



April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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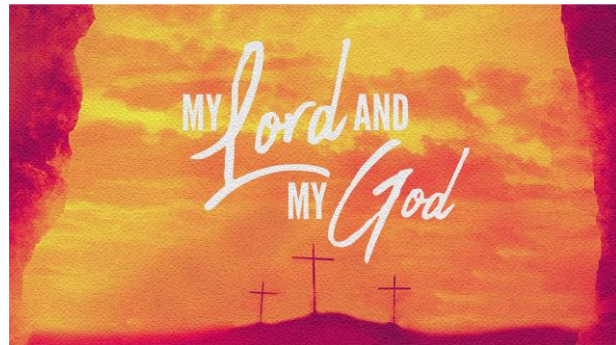
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LIVING OUR FAITH

We know from the creation stories in the Book of Genesis that God breathed life into God's people. In the same way, Jesus breathes on his disciples when he greets them in the locked room. Life comes from God and we see throughout today's gospel, where Jesus is named and claimed as God.

We hear at the end of today's gospel the purpose for writing it: "*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.*" St. John makes it very clear that life in Christ is what the gospel is all about.

From the very beginning of his gospel, St. John lets us know that Jesus is the Son of God, the Word that was from the beginning. Today's gospel puts that truth in the flesh, in a lived context. In his profession of faith, Thomas makes a clear and concise Christological statement, based not on theological discourses but in relationship and belief: "*My Lord and my God!*" What an incredibly powerful "end" to the story.

Questions for the week: *Have you ever experienced a miracle or something miraculous in your life? When you are feeling anxious, do you focus on solving the problem leading to your anxiety, or do you focus on finding peace in the situation? How might finding peace before all else benefit you?*



Hymns for this Weekend (10:00 am)

- # 219 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
- # 269 Alleluia No. 1
- # 313 Let There Be Peace on Earth
- # 301 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Readings for this Weekend – April 24th

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

Readings for next Weekend – May 1st

- Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

Donations

Weekly Offering for April 17th: \$ 5,490
We Share Online Giving: \$ 122.25
Total: \$ 5,612.25



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (REP) NEWS

We will meet for in-person class this Sunday, April 24th.



We continue to pray for peace in the troubled areas of our world, and in particular, we pray for the people of the Ukraine.

We join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his prayer intentions for April 2022:

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, Betty and Robert Friedland, Kathryn Jones and her family, Brian and Maria Cosgrove, Richard Rakin, Andrew Mikulski

PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED

We lovingly remember in prayer all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners and in particular: *Bobby Smith, Anthony Lanza, Juliana Frangipane, Robert Dubas, Nestor Mir, Jarred Doughty, Donald Hendrickson, Adalberto Santiago, Carl Belfiore, Darlene Henry, Elenore Whitney Pirrota, Steve Nicoli, Nubia Quintero-Edwards, Stanley Jacobs, William Cardone, Vincenza Siciliano, Louisa Butler, Judith King, Bernard Jones, Viola DiMarzio, Robert DeStefano, Jr., Raymond Collins, Lorraine Rakin, Wilson DeMyer, Peter Cosentino, Nadine Gallagher, Tim Rogers, Joan Davis, Debbie Huggler, Amara Campbell, Barbara Taylor, Thomas Hasbrouck, Francisco Dueno, Daniel Downes, Alberto Quirindongo, Patricia Mullen Smith, Edwin Fancher, Jr., Russell Jackson, Mary Stubits, Peter Gozza, Michael Stubits*

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY APRIL 24th at 2PM
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, YOUNGSVILLE

The Feast of Divine Mercy is an opportunity to reflect on how God's mercy can overcome sin & as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come"

Good Friday, April 15, begins the Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Chaplet given to St. Faustina through an apparition of our Lord Jesus. Each day a new petition seeks God's mercy for different purposes. His mercy is central to our lives & we must ask for it daily. Now is the time of great extraordinary grace & mercy for the Church and the world.

Mercy is love when it meets poverty, weakness, brokenness and it is the power of that love to bring a greater good out of evil. The times today are marked by more suffering & sin than any other. We can turn to God in prayer ... a living faith can change history. Every moment and every life have meaning and purpose which is to know, love & serve our God. He is merciful. Join us for one hour on Sunday, April 24th.



ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas invite you to be a part of the multinational prayer event, entitled, “ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES”.

