Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

April 28, 2019
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

BAPTISMS: Dates for Baptism will be arranged after attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. Please call Annette in the Parish Office for information.

MARRIAGES: Call Annette in the Parish Office to arrange preparation 6 months in advance.

SICK CALLS: Call Annette in the Parish Office and Ministers of Care will visit the sick or shut-in.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:20-4:40PM in the Reconciliation Room.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. Call 630.393.2400 x 112.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: Call Dwight Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.

CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Deacon Joe Urso at 630.853.2070 at joe.urso@outlook.com.

Second Sunday of Easter

Reflecting on God’s Word

Most of us find ourselves remembering a mixture of both good times and bad times. We are able to call up the blessings, those times when we lie back on the grass, hands behind our head, gazing at clouds and dreaming of how they shape themselves into silhouettes of what we’ve known and where we’ve been, a scrapbook of images dear to us. We hang on to such times.

But other memories come along as well, clouds drearier if not also stormier. Adolescence, maybe—it can still taste like a copper penny. Or the growing-up relationship we once had with a parent—some still limp from it, a bruised or broken spirit that never healed the way it should have. Or the feeling that comes from never having made the team—not the basketball team or love’s team or even life’s team. It’s as if we got on the wrong bus when everyone left for the game, and ever after we gaze through the window at all the other buses filled with could’ve been friends who never wave back.

Mercifully life moves on. And if we’re blessed, it moves on into goodnesses of other sorts. Yet not without the scars, those ways our flesh has of remembering. In some ways they become the buoys that point out the deep-water channel in the river of life, markers for safe sailing as well as for rocky beds that rip us open.

So we remember the wounds, which is what Thomas did. They marked the pain for him, but they also marked the real Jesus. He knew that if the wounds into which he would put his hands were real, so would Jesus be, and so also the demise of death. For Thomas it was the wounds that proved resurrection and so moved him into faith.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We all struggle with believing. We all doubt; it is the essence of faith. The difference is in where we look for renewed strength and reaffirmed faith. For some the thermometer or measuring stick is the calm of life. For others it is in our wounded helplessness that we come to faith simply because we recognize that the new life that comes is not our doing.

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. — Revelation 1:18a
Adults who are interested in completing the sacraments of Christian Initiation or who would like information about the process of becoming a Catholic Christian, are invited to attend an Inquiry session which will be held Sunday, June 23rd in the Parish Center following the 10AM Mass. You may also contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122.

What is the R.C.I.A.?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—it is the way the Catholic Church welcomes new members.

Who is it for?
Primarily this Rite is for unbaptized adults and children of school age; however, it has been adapted for those adults and children baptized in other Christian denominations who seek membership in the Catholic Church.

What about baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?
Adults seeking these Sacraments will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Christian Initiation is the responsibility of the entire faith community. If you are interested in becoming active in this dynamic ministry, phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 for information.

Inquiry sessions: These sessions are ongoing.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”

Pope John Paul actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 Encyclical on God’s Mercy, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. Likewise, Pope Francis continues to emphasize this foundational belief of our Church. We, as Catholics, are profoundly called to reflect on the message of God’s mercy in a prayerful and devout way.

To learn more about this Feast that Our Lord gave us, why He gave it, and what He promised to those who honor Him, go to the following two websites and watch the video at each. You will Be Amazed!

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Divine+Mercy+101+Alar+you+tube&view=detail&mid=36A1441545F01D1D01C836A1441545F01D1D01C8&FORM=VIRE

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CKjo4SkH0iY

Please join your faith community in acknowledging and accepting the merciful love of God during a special holy hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th, from 3-4PM in the Church.

