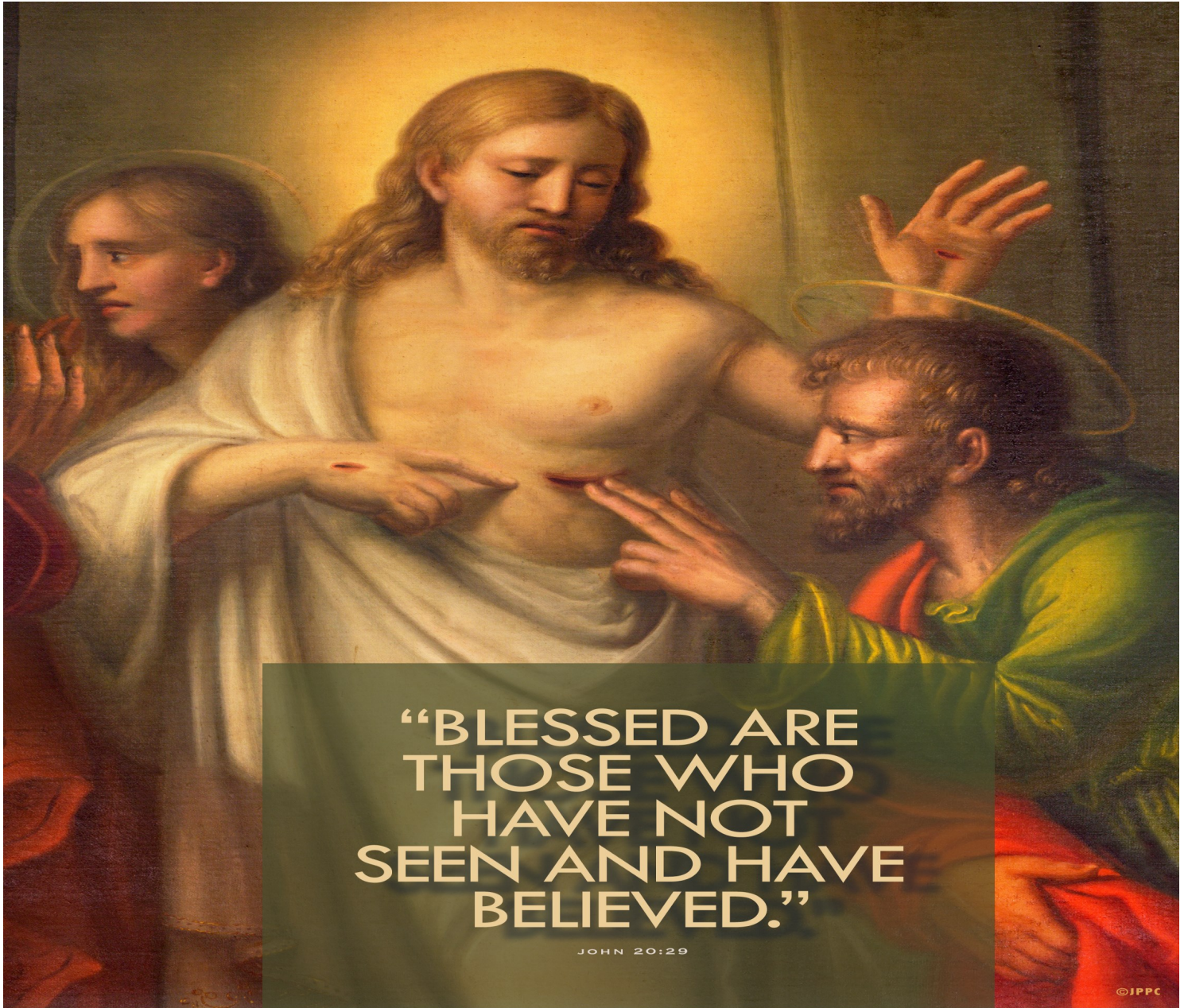


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

28 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY 07068



SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday

HOLYDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05PM and 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

For BAPTISM and WEDDING inquiries, please contact the Rectory, 973-226-7288.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

How many times have you thought to yourself, or said to others those three little words: “I doubt it”? The subject could be the candidate for the upcoming presidential election; or a claim by an auto dealer that none of the cars on his/her lot have any hidden markups; or the suddenly positive rating a man gives his spouse of her meatloaf. On and on such a list could go, revolving around those three little words.

Doubt can be a good thing if it fosters questions especially of complicated corollaries of our faith. The doubter here is only probing deeper into his/her faith wanting a mature answer. Lingering doubt in matters of revealed faith can be a serious problem if it is not relieved either by the direct answer of a qualified expert or good private research. Our faith has nothing to fear from sound reason.

