

*Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy*

*April 11, 2021*

The Lord waits for us to offer  
him our failings so that he can  
help us experience his mercy.

— Pope Francis, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2020



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*St. Stephen's Catholic Church*

*303 Lincoln Way East*

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*Pastor: Father Derek Fairman*

*Mass Times:*

*Saturday at 4:00 p.m.*

*Sunday at 12:00 Noon*

*Confession Times:*

*Saturday before Mass*

*Sunday after Mass*



*Week of April 11, 2021*

*The Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy*

*1st Reading:  
Acts of the Apostles  
4:32-35*

*2nd Reading:  
1 Jn 5:1-6*

*Gospel Reading:  
Jn 20:19-31*



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need to  
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*If you see or suspect child abuse...  
Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313*

*or*

*Visit <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov>*



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*Susan Cabbage*

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*Alex Serrano*

*Russ Trembl*

*Janice Wolfe*

*Collection*

*April 4, 2021*

<i>Regular/Weekly -Easter</i>	<i>\$1605.00</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>\$215.00</i>







# MASS Intentions

## For April

4/10/2021 Saturday Sharon Houppert req. by James Houppert

4/11/2021 Sunday For the People

4/17/2021 Saturday +Ann Rapsinski req. by Deb and Loren Leese

4/18/2021 Sunday For the People

4/24/2021 Saturday +Bob Balles req. by Jim and Joanne Evans

4/25/2021 Sunday +John P. Houppert req. by James Houppert

## April Birthday Blessings



4/23 Tom Haubrick

4/27 Joe Fignar

Happy Anniversary

4/16 Loren & Deb Leese

4/17 Ed & Karen Leisinger

4/28 Andrew & Miranda Hawkins



## Collection Counters

### April

4/11/2021 Marlene Joyce

Naomi Marcus

4/18/2021 Karen Leisinger

Ed Leisinger

4/25/2021 Carol Babinsack

Kathy Lake

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a mass intention for your loved ones living and/or deceased, please use the Mass Intention Envelope.

You may put your Mass Intention in the offering box located in the back of the Church.

Thank You



Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen

#### PROFESSION ON FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*and by the Holy Spirit (please bow) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day,  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Reading 1

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.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. (1) 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.**



## Reading 2

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.

## Gospel

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.