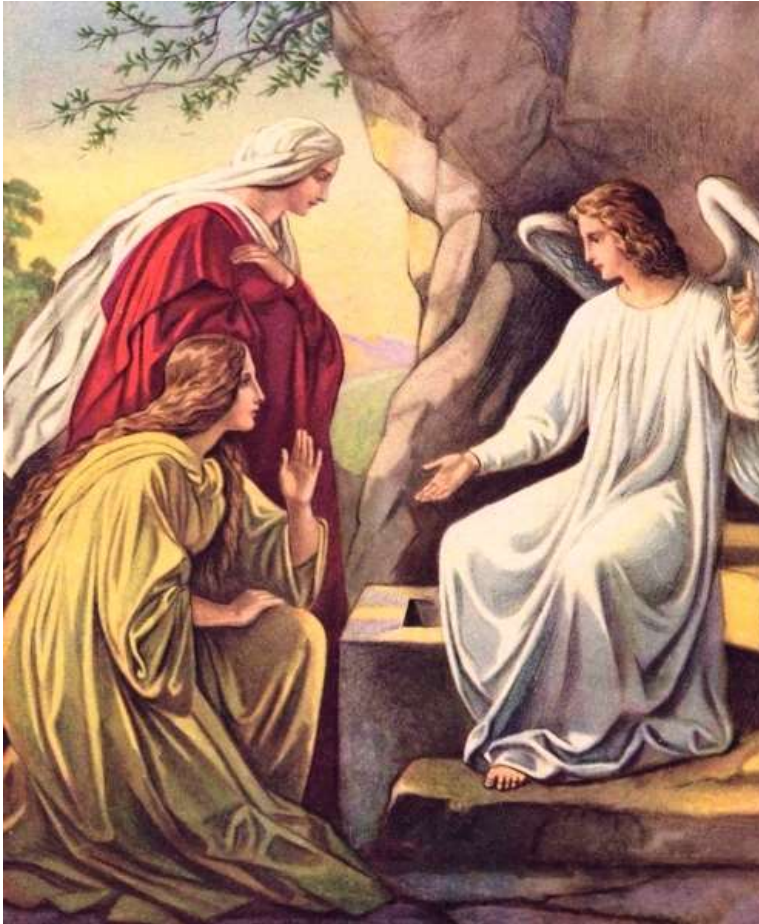


# Blessed Sacrament Church

*"I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven. If any man eats of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the Bread I will give, is My Flesh." John 6:51-52*



**ALLELUIA!**  
**HE IS RISEN!**

*"And behold there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as He said.'" (Matthew 28:2-6)*

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the side chapel twenty-four hours a day, every day. All are welcome to come and worship and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

*"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40*

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**LORD'S DAY:** Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
**HOLIDAYS:** Vigil: 6:00 p.m.  
Holyday: 9:00 a.m.  
**WEEKDAYS:** 9:00 a.m.  
**SATURDAYS:** First Saturdays only: 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

**BAPTISM:** As part of the preparation process an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required. Please contact Laurie at 774-2918.

**ENGAGED COUPLES:** Arrangements for your marriage must be made at least nine months in advance of the marriage date.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you and ask that you register at the Rectory. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents.

## Pastor

Rev. Timothy J. Campoli

## Church

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Greenfield, MA 01301  
blessedsacramentgreenfieldma.org

## Rectory

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## Deacons

Deacon John Leary (413) 219-2734 (C) deaconjohnleary@gmail.com  
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## Director of Religious Education

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Choir Director  
Stephen Glover  
772-0532

## Alternatives Pregnancy Ctr.

Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support  
Post Abortion Support  
(413) 774-6010

## Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way  
Greenfield  
773-3311

## Hispanic Ministry

Sr. Caritina Olmos, M.P.S.  
413-777-5115  
Sr. Rosa Torres, M.P.S.  
413-459-7052

## Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill  
413-772-6062



*Mass Intentions*

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>** (Fr. Roux)

