



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

April 7th & 8th

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## Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5pm.

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:15 am.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Sundays 10:15 am.

Weekdays: Mondays-Thursdays & First Friday & First Saturdays 9am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday and First Saturdays following 9 am Mass  
or at the Rectory with an appointment

## For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

## 2nd Sunday of Easter April 7th & 8th

*... from the Pastor's Desk:*

“Thinking Thomas” – No Doubt.

There is something to be said for doubt at times. It is a good thing to be able to doubt oneself, provided it doesn't become an addition that cripples us; to doubt ones ideas, one's principles, one's work,... and to doubt much of what we hear.

Although religion can provide emotionally unstable people with a vast canvas for their illusions, and a platform for the arrogant and the power-hungry.... It is healthy and essential to be able to doubt many things. It is proof that your life is not on automatic pilot, that you have not finished thinking and weighing things through.

Doubt is not always the opposite of faith; the real opposite of faith is a certain kind of fear. Fear makes you curl up and do nothing, or it makes you run away. Faith pushes you to risk yourself, to pit yourself against difficulties.

The Apostle Thomas was a careful man, but he was not a fearful one; he was capable of fearless action; “*Let us go to Jerusalem and die with him,*” he said (John 11:16). It is not that Thomas lacked faith; it is simply that he was not going to be fooled!

He wanted to “*see the mark of the nails made in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks they made...*” Basically, he wanted to experience it for himself. The same evangelist John, who told this story about Thomas' doubts, once wrote, “*...what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hand.... concerns the Word of Life*” – (1 John 1:1)

Why should Thomas be blamed for wanting the same kind of experiential knowledge that John says he himself and the other disciples had? There is no blame to Thomas for wanting to experience the reality for himself. Isn't it what every disciple of Jesus has to do?

Thomas was also a thinking man; he always wanted to understand and figure things out. Once when Jesus was speaking obscurely about going away and he said,

“*You know the way to where I am going,*” Thomas cut in and said, “*Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?*”

It was a practical man's question, and you can imagine the puzzled look on his face. It was puzzlement, not doubt! He didn't doubt Jesus or lack trust in him.

Why (in today's reading) was he missing from the group when Jesus appeared? I think it likely he had gone away by himself to think. It would be entirely in character. We dishonor him when we only call him ‘**Doubting Thomas.**’ We should also call him ‘**Thinking Thomas.**’ There is no area of life more subject to delusion than religion. We have to thank Thomas for his distinctive combination of carefulness and courage.

Of this... I have no doubts – I think.

*Father Ron*



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**An Honest Daily Prayer:** “So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper. Haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish. I'm really glad of that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help.”



For many years, Holy Spirit parishioners have supported Get on the Bus with their prayers, their volunteerism and with generous financial contributions. Thank you for your service and beneficence! Since the need is still great, I am again appealing to your generosity, and asking you to support the Annual, Multi-Parish Get on the Bus Quilt sale in which you can win beautiful, hand-crafted quilts and other crafts made by artisans in the parish and beyond.

This year, over 1,200 children will board buses and travel to prisons located hundreds of miles away from their homes to visit their mother or father. Together, these families will create a positive memory, with face painting, play time, meals and a treasured family photograph. Quite a gift for children who—through no fault of their own—are living with the stigma, fear and loss of having a parent in prison.

Get On The Bus is a simple, yet extremely effective intervention, that both ameliorates the negative impacts of parental incarceration on children AND decreases the recidivism rates of their parents upon re-entry into society. In other words, Get On The Bus is one of the best investments we can make in a state with the largest prison system in the country.

Following each Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> the annual GOTB Quilt Raffle tickets will be on sale in McCarthy Hall and quilts will be available for selection. Please help us to bring happiness to these children!

