



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*

***Parish Support***

Weekend of April 16 & April 17, 2022

|                        |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Weekly Offertory:      |            | \$ 2463.00 |
| <i>Envelopes</i>       | \$ 781.00  |            |
| <i>Loose Donations</i> | \$ 1682.00 |            |
| <i>Easter</i>          |            | \$ 1555.00 |
| <i>Votive Candles</i>  |            | \$ 53.00   |
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|                        |            | \$ 4071.00 |

Holy Land \$ 255.00

**Last Year's Offertory Collection**  
**April 18, 2021 \$ 1213.50**

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2022.

- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/  
 Jn 21:1-9 or 21:1-14

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

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|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | RIP     | John Westfall     |
| <b>April 23</b> | 4:00 PM | By: Jane Westfall |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | RIP     | Johanna Kelly     |
| <b>April 24</b> | 9:00 AM | By: Laura Rounds  |

**Daily Masses**

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|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday | RIP     | Robert Fowler               |
| April 27  | 9:00 AM | By: His family              |
| Thursday  | RIP     | Abe Piluski                 |
| April 28  | 9:00 AM | By: Mary Folsom             |
| Friday    | RIP     | Richard Boucher             |
| April 29  | 9:00 AM | By: Paul & Terry Obuchowski |

**Next Weekend**

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|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | RIP     | Blicharz & Poniek Families      |
| <b>April 30</b> | 4:00 PM | By: Deacon John & Jane Blicharz |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | RIP     | Anthony Jurkoic                 |
| <b>May 1</b>    | 9:00 AM | By: His family                  |



**Totus Tuus**

Join us for a week of faith and fun as St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro hosts a high school camp from **7:00-9:00 pm Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th** and a grade school camp (1st - 8th grade) from **9:00am-3:00 pm Monday July 11th through Friday, July 15th**, which includes songs, games, snacks, Mass, confession, and a water fight to close out the week. Both programs are led by high-energy college-age young adults who help campers grow in their love of God and the Church. The cost for the day camp is \$60 per student and the high school evening camp is \$25 per family with a total family maximum of \$150. T-shirts are included with the tuition cost, so register now to enter your child(ren)'s sizes. A registration form is attached for your convenience or can be found under the Religious Education tab on the St. Michael Parish website at [stmichaelvt.com](http://stmichaelvt.com). Completed forms and payments can be mailed to the St. Michael Rectory or brought the first day of camp. Hope you can join us!!

*Pray for Healing and Comfort* Especially for: Dan Green, Deb Etheridge, Ron Etheridge, Lori Miller, Lisa Bianconi, Frances Vaine, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Theresa Nauceder, Verda Raymond, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Charlie & Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Shirley Denno, Frances Gallagher, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Peter Bodner, Allah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Agnel Samy to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

### **Organ Recital**

On Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m., Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, 238 West Main St., Bennington. Included in the program will be Cesar Franck's majestic and exciting Piece Heroique, which McMahon will dedicate to First Responders. He will also perform a joyful and rhythmic toccata with a vibrant, Americana flavor by composer Denis Bedard, music of Johann Sebastian Bach and an assortment of other selections that will showcase the versatility of the church's massive pipe organ. The performance is free and open to the public. Convenient parking is available, and all facilities are accessible to those with special needs.

### **Ordination Mass, May 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph Cathedral. 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. Both men will offer their first blessings in the church following Mass.

### **Spring Clean up at St. Charles/ Month of May**

We are looking for volunteers to help with spring clean up! Flower beds need to be raked and cleaned. The Church grounds need to be cleaned of all trash discarded over the course of the winter. The stairs also need to be cleared of brush and debris. If you would like to help please call the Parish office. Thank you

**Please continue to pray for those who have been displaced by the war in Ukraine.**

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. (Copyright 2022 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