8:00 Grace and Blessings for those coming into the Church  
- by Nancy Fallor

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> – The Resurrection of the Lord**  
(Our Seminarians)

8:00 Living & departed members of the O’Neil Family –  
by Brendan & Lindsay O’Neil and Family

10:30 David Thompson – by Family

**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** (Fr. Roach)

9:00 Edward Zak – by Jane Fay

**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
(Fr. Lisowski)

9:00 Deceased members of the Pavoni – Duke Families –  
by Sandra Pavoni

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
(Fr. Bermudez)

9:00 Health and Blessings for Bob Earley – by wife, Pat

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>** (Fr. Reardon)

9:00 Judy Almeida – by Charbonneau Family

**FIRST FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
(Fr. Campoli)

9:00 Alfred Graveline – by Wife and Family

**FIRST SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 Grace and Blessings for Daniel Larvey – (Our  
by Maureen Filiault Deacon Candidates)

4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by Birute Hanley

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>** (Vocations)

8:00 Living and Departed members of the Fritz and  
Klepacki Families – by Family

10:30 For the intentions of the third grade CCD class –  
by Che and Virginia Christi

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REMINDER: ♦ Please join with us in praying the **Rosary**  
before each daily Mass at 8:15 a.m., before the 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday Mass and 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

♦ **Confessions** after each weekend Mass.

♦ The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be recited Fridays at 3:00  
p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to come and pray  
with us.

♦ Blessed Sacrament has a **Prayer Chain** which is available for  
anyone. Simply contact Marie Boynton at 413-772-5858 or  
memeboynton@comcast with your petition.

♦ **Sponsor Certificates** - Many parishes require certificates of  
sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. These  
will be issued only to those who are confirmed adult Catholics,  
registered in the parish, regular participants at Mass, validly  
married in the Church (*if applicable*) and providing for the  
religious education of their own children (*if applicable*).

*Liturgical Roles*

**Weekend of April 7 & 8**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday, April 7

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| 4:00 | Brian Luippold   | Joanne Yestramski |
|      | Kathy Burrows    | Winston LaBelle   |
|      | Cynn timer Erho  | Jason Semaski     |
|      | Francis Campbell | Kerry Semaski     |
|      | Monica McCarthy  |                   |

Sunday, April 8

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| 8:00  | Deacon George Nolan | Ginger Baird       |
|       | Jim Podlesney       | Kevin O’Neil, Jr.  |
|       | Lynne Podlesney     |                    |
| 10:30 | Joyce Thibodo       | Bob O’Connor       |
|       | Bob Page            | Suzanne Hunter     |
|       | Judy Lapointe       | Mary Jane Bardwell |

**Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:**

Sunday, April 8

Deacon George and Lisa Nolan

**Lectors / Cantors:**

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| Sat., April 7 | 4:00  | Wayne Cottrill / Betsy Grybko |
| Sun., April 8 | 8:00  | Jae Helenek / Jane Winchester |
|               | 10:30 | Marie Boynton / Brenda Hill   |



Saturday, April 7

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| 4:00 | Leo Martinez, Jason Semaski |
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Sunday, April 8

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| 8:00  | Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek |
| 10:30 | Michael Pierce, Sean Pierce  |

**April 1, 2018**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:  
**Special Intention** – from Anonymous

The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Deceased members of Henry & Ruth Dion** – from William and Mary Dion
- 2.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor
- 3.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor
- 4.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor

**Deanery-Wide Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration**

The Franklin County Deanery will sponsor a Divine Mercy Celebration at Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The service will include Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena Prayer. All Catholic churches in Franklin County will be participating in this celebration in which great emphasis is being placed on the Eucharist and devotion to our Lord. Msgr. Ronald Yargeau will be the Celebrant and Fr. Philippe Roux will preach.

