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MASSES

Daily: Mon - Thur - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 10 AM

PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



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Mission Statement:

"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy



"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday, Thursday and Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass both Live and via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Apr 6

4:30 pm **Dorius Brodeur** b'day remembrance req by the family

Fr. Walter Riley req by James Leclair

Sun, Apr 7 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00 am **Fr. Walter Riley** req by Joe

11:00 am 75th Anniversary Meeting in church hall after mass

Mon, Apr 8 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am

Wed, Apr 10

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in church hall

Thu, Apr 11

8:00 am

Fri, Apr 12

8:00 am **Angelo R. and Susan** req by John Jr.

Sat, Apr 13

4:30 pm **Deceased members of the O'Toole family** req by Cindy Trainque

Richard McShera anniv req by the family

Sun, Apr 14 Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Kenneth Loiselle** req by Joe

Patsy Mollica Month's Mind req by Mary Jo

SCRIPTURE READINGS

7 SUN Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-31

8 MON Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

9 TUE Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

10 WED Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

11 THU Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

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

13 SAT Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Prayer Shawls

We have a couple blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory. You can join us the first Thursday of the month in the church hall or you can also work on at home and donate when completed.

Save the Dates

Our Senior Luncheon was cancelled this past Thursday due to the unknowing weather conditions.

But don't forget **Sunday, April 21st**, we will be holding another breakfast. Tickets are on sale after mass for \$10/pp.

75th Anniversary Meeting

There will be a meeting this Sunday, April 7th, after mass to further discuss the 75th booklet and the celebration dinner.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 3/23-3/24	\$2,267.00
Online Giving	380.00
Catholic Relief Services	30.00
Easter Sunday	30.00
Candles	136.30
Easter Flowers	490.00
Fuel & Heating	20.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	10.00
Maintenance	40.00
Mass Offerings	50.00
KOC Breakfast	470.37
Snow Removal	51.00
Sunday Offertory 3/30-3/31	\$2,811.68
Online Giving	185.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Catholic Relief Services	5.00
Easter Sunday	619.00
Candles	113.71
Easter Flowers	74.00
Fuel & Heating	55.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	185.00
Maintenance	98.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
KOC-pay expenses for March breakfast	189.67

*Thank you for your continued, generous support.
We appreciate your support of the church.*

75th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet

To celebrate our 75th anniversary this year, we will be producing a commemorative booklet highlighting our church, ministries and what we have accomplished in the last 25 years. If you would like to be a sponsor, there are different levels of sponsorship. Please see the forms on the table at the entrance of the church. **We will be accepting sponsorship forms until April 18th.**

Our anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 with a catered meal in the church hall. We will be selling tickets the last weekend of April (\$25 per person) to attend the celebration. All are welcome!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

-John 20:28

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CYCLE B



GATHERING HYMN

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. All on earth with an - gels say.
2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?
3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
4. Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed head: } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
2. Once he died our souls to save,
3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
4. Made like him, like him we rise, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.
4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. } Al - le - lu - ia!

GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118

Michael Joncas



SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

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.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is: *"Risen Lord hear us."*

Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

We Walk By Faith

Marty Hauger

1, 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And
4. That when our life of faith is done In

1, 5. gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as
2. fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise
3. may our faith a - bound; To call on you when
4. realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

1, 5. none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.
2. we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
3. you are near, And seek where you are found:
4. as you are In full and end - less sight.

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF RENEWAL

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

MASS OF RENEWAL

Save us, Savior of the world
For by your Cross & Resurrection
You have set us free

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF RENEWAL

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION

Though Not Seeing You

Bob Hurt

Refrain

Though not see - ing you, still we love you. Though not
see-ing you, we be-lieve. By your ris - ing, Lord Je - sus, you have
giv-en us new birth; you have giv-en us new birth.

Verses

1. You pass through	doors that keep	us locked in
2. With the breath	of your Spir - it	you have
3. With your peace	you sus - tain us,	peace the
4. Though in glo - ry,	you show us	wound - ed
5. Your hand	is up - on us,	touch - ing
6. Give us eyes	for the King - dom,	help our
7. Sing praise	to the Fa - ther,	sing

1. fear and de - spair.	E - ven when doubt as -
2. made us your own.	Make us in - stru - ments
3. world can - not give.	May your peace reign a -
4. hands, wound - ed	one with all the world's
5. wounds, heal - ing	and with love now we
6. lack of be - lief.	"Blest are those who have
7. praise to the Son,	to the Spir - it who

to Refrain

1. sails us, still you are there.
2. of your re - con - cil - ing love.
3. mong us and our war - ring end.
4. suf - f'ring, the Cru - ci - fied.
5. cry out: "My Lord and God."
6. not seen, and have be - lieved."
7. leads us all praise be sung.

RECESSIONAL

Jesus Is Risen

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing
2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his
3. To God the Fa - ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris - en

1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -
2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the
3. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -

1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim! }
2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply: } Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
3. dore The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more! }

1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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