

# HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**BULLETIN for**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EASTER**  
April 07, 2024  
**Holy Mass at 9:00 AM**

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Mass Intention for this Sunday is: *in memory of † John Skrzypczak; Requested by Lorraine Zollo.*



## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35)

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.

**Psalm (118) *Response:* Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## A reading from the First Letter of St John (5:1-6)

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.

***We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.***

***Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God.***

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (20:19-31)

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.

**General Intercession:**

*Response:* **God our Father, hear the prayers of your children.**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➔ **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to purchasing Easter flowers this year. We raised \$170 for this purpose. Special thanks also go to **Bill Lazowski**, who donated all the lilies for the altar and to Jesus' grave.

➔ **Today after Holy Mass there will be a meeting of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee.**

➔ **Pastoral/Sacramental Visit.** If you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit. **In emergency call directly Fr. Paul's mobile phone @ 475-208-4455.**



➔ **Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes,**

especially our parishioners and friends: **Cheryl Peters, Sarah Squezello, Logan Caruso, Debbie and Emil Caruso, Robert and Aiden Klain, Agnes Geruch, Very Rev. Senior Joseph Soltysiak, Lorraine Krusienski (Very Rev. Joe Krusienski's wife).**

➔ **Heating of our church.** So far, we have raised \$4,270 for this purpose. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

➔ **Our delicious pierogi, cheese or potatoes, as well as stuffed cabbage - gołąbki, are available from our freezer. Credit card payments are now ACCEPTED!**

**THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:**

- Paul Tropeano – April 9**
- Henry Zapatka – April 12**
- Kenneth Krasko – April 15**
- Marybeth Kurek – April 17**



*Dear Parishioners and Friends;*

*On behalf of my family and me, thank you for all your Easter cards with wishes and gifts that we received recently. We appreciate your love, heart, and prayers for our family. We always feel a part of the Holy Saviour parish family. Thank you very much & Happy Easter again! -*

*Fr. Paul and Family.*

**Readers for this month:**

- April 7<sup>th</sup> - **Janet Tropeano**
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - **John Stronkowski**
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - **Henry Zapatka**
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - **Ken Krasko**



**SUNDAY REFLECTION**



Most of us, like people of all times, do have a hunger for God. We are in constant search for the meaning of life. But influenced by the scientific mindset, most of us are quick to call for proof for anything out of the ordinary or beyond our experience. Today's gospel gives us an example of a man who felt exactly the same. Thomas wanted a proof of the Resurrection. And when the Lord appeared to him finally, Thomas made the unique profession of faith, "My Lord and my God." This faith proclamation is the foundation of our Christian faith and the strongest testimony of the resurrection of Jesus. - But Jesus is drawing us to a different point today: What about those who believe without any physical evidence? John, the evangelist, wants his readers to make that act of faith even without proofs. Jesus calls such believers "blessed". Are we blessed Christians in the eyes of God or are we looking for proofs? - **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.**