Fifth Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless (May 19)

Are you ready to conquer the mountain? How many times can you hustle up Blackwell’s Mt. Hoy? Beautiful Mt. Hoy, which rises 836 feet above sea level, gives you an awesome panoramic view of the western suburbs and if the skies are clear, you can see the Chicago skyline in the distance. But first, you have get to the top! Lace up your running (or walking) shoes and join us as we have fun while raising funds for Bridge Communities. Run solo or form a team. Run with the family. Do your thing! T-shirts and gourmet coffee await you at the finish line. Register on Active.com; search “Hustle Up The Hill.” For more information, contact quinndel@aol.com.

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An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16
♦ The number of women and men who came to believe increased steadily.

Background: The first reading from Acts of the Apostles summarizes the ideal Christian community. Today’s passage describes the witness of the community to outsiders. The Christian community continues the healing ministry of the Risen Christ.

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
♦ I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever.

Background: Today’s reading from Revelation recounts the first vision of the book. The author describes a vision of the victorious Christ holding all power, even over death. Christ is the beginning and the end. His power endures beyond all persecution.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
♦ After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Background: The Gospel passage narrates two appearances of the risen Jesus. In both stories, His first words are “Peace be with you.” Jesus sent His disciples out with the gift of peace, to be signs of His healing presence in the world. The second appearance involves the apostle Thomas who needs evidence of Jesus’ resurrection.

Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Question for Adults:
Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

Question for Youth:
Thomas didn’t believe because he hadn’t seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Children:
Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Religious Education classes meet on Tuesday, April 30 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM. Parents meet their children at 6:45PM in Church.

First Communion Mass practice is on Monday, April 29 at 6PM in church. Parent and child must be present.

Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Jesus promised that today His Mercy would be overflowing to those who ask for it. Jesus told St. Faustina on the Feast of Divine Mercy, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment.” Please join us 3PM today in church to celebrate this Extraordinary Day of Grace.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of John 20:19-31 - ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen! Jesus appears to His disciples. He fills them with peace and the Holy Spirit and sends them forth to continue His mission. Thomas is not present and doubts Jesus’ Resurrection until Jesus appears to him…Thomas’ response is “My Lord and my God!”

Gospel Questions:
♦ What are the first words Jesus speaks to His disciples?
♦ Jesus gives the disciples the power to do what?
♦ Would you be like Thomas or would you believe the disciples? How does Thomas address Jesus when he finally believes that Jesus is alive?

Life Questions:
♦ Have you experienced the peace that comes from Jesus? A peace that surpasses all understanding.
♦ How would you describe peace?
♦ How do you feel when people doubt what you tell them about your faith?

Family Prayer:
♦ Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise Your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of Your Resurrection. Fill us with your peace and so we can bring your light into the world. Amen.

Adults interested in the ministry of Altar Serving please contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or annette@st-irene.org.
Eucharistic Adoration - Join us from 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a one hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART
48th Annual Benefit Dinner Dance
Celebrating India
Featuring a performance by Indian dancers.
Remarks by newly appointed Provincial Superior Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC and Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, MSC.
Saturday, May 18
Gaslite Manor in Aurora
Mass at 4:30PM
RSVP by May 18, 2019
RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE
For more information, please call the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at 630.892.2371

Readings for the Week

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One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal. —Erasmus
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, April 28**
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

**Monday, April 29**
8:30-10:30a - 8th Grade Acting Class (AC)

**Tuesday, April 30**
5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (S, C, ACL)

**Wednesday, May 1**
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, May 2**
11:30a-2p - St. Irene LunchBunch (ACL)
7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)
7-9p - Worship Commission (Staff)

**Friday, May 3**
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)

**Saturday, May 4**
8a-12p - Elementary Religious Education (AC)

**Sunday, May 5**
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-2p - CCW Woman of the Year Luncheon (ACL)

SHOPRight

Help your parish while celebrating Mom on May 12th! Buy gift cards through SHOPRight to purchase candy, flowers or take Mom out to dinner. We have over 700 vendors that give percentages of the purchase to St. Irene including Fannie May (25%), Buca di Beppo (8%), Mario Tricoci (7%), Bath & Body Works (12%) Macy’s (10%), & Maggiano’s (11%).