All of this brings us to the problem of doubt that Saint Thomas had. Unfortunately, his healthy doubts got him a sad nickname that developed into a cliché, that of “Doubting Thomas.” In time, it became a popular description of anyone who questions what we tell them. Thomas represents many people in this cynical era, so in love with science and technology, as to be always wanting tangible proof before believing anything. Add the disregard many have for the supernatural, and you have the general mood of the times. So when the best of the Good News of the Gospel – the Resurrection – is presented to Thomas, his nature kicks in and he reacts: “I’ll never believe it.”

A week after this (I wonder if Thomas’ attitude changed over 7 days) Jesus reappears in His glorified Body. I imagine Him looking a wee bit stern as He calls Thomas over so that the doubter could literally probe the five scars left on that body. But I also picture a gentle smile crosses Jesus’ holy face as Thomas kneels before Him and he makes that profound act of beautiful faith: “My Lord and My God.” I can see Jesus helping Thomas up and then offering him a heartfelt hug. For all my years since ordination I have used Thomas’ words as my own as I elevate the Sacred Host at Mass.

Jesus then offers a mild rebuke to Thomas and to us, followed by one of the most consoling sentences in all of Scripture: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Talk about Divine Mercy! Here is that very grace poured out an intelligent apostle, whose faith would propel him to preach about Jesus even to the people of far away India! Such great encouragement to us who have not seen but have believed! That blessing of Jesus is itself part of the very same mercy we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II fostered this devotion because his own strong faith told him the world needs it.

Allow me to close with a description of a “Peanuts” cartoon. Picture Lucy looking out the window at a steady downpour of rain. “Boy,” she said, “look at that rain. What if it floods the whole world?”

“It will never do that,” Linus replied confidently. In the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow.”

“You’ve taken a great load off my mind,” said Lucy with a relieved smile. “Sound theology,” pontificated Linus, “has a way of doing that!”

Well, I for one don’t doubt it.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:45 am

Nick Collucci

5:00 pm

Albert & Elena Carnorozzi

Sunday, April 19

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am

People of the Parish

10:00 am

Michael G. Honeyman Sr.

12:00 pm

Genevieve Blum

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

8:45 am

Rose Coscia

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

8:45 am

Charles Hennigan

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

8:45 am

Peter Duerre

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

8:45 am

Mario Laracca

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

8:45 am

Chet Stefanelli

Saturday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:45 am

Margaret Weiss

5:00 pm

Carida & Staehle Families

Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am

Angela & Anthony Miscia

10:00 am

Harriet & Donald McKee

12:00 pm

Lavista Family

At this time with no daily or weekend Masses, your loved ones are being remembered at a private Mass.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is for Margaret & Herbert Peterson and the Bread & Wine are for Mary & James McHugh



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE

ILL. Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista, Gerry Nolan, Dale, Joyce, Claire.



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor; USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.



Sanctuary Memorials

Parishioners can offer a donation of \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle near the tabernacle - to burn in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50th wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses. **Many dates still available for 2020.**



John Derites, Eileen Marie O'Connor Pennell, Annina Martire, Elsa Seiner.

Rest In Peace

God's Plan for Giving – *“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you .”(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

The Easter Collection \$ 17,636.00
On Line Easter Collection \$ 2,975.00
Total Easter Collection to date \$21,361.00
The Easter Collection for 2019 \$ 34,574.00

N.B. *The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.*

Please note you can also mail in your envelopes.

Electronic Giving

This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. ***We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – patty@olbs.org – if you have any questions.***



Do You Need Prayers?

We have a **Prayer Chain** here at OLBS. What is a **Prayer Chain**? It's a group of parishioners who have committed themselves to pray for people in our parish or their families who have a special need for prayer, e.g., out of work and need a job, a serious illness, surgery, etc. ***What do you need to do?*** It's very simple. Call the rectory and tell us the first name **ONLY** of the person who needs prayer and, if you wish, what the reason is for the prayer. ***(That last part is not required.)*** We are waiting to pray for all those who need our prayers; so, call the rectory at 973-226-7288 or email deborah@olbs.org with your prayer request.



Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-23

Here is the core teaching message of the early Church used by her missionary Apostles. It is a short summary of Our Lord's works, death and resurrection.

Reading II: I Peter 1: 17-21

Christ's blood releases us from the power of sin. You must be holy because of this incomparable gift.

The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

A wonderful meeting of two disheartened disciples (representing all of us) with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The scenario ends with a Eucharistic liturgy: A Scripture reading followed by an explanation, capped off by the breaking of the bread before Jesus vanishes.

500 Club raffle winner

The winner of our March 500 Club Raffle is **Karin Fernandez**. She won \$2,000.00. We thank Karin for being a part of our raffle as well as the other parishioners who bought a ticket. Our next drawing will be on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

New Hymnals

We have had 370 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. ***The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – olbs.org.***

