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We will <u>live-stream</u> Masses Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday: 2:00—2:30 p.m.
In the daily Mass chapel.
We cannot use the confessionals yet but we will have chairs set so you can go behind a screen or face to face. Please wait outside the chapel until the person in front of you exits.

PASTOR Fr. Thomas M. Sweany

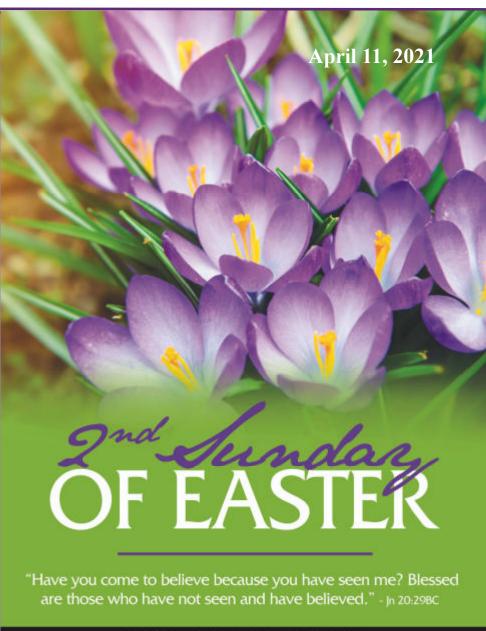
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We are a caring, Catholic community called to welcome all people to experience God's love through Jesus Christ by:

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WELCOME
We are glad you are here!
If you would like to join the parish,
or if you are not Catholic and have questions
and would like to learn about the faith, please call the parish office.

## Notes from Father Tom...

I hope you all had a Happy Easter. Thanks to so many of you who worshipped



with us either virtually or in person. It was so good to see so many of you for the first time since the pandemic. There were very many young people at the Vigil. Many of the Holy Week Services were simplified because of Covid but we still celebrated the Triduum. Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

Monday evening Bishop Malesic will be here for the first time. He will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Seating is limited to the candidates, their parents and sponsor. God bless those who are being confirmed.

Deacon Cameron will be ordained to the priesthood on May 15. He will be told what his assignment is on April 21 which just happens to be the feast of Saint Anselm. Deacon Cameron is one of four who will be ordained. He will celebrate Mass here on Saturday June 5 at 4pm.

First Reconciliation and First Communion are coming soon. First Reconciliation is April 19 and 20. First Communion is April 24 and May 1.

Since the pandemic continues, we still need to be cautious. Attendance being up is a good thing. Remember social distancing, especially when leaving after Mass.

We are moving ahead with two big capital projects, the replacement of one of the main air conditioners for the church and the boiler project. We abated the asbestos in the boiler room while the children were out for Easter so that we could begin boiler replacement as soon as school is over. The boilers were installed in 1963 when the school was built. I don't want to say that was a while ago but I was in high school in 1963.

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# † SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31 **APRIL 11, 2021** 



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 9am ~ *LiveStream only* Gina Laurienzo

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 9am ~ LiveStream only David L. Dickard

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 7pm ~ *Public & Streamed* Frank Zeolla

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 9am ~ Public & Streamed Ralph Sprenger

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

Friday, April 16, 2021 @ 8:30am ~ *LiveStream only* Bill & Bett Neeson

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

Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 4pm ~ Public & Streamed Tom McHenry

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr



## WEEKLY OFFERING ~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT Easter Collection will be published next week

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### **Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

# DIVINEMERCY

The obligation to attend Mass is still dispensed by the Bishops.

Masses will be lived-streamed at stanselm.org and on our Facebook page.

### Notes from Sister Noel ...

This Monday night is the Confirmation of an adult and our eighth graders both in our parish school and area schools. It is always inspiring to see young people ready to receive the gifts of the Spirit and value their relationship with God.

Through evaluations of themselves, parents and sponsors, I have been edified by the growth of the students. They have appreciated their time with their sponsors as well as been faithful to religion sessions.

They have come to know the importance of service to others and an awareness that their particular gifts are meant to be given to the community around them, their families, their school, their church and beyond.

They have taken responsibility in accepting Confirmation as a way of commitment to the church. Their relationship with God has grown as they have come to understand the importance of decision making in light of God's Will for them.

I have witnessed their appreciation of their parents, teachers, sponsors and other adults who have been part of this year or the past years in religious formation. It brings me hope for the future as well as faith in these young people as they take the next step in their journey of faith.

I, too, wish to thank them for their openness to this special time in their life, and pray that the Holy Spirit's many invitations to come will be responded to in the same way they are responding to the call of this sacramental moment.

Thank you to all who have journeyed along with them, especially in the past year. Let us pray for all of them and their families.





## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Monday, April 12 – 7:00pm

VIA Zoom – Bishop Roger Gries,

Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland

Topic: Understanding Religious Orders

Benedictine, Carmelites, Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans ... and this barely skims the surface of



the religious orders. We've heard the names, but if someone asked you to explain who they are or what the difference is, could you answer? Well, we've asked Bishop Gries to help us unravel what the

religious orders are and why there are no many different orders. Join us for this enlightening evening with Bishop Gries. We can't wait to see you there!

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#### Communion Fasting

#### **Question**:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

#### Answer

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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# CCA Grief Support April 18th "In-Office" at 3:00pm (RSVP required) and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly grief support groups on April 18th in two formats: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually(5pm). Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The April topics are "Mother's Day Grief" and "Renewed Hope in the Midst of Grief". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month.

In-Office 3-4pm at six locations with limited seating for social distancing. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. An RSVP is required to attend so we can plan appropriate social distancing. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland All Saints Cemetery, Northfield All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

Virtual 5-6pm via Zoom. Sign-up for at http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup to receive login information and the handout materials or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or at 216-930-4866.

## **Parenting Pointers**

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Of course you don't abuse your own children, but when parents are stressed, living in poverty, addicted to drugs, etc., they may take it out on a child. Think of one way you can support a parent in need this month.

By Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

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## **Marriage Moments**

What's the moon and Ramadan got to do with us? Ramadan is a month of reflection and celebration for Muslims. This year it begins on April 12 as the new moon starts to appear as a sliver. Whether or not you are Muslim why not pick one day to pray together and one day to celebrate your love this week.

By Susan Vogt, www.susanvogt.net

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

## April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

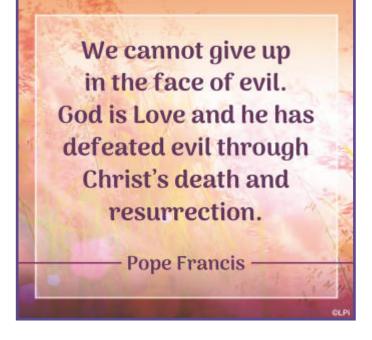
Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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#### Fiscal Riddles

- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



#### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

#### Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Peter Amato David Anderson LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Kaari Baluja Allyson Baroni George Bates Victor Bernot Julian Blaha Deanna Blair Thomas Bolt Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Ruth Bowman Bridgette Bright Charlene Brown Haley Burgman Kellie Burt Kathleen Burton Mary Lou Burton Children/St. Jude's Hosp. Frank Cercek Mark Chambers

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#### Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 ~ Bishop Edward Malesic Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, April 12~ Joseph McCarron Tuesday, April 13 ~ Erin Mcgough

Wednesday, April 14 ~ Joseph Menkhaus, Jr. Thursday, April 15 ~ Sean Neville Friday, April 16 ~ Francis Thuc Tri Nguyen Saturday, April 17~ Vincent Minh Le Thein Nguyen



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