



## Second Sunday of Easter

### MASS INTENTIONS

**April 16...** Diana Ingram  
**April 20...** Victims of Violent Crimes (Columbine Ann.)  
**April 23...** Dan Lane  
**April 27...** Those affected by Natural Disasters  
**April 30...** Trisha Chandler  
**May 4...** Wayne Wallace  
**May 7...** Ann Bonfield



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### A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, April 16, 2023

We have seen fictional disclaimers in the entertainment media: "any connections between the characters portrayed herein and real life individuals is purely coincidental." In my case, I was a day student at a Jesuit prep school in a major city, Scranton, some 40 miles away from my home, Mt. Pocono, a small village of some 580 people in the rural Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. As a hitchhiking day-student, I inherited the nickname "farmer" from the city-born-and-bred students who believed that such a small rural residence had to mean my parents were farmers- when in fact there were no farms at all in Mt. Pocono. My dad was a U.S. mail carrier.

A similar misrepresentation is made of "doubting" Thomas in this week's gospel who asked to verify what his fellow followers of Christ had already witnessed for themselves in his absence- namely, the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. This was the same Thomas who not too many days before had urged his fellow disciples to go to Jerusalem to die with Christ, knowing there were people in Jerusalem dead set on making Christ's death a reality. Thomas, in reality, reflected all the logical constraints to blindly accepting the testimony of the others whom he loved and who very easily could have been beset, confused- and even hallucinating- about what they had witnessed.

One of the great contributions of Vatican II was to embrace the findings, past and future, that modern science has to offer about our understanding of God and our place in God's plan of creation. Like Thomas, it ties our beliefs to the other realities of his abundant creation and, unlike Descartes, does not rely on purely subjective beliefs. Insights from such scientific fields as quantum physics even corroborate theological revelations that we are all interconnected as the body of Christ. As Pope Francis has done, we should explore our own beliefs about such things as climate change through scientific evidence as well as theological revelation. Our own doubts can be resolved in that manner.

**Reconciliation/Confession:**  
 Thursday 5:30-6pm  
**Baptism:** by appointment  
**Marriage Prep:** Notify the priest six months in advance.

#### Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Diocesan Website:** [www.cdlex.org](http://www.cdlex.org)

#### **Mass times:**

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Thursday 6pm

*Confession 5:30 on Thurs.  
 10AM on Sun.*

A very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all parishioners for your prayers, well-wishes and monetary assistance for the Mata-Reina family.

Fidencio is on the road to recovery little by little.



#### **Reminder!**

If you still have your Rice Bowl, please bring it to the church with you on Sunday, or you can drop it off by the office during the week.

Hours are Tuesdays-Thursdays from 12-6:30PM.

Thank you to all who participated!

## April Birthdays

4/17-- Erin Zappa  
4/19-- Alexcis Reyna, Sara Zink  
4/20-- Yesenia Moreno  
4/21-- Kevin Enriquez  
4/26-- Alexa Melendez  
4/27-- Olivia Brown, Yuri Lopez, Jafeth Ramirez  
4/29-- Aylin Guerrero  
4/30-- Arian de los Santos, Rachel Zink



## Calling All Gardeners!

Help us get the **Mt. Sterling Laudato Si Garden** blooming!



Join us on Facebook and in the parish community garden on **Sundays at 9AM!** Contact Laura Groff or Sr. Liz for more information.



The Final Document for the North American Continental Stage of the Synod is available for those who would like to read about it. It is available on the Diocese of Lexington's website at [cdlex.org](http://cdlex.org) under the "News" category.

## Ladies' Luncheon

**Thursday, April 27, 2023  
@ 1PM**

**La Mexicana de Acapulco**

420 E. Main St. Mt. Sterling, KY  
40353



Contact Teri Russell @ (740)-505-0121 if interested!

## The Pope Video

Let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms. Pope Francis – April 2023

“Living, speaking, and acting without violence is not surrendering, losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything.

As Saint John XXIII said 60 years ago in his Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, war is madness. It's beyond reason.

Any war, any armed confrontation, always ends in defeat for all.

Let us develop a culture of peace.

Let us remember that, even in cases of self-defense, peace is the ultimate goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without weapons.

Let us make non-violence a guide for our actions, both in daily life and in international relations.

And let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms.”



## *New Beginnings*

### Know Anyone That's Expecting?

New Beginnings in Winchester, KY are offering Parenting Classes! These will be **every Tuesday starting April 18 and ending May 9, 2023 @11AM!** Lunch is provided at noon and there is a nurse on site for infants and toddlers! If you'd like to register, please call them at **(859)-744-5688**. They are located at **139 Jefferson St. Winchester, KY 40391**.