

LOW SUNDAY



**THE SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

Acts 5:12-16  
Psalm 118  
Revelation 1:9-  
11a, 12-19  
John 20:19-31

**KEY VERSE:** "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (v 29).

**READING:** On the evening of the resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear behind locked doors. They were overjoyed when the risen Lord appeared in their midst with a greeting of "peace" (Hebrew, Shalom). Just as God breathed life into Adam, the first living being (Gn 2:7), the Son of God breathed the life-giving Spirit upon his disciples, sending them forth with the power to forgive sins. Thomas was absent on this occasion and he refused to believe their testimony. His defiant words "unless I see" (v 25) came from one who knew Jesus as an intimate friend. A week later, Christ appeared again, and this time Thomas was present. When Thomas touched the Risen Christ's wounds, he declared Jesus to be his "Lord and God." Jesus told Thomas that those who believed in faith were more blessed than those who needed visible proof.

**REFLECTING:** Do I try to make peace by forgiving the sins committed against me?

**PRAYING:** My Lord and my God, help me to believe when my faith wavers.

**CHRIST HAS RISEN! CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED!**

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**ALPHA**  
Who is and who was and who is to come  
**OMEGA**  
REVELATION 1:8

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April 11, 2010

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OPENING HYMN	“Come Ye Faithful”	Bulletin
ENTRANCE HYMN		Psalm 40:2-4
P: I waited, waited for the Lord who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pits of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia!		
<b>R: And put a new song I my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord.</b>		
<b>Alleluia!</b>		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
<b>R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.</b>		
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OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading		Acts 5:12-16
Responsorial Psalm		Psalm 118
<b>L:</b> Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting.		
<b>R:</b> Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting.		
Second Reading		Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-19
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.</b>		
C: You believe in Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen, but still believe.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>		
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## National Church Center



We are in our second year of the National Church Fundraising. We are close to ¾ quarters of the way. Every dollar helps. Please make a donation. Forms can be found in the bookrack in the parish Narthex.

### Mission and Evangelism

Next year, our parish will be hosting the National Mission and Evangelism Workshop. We will need volunteers to chair several committees to make the workshop successful. Please contact Fr. Bruce if you would like to offer your services. An organizational meeting will be announced in the near future. Our parish is sending three delegates to this year’s workshop in Chicago on May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will give a report at the first organizational meeting. Past Workshop disks are available to view.

### Marian Devotions

During the month of May, special devotions will be conducted in honor to our Holy Mother. We will begin these devotions with a special Mass on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M with the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Marian Devotions will be celebrated. Plan to attend. Holy Mary, pray for us

### Upcoming Events

- Mothers Day Breakfast May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day Mass May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Baccalaureate Honors, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Father’s Day Breakfast, June 20<sup>th</sup>



*"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" "Then they remembered his words (Luke 24:1-8)*

## Night at the Races

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Holy Family Parish Auditorium

1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.

Doors open at 6 P.M.

Post Time at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00

Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or snacks

Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Tickets are still available



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Golf Outing

May 23, 2010

Butlers Woodside Course

The cost is \$80 which includes golf, carts, snacks and dinner. Golfing will be a scramble. Tee times 11:00 A.M. (be ready 15 minutes before teeing off). Sign up ASAP. Deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Dick Contrella or Neil Rushnock.



## Lajkoniki News

There will be an organizing meeting this evening for the Lajkoniki Dance Group at 6:00 P.M. in the parish hall. Dancers and Parents are asked to be present. New Dancers are always welcomed. For more information call Frank Pociask @ 724.861.0759

## Youth News

The Diocesan Youth Retreat will be held this year at the Wesley Woods Methodist Camp from July 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Youth from the age of 8 and above are eligible to attend. The National Youth Convocation will be held July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at Monmouth University, N.J. Ages are 12 and above. More information will be available at the Youth Association Meeting after Mass today at 11:00 A.M.

## SAMBS Sub-Central Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 P.M. Holy Trinity Parish  
McKees Rocks, PA

## Opening Hymn: "Come Ye Faithful"

Come ye faithful, raise your voices, Alleluia, Alleluia  
For this day the world rejoices, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Sing the song of resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Christ would grant to us salvation, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*When the women would anoint Him, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lo an angel said unto them, Alleluia, Alleluia  
He is not here, He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Go; proclaim His Resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Now with tears of joy and gladness, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Learn O man of God's forgiveness, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Let us worship our Redeemer, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise the Lord, our God and Savior, Alleluia, Alleluia.



## Closing Hymn: "Christ is Risen"

Christ is Risen, Sing O Christian, Wipe the tears of grief away  
All who would now seek salvation, come rejoice with us this day  
He has risen, Lord in glory, as He had foretold His victory  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Humbly we would ask of You  
That we might know Your salvation, and o'er death know victory  
That we might come with Your chosen, and behold You, Lord of  
Heaven  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing Alleluia!

Theme: Where do I see the signs that Christ is among us?

Exiled for bearing witness to Jesus, the Apostle John waited with patient anticipation for God’s reign to come. John experienced a vision of the risen Lord walking among the Christian community. With Christ’s light, a beacon of hope was sent to all those living in fear. They need not be afraid, the “one who lives,” is presently and eternally in their midst.

“Peace be with you,” Jesus said to the disciples who were locked in their prison of fear. The breath of the Spirit animated them and revived their faith. Filled with the Spirit, they had the courage to declare, “we have seen the Lord.” Thomas the twin, doubting unless he saw for himself, is also our twin for many of us have doubted unless we see for ourselves. Otherwise, we would not miss Mass on Sundays or religious services, but seek to be in the presence of the Lord as often as possible. “Touch my wounds” Jesus said to Thomas. To us He says, “do not persist in unbelief. Believe!”

Day by day, we are learning how to pray and worship together, how to love and forgive one another, how to exercise truth and justice, how to heal wounds and conquer evil. When the world see these “signs and wonders,” they will believe that Jesus is truly Lord of our lives and want to be a part of the whole Christian Catholic experience.

**Sunday Ministry Schedules**

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Lectors	Youth Team	Bonnie Zaucha
Greeters	T. Gibala	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	Youth	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
 <u>Next Week</u>	 9:00 A.M.	 11:00 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	T. Kleckner & L Ruozzi	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

**This Week**

**Low Sunday, April 11, 2010**

Holy Mass	<b>Easter 2</b> 9:00 A.M.
+Tom Tondera Int Wife Kay Tondera +Terry Tomco Int friends from Holy Family Parish	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
YMSR Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Youth Association Meeting	11:00 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
Birthday prayers for Helen Mulac Int of Family	
Lajkoniki Dance Ensemble Meeting	6:00 P.M.

**Monday, April 12, 2010**

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
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**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**

Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
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**Thursday, April 15, 2010**

Parish Council Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

Diocesan Council Meeting	10:00 A.M.
Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA	

**Sunday, April 18, 2010**

Holy Mass	<b>Easter 3</b> 9:00 A.M.
+Leo Gibala Int. Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gibala	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

**N.B. Father and Marian will be away April 15<sup>th</sup>-April 21<sup>st</sup>. If any parochial needs are needed, please contact our parish chairperson, Ted Gibala @412.678.7347 or our cell phone 412.849.0551. Fr. Robert Pleczkowski will be our guest celebrant next Sunday.**