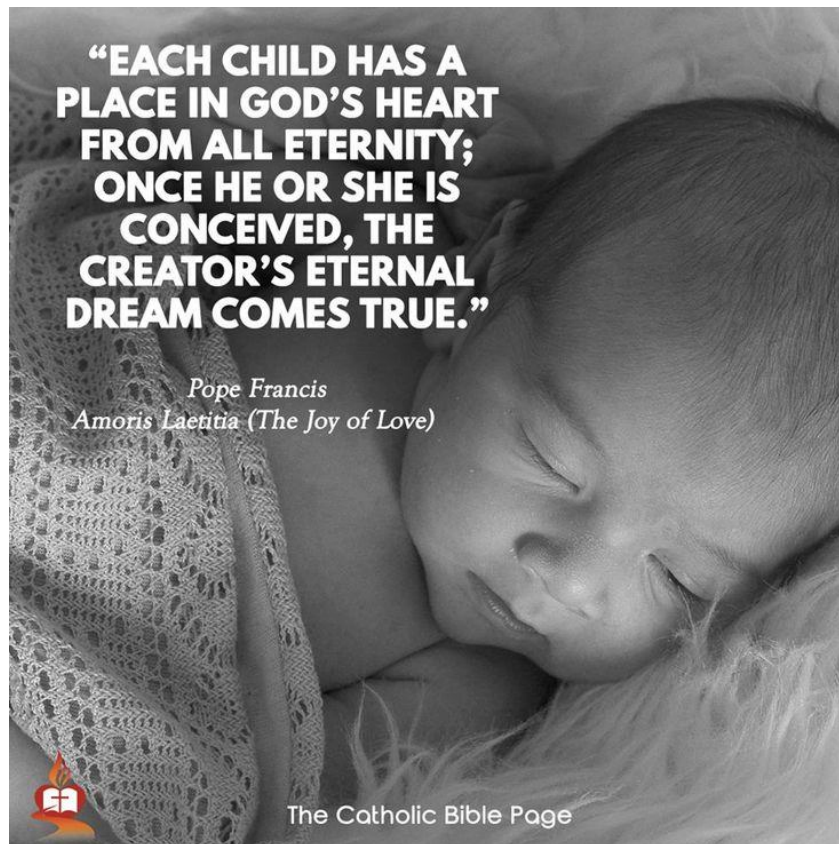
We, the Catholic Daughters, celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception, until natural death. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. We believe that the taking of unborn human life thorough abortion is one of the greatest human rights violations of our time.

Please join us as we gather on ***Friday, May 6th at 6PM*** to pray the Rosary for a renewed respect and reverence for each and every human life, the conversion of hearts and an end to abortion.

We will also pray for all mothers and fathers facing a difficult pregnancy.

May they find the loving support and compassionate help they need to bring their unborn child into the world, and to meet the needs of that child in the years ahead.

If you are unable to join us physically, please join us in prayer from wherever you are!
Thank you.