*“A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all faithful and to each individual faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer in keeping with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, with the soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin), each and every time they participate attentively and piously in a sacred function or a devotional exercise undertaken in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed and conserved in the tabernacle.”*

Confessions: 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. The celebration begins at 3 p.m.

**Deanery Choir Rehearsal**

All singers welcome! Please join in the Deanery Choir rehearsal on **Wed., April 4 at 6:30pm—Blessed Sacrament Church**. We will prepare the beautiful music for the Franklin Deanery Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 8. All music will be supplied and all voices are welcome. The rehearsal will last until approximately 9pm. For more information, please contact Kathleen Galluzzo at 413-498-2158. We look forward to singing with you!

**Children’s Hour of Adoration**

The guided children’s hour of adoration is held on the first Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Join us on April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Virginia Christi at 624-3467.

**First Friday and First Saturday Masses**

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is the First Saturday of the month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at 8:00 a.m.

**Parish Center Update**

We want to bring everyone up to date on our new Parish Center Project. We are working on final details after having gone out to bid and chosen a local contractor. When this process is completed, we will request final approval of the contract by the Diocese and be able to break ground. It has been a long process and we are excited and anxious to get started. We ask for your continued financial support and prayers for a successful new Parish Center.

**Volunteers Needed Divine Mercy Sunday**

The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge is seeking volunteers for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7-8, especially for our parking, traffic, and crowd control areas. Other opportunities include Adoration, Confession hospitalities, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, information, and more! For further details visit [www.thedivinemercy.org/volunteers](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/volunteers) or call 413-298-1114 or e-mail [pmarkavage@marian.org](mailto:pmarkavage@marian.org).

**Holy Hour for Nonbelievers**

We will have a Holy Hour on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and again in the evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel to pray for nonbelievers. We encourage and invite everyone to come.

**Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

The Greenfield K of C, Council #133, are looking for golfers, sponsors and raffle donations for their 5<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Crumpin-Fox golf course in Bernardston. The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fees, carts, lunch and dinner and prizes for the winners. Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30. Two raffles and a silent auction will also take place and include: \$1000 cash, Jewelry, Red Sox tickets, 3-day Cape Cod vacation, Crumpin-Fox golf certificates and much, much more. Pioneer Volvo Cars of South Deerfield is sponsoring a “Hole-in-One” contest for a chance to win a new car. The proceeds from the event will be used to fund a number of Council #133’s worthy causes in Greenfield and Franklin County. To sign up or to get more information, call Jason Semaski at (413) 626-3378, Lou Grader at (413) 774-2848 or Bob Wanczyk at (413) 774-2465.

**Spiritual Food for Thought**

“Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live forever, and this must be either true or false. Now there are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live forever.”

— C.S. Lewis

**Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The third Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the side lawn of the church on Easter Sunday starting at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome!

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

The K of C have one \$1,000.00 scholarship available to a 2018 graduate who is a practicing Catholic and is a member of Blessed Sacrament or Holy Trinity parishes. The student does not need to live in Greenfield and can graduate from any High School. Applications are available by contacting Knight Lionel Martin at (413) 475-7144. Deadline is April 10, 2018.

**Elisabeth von Trapp Concert**

From the family that inspired *The Sound of Music* Elisabeth von Trapp will be in Concert at Our Lady of Peace Church, Saturday **April 7, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A donation of \$10 is recommended. The proceeds from the Concert will benefit Montague Catholic Social Ministries.

**Stash Bash – Spring 2018**

Our Lady of Peace Women’s Group is sponsoring their annual “Stash Bash” on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with excess craft or sewing supplies who would like to rent a table and participate are welcome to join us! We are also accepting donated materials to assist you with your Spring Cleaning! For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Beverly at 413-863-7783 or Chris at 413-367-3052. All are welcome!

