

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY APRIL 7th 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER/LOW SUNDAY, (WHITE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Walter D. Sucharski; from All souls List

MONDAY APRIL 8th to 10th

Fr. Carmen will attend the Spring Meeting of the National Commission on Liturgy in Scranton.

In case of an emergency Fr. Carmen can be reached at **(570) 351-3584**. Fr. Carmen will be back on Wednesday.

THURSDAY APRIL 11th EASTER WEEKDAY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family

FRIDAY APRIL 12th EASTER WEEKDAY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick

SUNDAY APRIL 14th 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, (WHITE)

LESSON: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 **LESSON:** 1st John 2:1-5 **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 24:35-48

9:30AM Mass for the soul of departed Mary Barmaer, 1st Anni of death.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: MAY 10th Mother's Day

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

MY LORD AND MY GOD: We now begin the prolongation of Easter. This time will last For 40 days until the Ascension. We are given the appearance of Jesus on the evening of the Resurrection on two Sundays to help us appreciate what took place. The disciples were hiding because they feared what might happen. They went to the upper room where they had the

Last Supper with Jesus. He comes and stands before them. He said "Peace be with you!" They thought they were seeing a ghost. He showed them His hands and side. That calmed them down. He even asked for something to eat as we will see. Jesus breaths on them and says "Receive the Holy Spirit." This was like when we receive the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. St.

Thomas was missing when He came to them. They tried to tell him that Jesus had been there. We know what he said he would need to do believe. When Jesus came again the following week, He told Thomas to touch Him. He did and believed. Thomas did not want his faith to rely on the words of others. That is how it ought to be with us. Our faith ought to rely on our belief and not on others. Our parents start us on the road to faith, as we grow we come realizations of our own. We have not seen but believe, because of the Holy Spirit which we have received. We look to the altar at the time of the Consecration and say, "My Lord and my God." At that moment Jesus is truly present on our altar and in our hearts.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.