

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ['B']

APRIL 12TH, 2015

"His mercy endures forever."

[The Book of Psalms # 118]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

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| Saturday, 4/11 | 5:00 P.M. | Shirley Sigler by Jeanne Stroy |
| Sunday, 4/12 | 8:30 A.M. | [available] |
| Monday, 4/13 | 8:30 A.M. | [available] |
| Tuesday, 4/14 | 8:30 A.M. | [available] |
| Wedns'dy, 4/15 | | No Mass |
| Thursday, 4/16 | 8:30 A.M. | Burt Barrenger |
| Friday, 4/17 | 8:30 A.M. | Dennis Foley Walters by Brigid Walters |
| Saturday, 4/18 | 5:00 P.M. | William Tendency |
| Sunday, 4/19 | 8:30 A.M. | [available] |



Ministers of the Liturgy

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| April 12 | <u>5:00 P.M.</u> | <u>8:30 A.M.</u> |
| Servers/ | _____ | _____ |
| Acolytes | Joy Lynch | _____ |
| Readers | Ellen Petersen | Janet Bertomen |
| Eucharistic | Eleanor Pulver | Maria Heaney |
| Ministers | _____ | Pat Christensen |
| Ministers of | _____ | _____ |
| Hospitality | Jill Atherton | Frank Christensen |
| April 19 | <u>5:00 P.M.</u> | <u>8:30 A.M.</u> |
| Servers/ | Aaron McGhee | Ashton Colangelo |
| Acolytes | Matthew Leach | Sandy Schimmel |
| Readers | Janet Bertomen | Jackie Reynolds |
| Eucharistic | Elaine Fletcher | Suzan Porter |
| Ministers | _____ | Eleanor Pulver |
| Ministers of | Jill Atherton | _____ |
| Hospitality | Jackie Dawson | Diana Forte |

Take a card to sign on to 'Flocknote'.

*At Evening Prayer
on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday
Pope Francis will declare the
Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy
to open in December 2015 and
close in November 2016*

*Learn about Pope Francis' reasons for this event
and all that it will encompass at
<w2.vatican.va>*

Our Parish website
<www.stanthonypineplains.org>

You will find under the tab 'Faith Formation' a different aid for 'keeping Easter' on a daily basis. Click on the article under '**Keeping the Seasons**'

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's Easter collection totaled **\$4,597.50** In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$54,750.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$42,431.45 – 78%**. The children's collection received **0** envelopes. The **Holy Land** collection raised **\$384.00**. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counters: 4/12 Eleanor Pulver; 4/19 Sandy Schimmel; 4/26 Steve & Terri Bush; 5/3 Diana Forte.

Prepare for the Lord's Day **NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter**

- 1] Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
- 2] Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
- 3] 1st Letter of John 2:1-5a
- 4] The Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48

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Turn off
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cell phone
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Parking

The east [field] side of the church can be used for parking in good weather, especially summer and fall. Please do NOT park in the rectory driveway.

Memorial Candles

+
The Altar Candles
burn the month of **April**
in memory of
John V. Orlandi, Jr.
by
Rosa Guglielmetti
+

The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week
in honor of
Santino Delfino & Family
by
Bill & Maryann Zaccaroli

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ Our **Catechetical Program** will meet this week after the 8:30 A.M. Mass.
For additional information call Jeanne Stroly, our Coordinator
at 845-868-1043.

YEAR OF
MARK



April 19th, 2015 Third Sunday of Easter

For Luke, the author of Acts, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection fulfill God's promises made to biblical Israel. In Peter's speech today, we hear that "the God of Abraham, ... Isaac, and ... Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus" (v13). He establishes continuity between the prophecies of the Old Testament and the resurrection of Jesus. God "brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through...the prophets, that his Christ would suffer" (v18). This, we would say was God's plan from the beginning. Through this descendant of Abraham, God is bringing blessings to the whole earth.

In the letter of John we read that Jesus "is expiation for our sins, and ...those of the whole world" (v2). For our author, things are usually black and white; normally there is no room for sin in a believer's life. But in today's text, he allows that it is possible that a believer may sin, in which case "we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ" (v1). Though we may not always be successful in keeping his commandments, we should strive to do so as an indication of our love for him.

In Jesus' final appearance to his disciples before the ascension, he reassures them of his identity by inviting them to "touch me and see" (v39). Their first response to his appearance had been to think "that they were seeing a ghost" (v37). In Jesus' day, the expectation of resurrection was associated with the end of the world, so a resurrection before that was not something people anticipated. Jesus further reassures them that "you are witnesses of these things (v48); as witnesses it is their task, and ours, to announce this word "to all the nations" (v47), something that continues to this day.

For Reflection: Have there been moments in my life when I have doubted the resurrection? Do I take time to reflect on the promises God made to Israel through the stories of the Old Testament?

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Datebook

Tuesday, April 21—Marist College, a lecture

by Rev. Thomas J. Reese, S.J. "Pope Francis and Church Reform" {see flier on bulletin board}

Thursday, April 23— Discussion on topic of Newsletter inserts for 5/12 & 19. Call Parish office so a convenient time can be set for those interested in participating.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

It is easy to doubt how great our marriage can be unless we look to him to strengthen it. Find out on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information on dates and locations go to:

www.wwme.org or call toll free:
877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

Our Goal this year is

\$9,500

"Charity at home."



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2015
Sharing God's Gifts

To date 41 gifts at \$8,441.00 [89% of goal]
If you have not yet participated, there is still time!

Blessing our Homes during Easter

[Take home some holy water in small bottles.]

Lord,

we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death:
by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May Jesus Christ dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen.



Excerpted from Pope Francis' Easter Vigil Homily

We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about... It is more, much more!

"To enter into the mystery" means the ability to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us (cf 1 Kings 19:12).

To enter into the mystery demands that we not be afraid of reality: that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions...

To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love. It is seeking a deeper meaning, an answer, and not an easy one, to the questions which challenge our faith, our fidelity and our very existence.

To enter into the mystery, we need humility, the lowliness to abase ourselves, to come down from the pedestal of our "I" which is so proud, of our presumption; the humility not to take ourselves so seriously, recognizing who we really are: creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness. To enter into the mystery we need the lowliness that is powerlessness, the renunciation of our idols... in a word, we need to adore. Without adoration, we cannot enter into the mystery.