**Steubenville East Youth Conference**

The St. John Paul II Youth Group will be attending the Steubenville East Youth Conference, July 13-15, in Lowell, MA. The conference is open to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders through graduating seniors. Each year around 30 youth from the area participate in this chance to grow in their faith. For more information, contact Ed or Suzi Cottrill at 413-772-6062 or [stjpiiyoungroup@gmail.com](mailto:stjpiiyoungroup@gmail.com).



# I Ain't No Doubting Thomas

Ignore the faithless skeptics. Listen instead to what the Risen Christ told  
Doubting Thomas: “Be not unbelieving, but believe.”

*Thomas Craughwell*

Every year, in the days after Easter Sunday, the good sisters at my parochial school told us the story of St. Thomas, the apostle who refused to believe that Christ had risen from the dead. As the only Thomas in the classroom, invariably all eyes turned on me—more than forty pairs of them. (It was the 1960s. Catholic schoolrooms were crowded.)

It's okay. I could take it. And from the days even before I made my First Communion, when my mother taught me how to pray at Mass, at every elevation of the Host I have prayed in my heart the words of Doubting Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

So, to make amends for poor Doubting Thomas, I'd like to take on the questions that some Christians have been wrestling with for more than a century: Did Jesus Christ rise physically from the dead? Or could his resurrection have been purely spiritual — the ascent of his soul to heaven? Or perhaps Jesus' “resurrection” was a sense among his disciples that in some way their friend and teacher would be with them always.

Skeptics have always cast a cold eye on the notion that Christ had risen from the dead — St. Thomas being the most famous. But there is one thing to be said for doubt: at least a believing Christian of any denomination can meet it head-on in an open debate. These days, however, Catholics and other Christians who hold to the traditional understanding of the Resurrection of Our Lord are faced with something a bit more sly in the form of theologians who don't deny the Resurrection outright, but recast Christ's rising in ways that diminish it, and ultimately diminish Christ Himself.

Subtle attempts to undermine the reality of the Resurrection are not new. At the turn of the 20th century, some theologians advanced the idea that the Resurrection was not Christ coming back to life and stepping out of his tomb, but Christ taking on an immortal life in heaven.

About 30 years ago the Swiss Jesuit, Hans Küng, put forward the argument that the Resurrection was not a supernatural event, but a kind of spiritual awakening among the disciples who felt that in some way the Jesus they knew was still alive.

What does the Catholic Church say to these reinterpretations? It declares what it has believed from the beginning: Jesus Christ rose from the dead. His Resurrection was a real event. A host of witnesses—over 500 according to the New Testament—testified that they saw the Risen Christ physically present among them. For 2000 years the Catholic Church has taught that the Resurrection of Christ is a

historical fact, as true as the fact that George Washington climbed into a boat to cross the Delaware.

That said, there is another dimension to the Resurrection. No human being saw Christ rise from the dead. No one witnessed the moment when his human body was transformed into his glorified immortal body. So, while the Church asserts that the Resurrection is the central truth of our faith, she also confesses that it is a great mystery, which the human mind cannot understand.

Why do some clergy and theologians, including a few who describe themselves as Catholic, tap dance around the Resurrection, trying to reduce it from the great miracle and absolute mystery that it is to something fuzzy and decidedly not supernatural? Rather than speculate on motives, let's follow the revisionists' arguments and see where they lead.

The theories we've already mentioned may start out as attempts to understand the unfathomable mystery of the Resurrection, but they end up reducing it, minimalizing it.

The theories about the Resurrection we mentioned at the outset of this article all have one thing in common: the way their proponents see it, on that first Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ was still dead. Hans Küng does not suggest that Christ actually came out of the grave; he says that after the terrible events of Good Friday, the apostles consoled themselves with the happy thought that somehow Jesus was still alive. But this theory that Christ's “real” Resurrection was the passage of his soul to heaven leaves his body dead and decomposing in the tomb.

That these theories diminish the Resurrection from a miracle to a nice feeling is obvious. But these theories do something much worse: they reduce Christ from the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to a good man and a wise teacher — on par with Ralph Waldo Emerson. And that is the real trouble behind these attempts to recast, or update, or simplify the Resurrection: they take away from the world what the world desperately needs—a divine Redeemer—and gives the world instead a teacher of ethics.