### The Mass Schedule April 7th–15th

04/07	Sat	5:00pm	†Robert Capps
04/07	Sat	9:00am	†Daniel Sullivan
04/08	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
04/08	Sun	10:15am	†Dorothy Jeane Reed
04/09	Mon	9:00am	†Al Pisenti
04/10	Tues	9:00am	†Paul Davis
04/11	Wed	9:00am	†Rosalie Vidalin
04/12	Thurs	9:00am	†Ray Hill
04/13	Fri	9:00am	Communion Service
04/14	Sat	5:00pm	†Ed Corrigan
04/15	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
04/15	Sun	10:15am	†Tom Hubbard

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED

**OUR PRAYERS:** The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma, Lisa Adams, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Phyliss Smith, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci and Ed Antonio

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Jack Macy, Nathan Krempely, Charlie Rogers, Paul Davis, Jeanne Vandeberghe, Bruce Campbell, Dennis DeCota, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggan-nan, Howard Furlong, Richard Marson, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon-Guerrero, Rose Mary Bernstein, Barbara Bobrowski and Virginia Marson

<b>LAST WEEK'S EASTER COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 14,194.13</b>
<b>LAST WEEK'S HOLY LAND:</b>	<b>\$ 655.00</b>
<b>LAST WEEK'S BUILDING MAINT:</b>	<b>\$ 2,096.00</b>

### April 14th & 15th Third Sunday of Easter

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, April. 14th 5 pm	#1-K. Shanahan #2-R. Brady	Joe Piasta, Kathy Snodgrass Mary Davis, Arlene Storm Deacon John	As Available	As Available.
Sun., April. 15th 7:30 am	#1-L. Kubo #2-K. Leroy	Patti Mazur, Brian Connolly Kathleen Castro	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnel.
Sun, April . 15th 10:15 am	#1-H. Kelley #2-D. Bowers	Charlene Hullinger, Pat Dilloway, Marti Hoft Diane Lisciandro, John Lisciandro, Jacky Macy Tony Pimental, Robert Vidalin Patty Zack	As Available	Jerome Salvador

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Babette O'Shell

Homebound Week of April 11th-M. Bruer, L. Ward, D. Mollihan

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

## Faith Formation Grades 1-6



The Easter season celebrates the power of Jesus' great love. Jesus promises that all who believe in him will live forever. Talk with your children about the signs of new life they see in springtime.

**Pray Together:** Make a family Easter season candle. Decorate a plain white candle with the signs and symbols of the Easter season. Each evening during the weeks of the Easter season, light the candle and spend a few moments in family prayer. Then renew your baptismal promises by making the Sign of the Cross together. <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>  
**Classes are back in session until the second week of May!** We will begin registration for the coming year (2018-19) in the month of May! All those registered this year will priority in the month of May!



*Confirmation candidates will gather this Monday (4/9) from **6:30PM-8:30PM** in the Holy Family Room) we will look at the Beatitudes and "What Would Jesus Do?" Don't forget to bring your book and a snack to share with the group! Mark your calendars for our G.R.E.A.T. Retreat (God Really Enjoys A Teenager) April 27/28<sup>th</sup> at the CYO Camp in Occidental!*



**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME IN YOUTH MINISTRY...even if you have never joined us before or can only make it on an irregular basis.**  
We would love to welcome you to be a part of this growing ministry and **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM** join us for Joan of Arcadia! "Joan of Arcadia" is an old TV series that features Joan, a 17yr. old girl who meets God in a variety of forms. God asks Joan to perform certain tasks which ultimately have moral and philosophical consequences. Join us for a great show and discussion. We will gather in the Holy Family Room. Questions contact Megan O'Neill ([m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com](mailto:m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com))



## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

*We will gather on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room for our first "Mystagogy Session"*

The fourth stage of the RCIA is called "mystagogy," from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries." Traditionally mystagogy extends through the Easter season, until the feast of Pentecost. This is a period of accompaniment for new Catholics as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. The newly baptized are called "neophytes," from the Greek words meaning "new plant," because the faith has been newly planted in them. Even though their catechetical preparation has been completed, they still have much to learn about what it means to live as Catholic Christians. Things often look different from the inside! Once they find themselves really on the inside, the neophytes often have more questions about living a life of faith. They need ongoing support of the community so that the faith newly planted in them can grow deep roots.

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/what-is-mystagogy>