

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

† Deceased Members of Statkiewicz & Misiewicz Family – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland

Monday, April 17, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Thursday, April 20, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Friday, April 21, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

† Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Jeblonski, Kunciw and Matulewicz Families

04/30/23 Su 9:30 AM † Danica Mulholland – requested by Frank Brzozowski

05/07/23 Su 9:30 AM **RESERVED**

05/14/23 Su 9:30 AM **Mother's Day** – For All Mothers

05/18/23 Th 7:00 PM **OPEN (Ascension of our Lord)**

05/21/23 Su 9:30 AM † Hedwig Jackowicz – requested by Henry Jackowicz & Marianne Woodland

05/28/23 Su 9:30 AM **OPEN**

06/04/23 Su 9:30 AM † Dariusz Slawecki – requested by Bill Quilty

06/08/23 Th 9:30 AM **OPEN (Corpus Christi)**

06/11/23 Su 9:30 AM † Lois Kuhn – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

06/18/23 Su 9:30 AM **Father's Day** – For All Fathers

06/25/23 Su 9:30 AM † Jan Dryfik, Jan Pelka

For God's Blessing for Jan Dryfik & Fr. Jan

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Jean Slowakiewicz O'Brien, Marie Turlinski-Kelley, Ewa Nowak.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

FAITH SHARING

The readings for this Sunday show us our need for God's Divine Mercy, offered to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of our sins, and through each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), when we receive them in trusting Faith.

The first reading tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy - sharing, sacrificial *agápe* love - practiced by the early Christians.

In the second reading, St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection.

Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.



LOW SUNDAY

Low Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. After the joy of celebrating Christ's Resurrection, the Sunday after Easter can seem like a letdown. Some people call it "Low Sunday" because attendance often decreases along with worshippers' enthusiasm.

The origin of the name is uncertain, but it is apparently intended to indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding, and also, perhaps, to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though in a lower degree.

In early Christian times it marked the end of the ceremonies surrounding Easter baptisms. During that era many adult converts to the Christian religion were baptized at the Easter Vigil service. After their baptisms the priest or his assistants dressed them in white robes. These robes symbolized their joy and their new membership in the Christian church. In the week following Easter Sunday they returned to church daily for further instruction in Christian doctrine and ceremony. They wore their white robes during these church visits. On the Sunday after Easter they appeared in church dressed in their white robes for the last time. After the close of the service they returned the robes and began their roles as ordinary members of the congregation. As time passed priests baptized more and more people on days other than Easter. Accordingly, the baptismal customs associated with Easter Week faded away. They did leave one mark on the holiday, however. Today many Churches call the Sunday following Easter Low Sunday. Most scholars believe that the name Low Sunday might have developed from "Close Sunday," a name which refers to the close of Easter Week festivities.

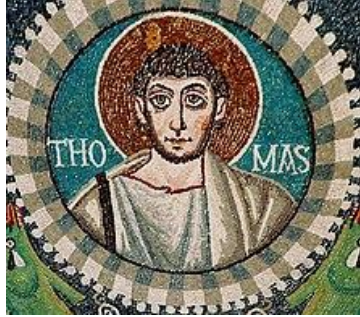
My Lord and my God!

WHY WAS ST THOMAS CALLED DIDYMUS?

In both the Book of John, one of the Gospels of the New Testament, and in the apocryphal Acts of Thomas, Thomas is described as “Thomas, who is called Didymus,” a redundancy, since “Thomas” comes from the Aramaic word teoma, meaning “twin” (in Hebrew, it's te'om), for which the word in Greek is didymus.

Thomas is commonly known as "Doubting Thomas" because he initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ when he was told of it (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith ("My Lord and my God") on seeing the wounds left over from the crucifixion.

According to tradition Saint Thomas travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as the Tamilakam which is in South India.




CHURCH IN NEED OF SOME ITEMS

If you can help us by purchasing for the parish the following things:

- Copy paper 8.5x11
- USPS Forever Stamps
- Envelopes #10
- Trash bags 30 Gallon heavy duty and 40 gallon heavy duty



 **MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM**

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137

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2 Sunday of Easter

2 Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 16, 2023

