

**April 2, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 1**

5:00 p.m. +**Michael Schmitt**  
By Grace Jablon

**Sunday, April 2**

8:00 a.m. +**Della Rebinski**  
By Henry Rebinski  
10:30 a.m. +**Frank Sobota**  
By St. Theodore Choir

**Monday, April 3**

8:45 a.m. +**Jacqueline Jukins**  
By Husband

**Tuesday, April 4 Saint Isidore**

8:45 a.m. +**Robert Gross and Charles Folk**  
By Angela Gross

**Wednesday, April 5 Saint Vincent Ferrer**

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

**Thursday, April 6 NO MASS**

**Friday, April 7 Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

8:45 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**  
By Henry Rebinski

**Saturday, April 8**

5:00 p.m. +**Florence, Michael and Joseph Jablon**  
By Grace Jablon

**Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday**

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**  
10:30 a.m. **Madonna of Health**  
By Angela Gross

**Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena, Procession and  
Mass: 7:30 A.M.**

**Mass: 10:30 A.M., followed by Children's Easter  
Egg Hunt**



Our Gospel today, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John

continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have



**Holy Week and  
Easter Sunday**

**Holy Thursday April, 13**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
7:00 P.M.**

**Visit to Repository until 10:30  
P.M.**

**Good Friday, April 14**

**Liturgy of the Passion, Holy Communion:  
7 P.M.**

**Station of the Cross and Day 1 of Divine Mercy  
Novena: after Liturgy**

**Holy Saturday, April, 15**

**Easter Blessing of food: 1:00 P.M**

**Day 2 of Divine Mercy Novena**

**Easter Vigil, Mass: 8:00 P.M.**

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



***Special Masses Remembrance!***

As a Spiritual Gift, have your Family and Friends remembered in the Solemn Easter Masses (6 Masses from April 13 through April 18) offered at St. Theodore Church. Extra envelopes can be found in the Narthex.



Non Chocolate Candy and plastic eggs are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. **Please drop off your donations before April 8**

**Church & Religious Education Calendar**

- April 3, 6:15: All Grades at school
- April 4, 6:30: Bible Study (every Tuesday)
- April 8, 10 a.m.: Easter Egg stuffing
- April 8, 10:30: Grounds clean-up
- April 10, 6:15: All Grades at school
- Holy Week: See above for schedule
- April 17: No Religious Ed Classes
- April 23, 3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Devotion
- April 24, 6:15p.m.: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in church for Confirmation practice; all other grades at school.
- April 29, 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Retreat



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira Hedges, Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Cathy Moncello, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

As of 3/24/17: Pledges \$5,100 from 35 families, which represents 72.9% of \$7,000 Goal



**HELP NEEDED!** Spring Cleaning of the Church Grounds: **April 8, 10:30** a.m. Please bring your rake.



Need help with a gift idea for Easter, First Communion or Confirmation? Stop by our **Altar**

**Rosary Society Gift Shop** to solve your problem. A wide selection of beautiful religious items is available for purchase. Problem solved!