There are 3 types of Cards:
- **Physical** – pick up at Mass the weekend after you order
- **Reload** – add more $$ to the physical card previously purchased directly from your home computer or phone, ready for immediate use and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup
- **ScripNow eCard** – purchase directly from your computer or phone, ready for immediate use, and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup

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Haven’t had time to join? Send an email to st.irene.script@gmail.com with your first and last name, phone number and email address. We’ll get you started!

Dear Ladies of Columbus (LOC) #6710 members and future members

As we begin this New Year, 2019, we are asking you to renew your membership and/or join our organization. This past year we have been very productive and accomplished much for our parish and community. With our successful fundraisers, LOC donated twelve winter coats for girls in need. We held a very successful Lady of Guadalupe service and fiesta. We organized two fundraisers where all proceeds went to the Warrenville American Legion, Warrenville Youth and Family Services, and Cub Scouts. We organized the Make a Difference program to help keep our food pantry shelves stay full. We joined forces with the CCW to sponsor a White Elephant Sale, where we raised enough money to purchase Christmas presents for 12 WYFS children. We helped stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter craft handout for all of our young children in the parish. We worked with the Knights of Columbus on the annual Protective Service Providers, crafts for the Knights Intellectually Disabled (ID) Christmas Party, and the Tootsie Roll ID drive.

If you need another form, contact Bonnie Di Iulio at 630.808.5565 or email bonnied.18@yahoo.com.

With respect to Americanism and Patriotism as citizens of the United States of America, please put your "torn" or "tattered" American Flag and/or Military Flags (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard) into this box for proper “flag” disposal on June 14th (Flag Day) of each year.

This box was designed and assembled by “Special Needs Persons”, a non-for-profit organization; “DoodleBug Workshop – Home/Facebook.”

Thank You, Joe Urso - Member of Warrenville VFW 8081 and American Legion 589
St. Irene Vocation Prayer

In every age Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel. Fill St. Irene Parish Community with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world. Because of our love for You, Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women, and enthusiastic youth. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Paulette Porter
Pat Wehner
Gary Rufo
Ann Mulcahy
Dan Cyrus
Lynette Meany
Don Clevenger, Jr.

Joe Gattone
Javier Tecuatl
Paula Lopat
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land

Due to the lack of tourism and the instability of the political situation in the Holy Land, the Christian community is suffering financially. The Christian community needs your help by purchasing their products in order to maintain their presence in the Land of Christ. Please stop by the beautiful olive wood items from the Holy Land and try to purchase an item or two. Proceeds go to benefit the Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land.

Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops, and the diocese of Jerusalem. Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts on May 4th & 5th.

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, Groton, CT
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSGt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Raspliska - Fort Bliss, Texas

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 29
St. Catherine of Siena
7:00AM - Imelda Nilges/ Cathy Kott

Tuesday, April 30
St. Pius V
7:00AM - Elaine Lorenz/ Cy & Mary Jo Kennedy

Wednesday, May 1
St. Joseph the Worker
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, May 2
St. Athanasius
7:00AM - Vivienne Bryant/ Friends
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 3
Ss. Philip and James; First Friday
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - Elsie Simon/ Family

Saturday, May 4
Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter
10:00AM - First Communion
5:00PM - Donnie White/ Family
Shirley Brown/ Family
Kathy Ulanowski/ Family

Sunday, April 28
Third Sunday of Easter
8:00AM - Victoria Baker/ Paul & Carol Tolosko
Paul Seile/ Family
10:00AM - Special Sacrament 1st Communion
May Crowning
Lei Family/ Family

St. Irene LunchBunch

Our next gathering of the LunchBunch is Thursday, May 2nd at 11:30AM in the ACL. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Taco Luncheon. This is an RSVP event. Please respond by Monday, April 29th. Donation: $10