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Jesus, I trust in You

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OPENING HYMN

The Strife is O'er – PNCC #137

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 40:2-4)

C. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, Set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.

C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 JN 5:1-6

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JN 20:29

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-31

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and

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

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Terry Kleckner, Meredith Straw, Kamil Dudała, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(please kneel)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Ever Holy – PNCC #147

O Ever Holy Sacrament – PNCC #148

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

(please sit or kneel)

C. O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I

contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages. You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

C. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us,

R. I trust in You!

C. Our Father...

R. Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

C. Hail Mary...

R. full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

R. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

(on single Rosary beads)

C. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(on 10 small Rosary beads)

C. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

C. Holy God,

R. Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

C. Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out

from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your Son's final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven.

R. Amen

HYMN BEFORE BENEDICTION

(please kneel)

Lord, Before This Holy Sacrament – PNCC #149

BENEDICTION

(please kneel)

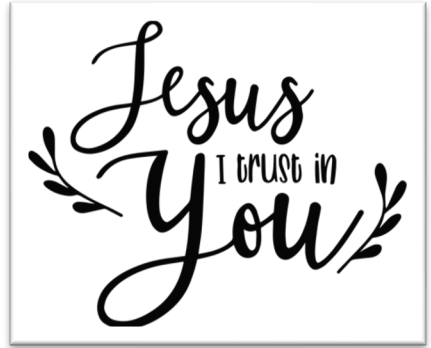
HYMN AFTER BENEDICTION

May We Praise Thee – PNCC #150

(please stand)

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – Ritual Song #593



FAITH SHARING

The readings for this Sunday show us our need for God's Divine Mercy, which is 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. John 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*". 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.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice in our daily lives the Mercy we have already received and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with *agape* love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each other our loving service.

***“If we pray, we will believe;
if we believe, we will love;
if we love, we will serve.
Only then we put our love of God into action.”***

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 7

Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

Sunday, April 14

Frank Pociask, Stan Tadjski

Sunday, April 21

Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong

Sunday, April 28

Don Newcamp, George Jobes



NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

National Mission & Evangelism Workshop will be on **April 12-14th** at **St. Barbara Parish, Houtzdale, PA**. All pastors and the laity representatives from each parish are encouraged to attend.

HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Spring is here and the grass is growing at our parish cemetery. I ask that ALL ground level artificial decorations be removed by mid-April and taken home for storage or disposal as we no longer offer refuse removal. All decorations removed last year are behind the maintenance shed and are available for pickup. Any decorations remaining there will be discarded. Please do not use the dirt bin for disposal as it contaminates the topsoil. Artificial decorations that are placed on the monuments are encouraged as it really helps the grounds crew mission. Live planted flowers are fine and add to the beauty of our "church expectant". Flowers will be removed when overtaken by weeds. Again, we could use any assistance (even a few hours a season) as we are getting older and fewer in numbers. Please contact me at 412-610-1943 if there are any questions. Thank You and God Bless.

Tom Popovic, Cemetery Coordinator

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**. We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. In addition, we would like to try something new -- a gift card tree. Donate a gift card of your choosing. Baskets, gift cards, and lottery tickets should be turned in to Kristen by Sunday, April 7. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after mass on Sunday, April 14.

If you would like to donate baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, April 19, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, or the morning

of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Canned pop donations are needed for the Spring Show -- especially Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, and Dr. Pepper. We do not need bottled water. Also, donations to help defray the cost of the meat and produce would be appreciated.

We will need help Friday, April 19, between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm with the food prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church.

Remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski -- - 412-848-9215.



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, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*

DIVINE MERCY

Based upon the Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska's record of the revelations she received from Jesus in 1931, the message of The Divine Mercy can be summed up in one sentence: *Jesus, I trust in you!* Christ as The Divine Mercy instructs us to approach Him in prayer to ask for His mercy, to let His mercy flow from us to others, and above all, to trust completely in Him in order to truly experience the graces of His mercy.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 7, 2024 – 2nd Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Marianne Keith – requested by Natalie & Dave Kraft

Monday, April 8, 2024 – Solemnity – The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (There will be no Mass offered).

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Friday, April 12, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 3rd Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

† Barbara Hall – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

4/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 4 Easter Sunday

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich

4/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 5 Easter Sunday

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Adam Lesnický

4/30/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph the Worker

† Irene Jukan – requested by Walt Cook Family

5/3/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon

5/5/24 Su 10:00 AM 6 Easter Sunday

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

† George & Irene Jukan – requested by Popovic Family

5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost

For God's blessing for Fr. Mariusz on 25th Anniversary of the Sacrament of Priesthood

5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi

For God's blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)

6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

OPEN

6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus

OPEN

Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 20:19-31



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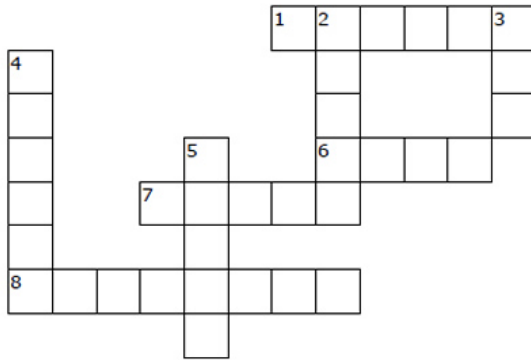
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SHOWED
JESUS

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Seeing Is Believing Crossword



ACROSS

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. An entrance into a building or room
7. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
8. Unwilling to believe that something is true

DOWN

2. The body parts at the end of the arms
3. To observe with your eyes
4. Not open
5. To believe in something for which there is no proof

DOOR
NAILS

DOUBTING
CLOSED

SEE
THOMAS

HANDS
FAITH