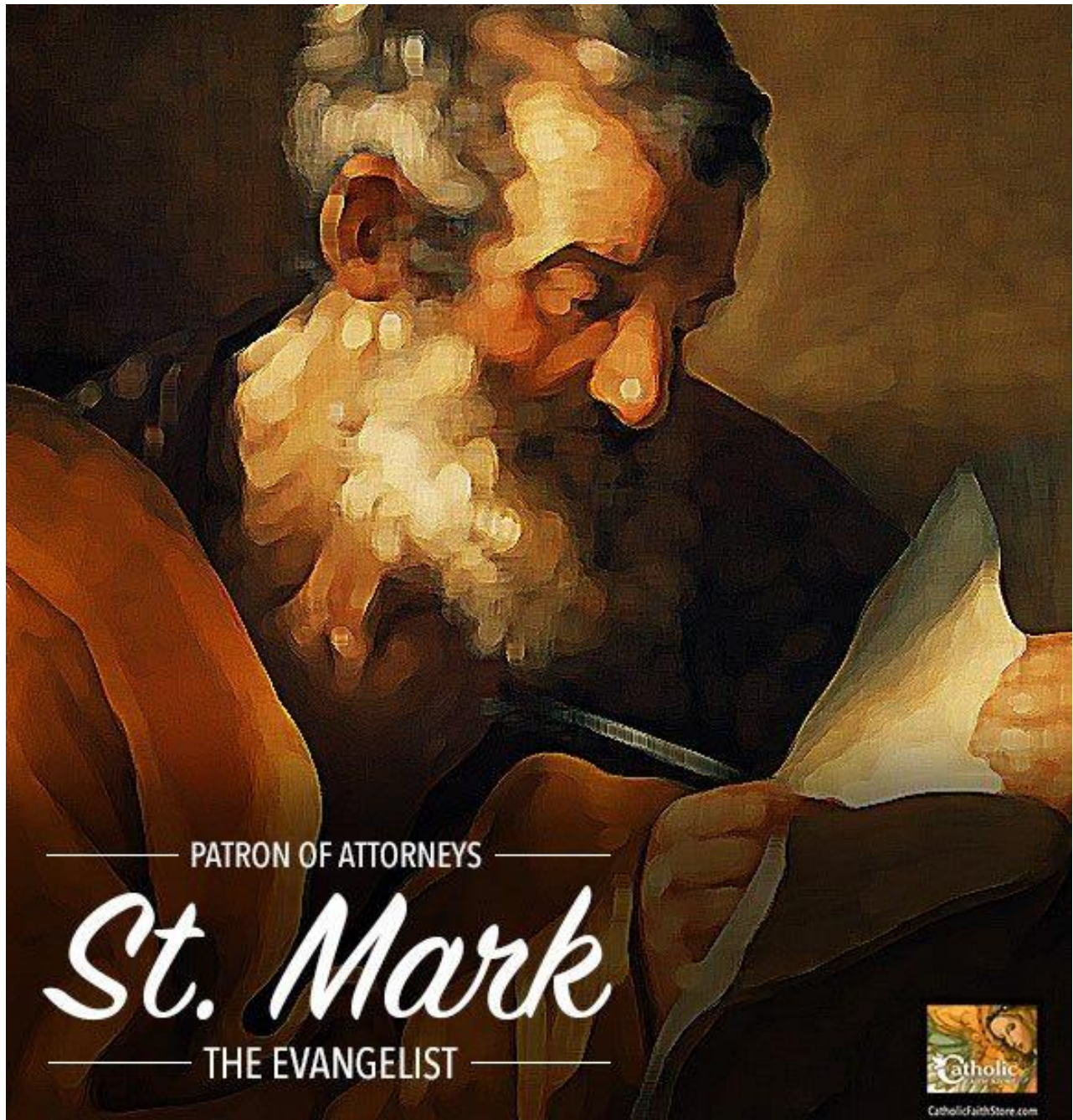


BLESSED FEASTS!

St. Mark the Evangelist

Feast Day: April 25th

Patron of: lions, lawyers, Venice, interpreters, and prisoners



St. Catherine of Sienna

Feast Day: April 29th

Patroness: *against fire and illness, for the United States, Italy, those who suffer miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.*



YOU ARE REWARDED NOT
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORK
OR YOUR TIME BUT ACCORDING
TO THE MEASURE OF YOUR *love*.

-St. Catherine of Siena

WORD
on FIRE

AN EASTER RETREAT

Please join us as we gather to deepen our faith and share it with other Catholics from around Sullivan County.

An *Easter* people.

The Strange & Powerful Joy of the Saints

A Retreat Sponsored by Sullivan County Catholic Churches
Facilitated by Jennifer Perito

A widow.

A contractor.

An atheist.

A journalist.

Four walks of life.

Four courageous stories.

Four principles inspired them.

And they became saints.

Sunday, May 1, 2022

1:00-4:00 pm (Mass at 4:00 pm)

