for the moments of consecration, then, is the confession of faith that Thomas makes: *My Lord and my God!*

Liturgy of the Word

The Apostles continue preaching and healing as more people come to believe in Jesus Christ. In a vision, John records seeing the risen Lord, who says he was dead but lives. In the Gospel, after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples and blesses them with the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins. Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus.

**In your prayers, please remember**: Intentions of the Holy Father, all Priests including Msgr. Lawrence, Fr. Mowery and Fr. Sola, Josephine Folayemi Adewole, Maureen Beck, Lorena Bennet, Butch Bogart, Christina Capriola, Russell Castrogiovanni, Cobert Family, Michael Fontinell, Deb Haden, Shanna Haden, Ray Hunsinger, Vivian Whitenight Hynick, Carl Kalie, Margaret Kalie, Dick Kocher, Joseph LaBonte, Mary Ann Levan, James Mazonkey, Nora & Terry McDaniels, Bernie Nichols, Joan Pauley, Helen Raski, Sabo Family, Joan Sansouci, Pat Scardigli, Jackie Scherer, Pat Treier’s daughter Christy, Sally Tucker, Max Whitenight, Nancy Wisbar, Sonny Womelsdorf, and all the Parishioners of CTK.

**Stewardship: April 17, 2022**

Offerings $1480.00

Easter $1705.00

Holy Thursday $222.00

Good Friday $184.00

Operation Rice Bowl $72.00

People of Ukraine $106.00

Project Fund $75.00

***Total*** $3844.00

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 23 – Doreen Dougherty (Health & Blessings) by Don & Mary Wilice

Sunday, April 24 – Dolores Bauman & Lynne Greenly by Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka

Monday, April 25 – Deceased members of Neal Family by Mary Ellen Neal

Thursday, April 28 – Mary English by Ginny & Joe English

Saturday, April 30 – John Charles by Richard & Tamara Lindner

Sunday, May 1– Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

 Bianca Beck by Amanda McHenry

**Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is $10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.**

 **Lector Schedule Extraordinary Minister**

April 24 - Anne Eustice Shanna Haden

May 1 – Peter Yastishock Judith Scavone

**Benton Food Bank -** For the month of April we will be collecting cans of tuna. Thank you for your generosity! The Food Bank at the N4C’s is the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Anyone in need is encouraged to come between 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

**Finance Committee and Parish Council** – There will be a meeting Tuesday, April 26th. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the Parish Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**Work Day at Christ the King**: We will have a work day led by the Knights of Columbus on May 7th starting at 9:00 a.m. to clean up the grounds for Spring and do some painting. Hope to see you there.

**Chicken BBQ**: The Danville Knights of Columbus is having a chicken BBQ dinner on April 30 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the school basement. Meals are eat-in or take-out. Cost of the meal is $12.00. Please contact Peter Taylor at 570-850-7755 for tickets.

**The Paschal Candle** is a symbol of the presence of the Risen Lord among the people of God. This special candle remains in the sanctuary through Pentecost Sunday. It is lit for all Masses and services during this season. After Pentecost, the Paschal Candle is placed near the baptismal font and is used at baptisms and funerals as a sign of the light of Christ being among us and leading us.

**Divine Mercy Sunday -** Sunday, April 24, is what is called “Divine Mercy Sunday.” St. Columba will have afternoon devotions to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. This celebration has its beginning in St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who received special visions from Jesus in the early part of the 1900s. Her writings led to an increase of devotion to the merciful God through the passion of Jesus Christ. This “herald of mercy” was canonized in the year 2000. God asked her to spread this special devotion to His mercy through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated annually and universally on the Sunday after Easter; i.e., the ninth day after Good Friday, the death of Jesus on the cross.

The schedule at St. Columba Church is: 1:30 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 1:40 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance until 2:45 p.m. 3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 3:15 p.m. - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are encouraged and invited to come and pray for God’s mercy. The Sunday of Divine Mercy, a special plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, a privileged occasion of grace and forgiveness for all people. The usual conditions are: Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion within the octave and prayers for the Holy Father.

**Weekend Retreat at Mount St. Mary’s University** - “The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the Tenth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 10th until noon on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Our Retreat Master is Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Director of The Association of Marian Helpers of the Immaculate Conception and host of “Living Divine Mercy” on EWTN. The registration deadline is May 16, 2022.  Registration forms and more details are available on the HDCCW website [***http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat***](http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat)*”* or inquire at the Parish Office.

**Change in the Retreat Master - Father Chris Alar is unable to serve in this role for 2022. Monsignor William King will be serving in his place.**

**Unborn Candle Donations** $3.00/ week, $5.00/ 2 weeks or $10.00/ month.

 Month of April – Anne Kingsbury

**New Members –** The Parish Family of Christ the King welcomes our newest parishioners

**Bret & Dayna Rutkoski.**