Teaching is a splendid profession, and ethics are a wonderful thing, but they pale to insignificance beside God-made-man who by His death on the cross reconciles us to His Father, and by His rising from the dead throws open for us the gates of Heaven.

All the evangelists tell us on that Sunday morning the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid was empty. An empty grave is no proof of resurrection, yet there was something



about the condition of the tomb and the linens in which the body of Jesus had been wrapped for burial that convinced St. Peter and St. John that Christ had risen from the dead.

That first fledgling belief in the Resurrection was confirmed very quickly as the apostles and disciples encountered the Risen Christ, sometimes individually as in the case of St. Mary Magdalen—the first to whom Christ revealed Himself, and sometimes collectively—such as ten out of the eleven surviving apostles to whom He appeared in the room where they had gathered for the Last Supper. All the gospels agree that these encounters were real. Christ’s followers were able to perceive Him with their senses. They saw Him. They heard Him. They ate and drank with Him.

The apostles’ experiences with the Risen Christ dispelled their fear that he was a ghost come back to haunt them. St. Thomas, who missed Christ’s first appearance among the apostles, demanded physical proof. And he got it when Christ returned again and summoned Thomas to put his finger in the nail holes and his hand into the Lord’s wounded side.

To reverse the effects of the Fall of Man, to atone for the sins of the world, Christ died on the cross. But as St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us, Christ’s sacrifice was only part of the equation. He had to rise from the dead, too. The Resurrection, says St. Thomas, was “necessary in order to

confirm our faith; also to strengthen our hope; and lastly, in order to manifest in our Lord’s Person the marvels of the glorious life to which He has destined us.” St. Paul, true to form, put it more directly: “If Christ be not risen again, your faith is in vain, for you are yet in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15.17)

Every Catholic from St. Paul to St. Thomas Aquinas to the authors of the most recent Catechism have understood that the Resurrection is the bedrock of our faith. By rising from the dead, Christ fulfills all the promises God made to mankind through the prophets. By rising from the dead, Christ establishes the authority of everything he taught while He was physically present on earth. By rising from the dead, Christ reveals that He is God.

If Christ is not God, then the execution of Jesus is no more meaningful than the execution of Socrates. If Christ is not God, then his teachings carry no more weight than the teachings of any other good man. Deny the reality of the Resurrection and you deny the divinity and authority of Christ. Once you’ve done that, Christianity collapses.

When skeptics tell you that the Resurrection of Christ is a parable, or a symbol, or metaphor, do not listen. Listen instead to what the Risen Christ told Doubting Thomas: “Be not unbelieving, but believe.”

### *April, Month of the Holy Eucharist*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord  No CCD	<b>2</b> Holy Hour for Nonbelievers 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  Roses for Mary PG Hearts of Jesus & Mary PG – 1:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.  Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Children’s Adoration 4:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.	<b>7</b> First Saturday Mass 8:00 a.m.
<b>8</b> Divine Mercy Sunday  Divine Mercy Sun. Celebration – 3 p.m.  Holy Hour for Vocations – 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> The Annunciation of the Lord  Roses for Mary PG Parish Council 6:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> St. Stanislaus  Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.  Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pope St. Martin I	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Third Sunday of Easter  No CCD	<b>16</b> Roses for Mary PG Hearts of Jesus & Mary PG – 1:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.  Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.  No RCIA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> St. Anselm
<b>22</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>23</b> St. George St. Adalbert  Roses for Mary PG	<b>24</b> St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  Comm. Meal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong. Ch. 5:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> St. Mark  Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.  Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> St. Peter Chanel St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
<b>29</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>30</b> Pope St. Pius V  Roses for Mary PG Rosary Sodality	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Alleluia!</span> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">He is Risen!</span> </div>				