Church of St. George-St. Francis

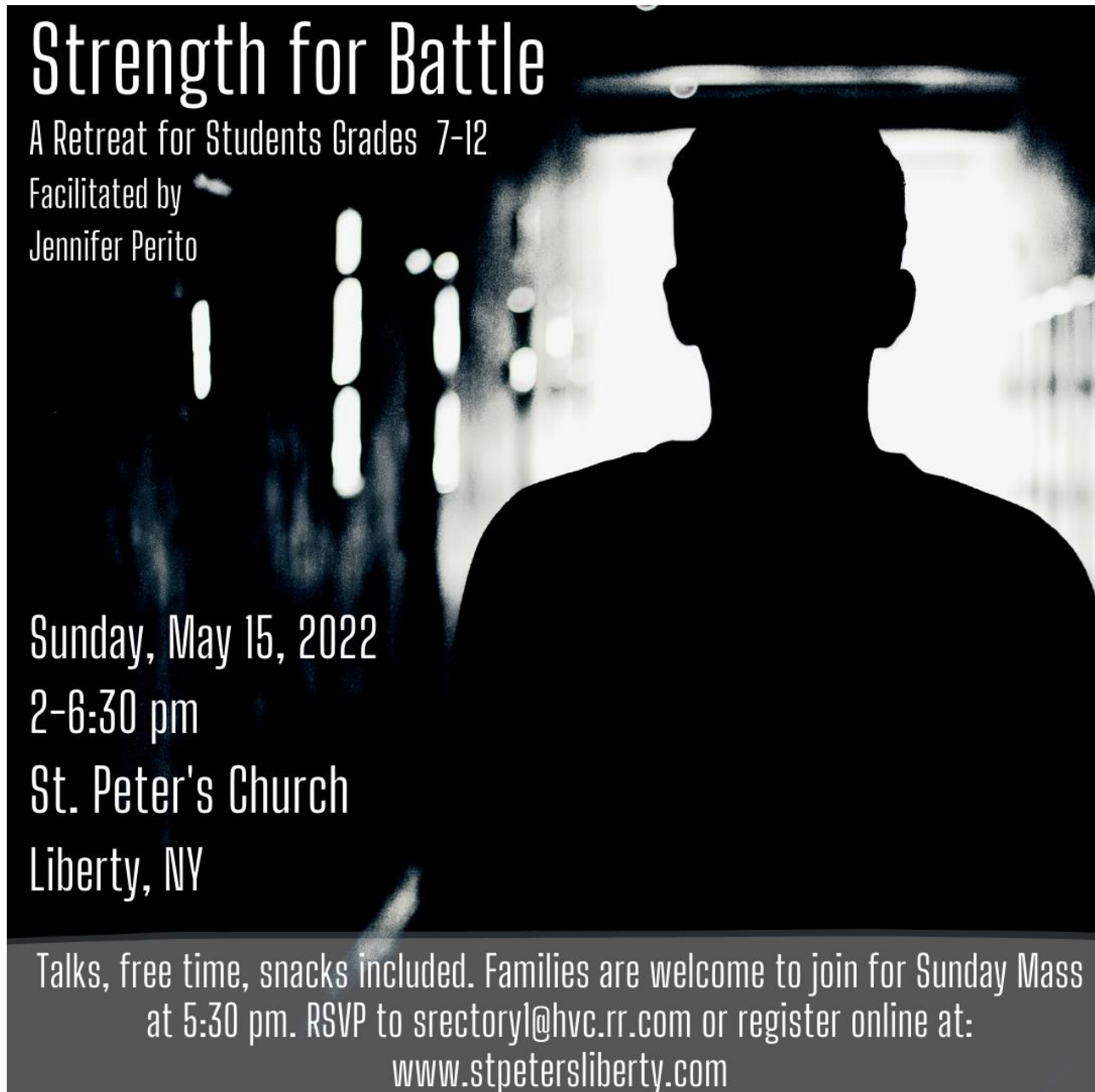
97 Schoolhouse Rd, Jeffersonville, NY

Pre-registration is strongly suggested, but walk-ins are welcome.
Register by calling 845-292-4525 or online at www.stpetersliberty.com.

YOUTH RETREAT: STRENGTH FOR BATTLE

We are very excited to be offering a Retreat experience for young people, grades 7-12, on Sunday, May 15th here at St. Peter's in Liberty.

We have extended this invitation to all parishes in Sullivan County. Deepen your faith and meet other Catholic youth from around the County. Please plan to join us!



Strength for Battle

A Retreat for Students Grades 7-12
Facilitated by
Jennifer Perito

Sunday, May 15, 2022
2-6:30 pm
St. Peter's Church
Liberty, NY

Talks, free time, snacks included. Families are welcome to join for Sunday Mass at 5:30 pm. RSVP to srectoryl@hvc.rr.com or register online at: www.stpetersliberty.com



OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

*Mass in English ***

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM (Mass in English)

*****We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook.
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to
the Church to receive the Eucharist.)***

COVID PROTOCOL: UPDATED FEBRUARY 10, 2022

We have received the following guidance from the Archdiocese of NY and
will follow these practices moving forward:

***Mask requirements in church have been lifted for everyone; those who
wish to continue to wear masks may do so at their discretion.***

We will continue to reserve physical contact at the sign of peace for those
in family units.

We will continue to refrain from receiving the Precious Blood.

Communion in the hand (rather than the tongue) is still
encouraged. Holy water stoups will remain empty.

