“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
John 20:29

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 2020
By Fr. Tom Hurley

Back on Palm Sunday (April 5), I told the story of a man who sent me a text message (because that’s one of the ways we’re all communicating during these days of social distancing) and he used a phrase that captured my attention: “The Good News always finds a way in!” He had written this in response to an experience I had just days earlier with having to anoint someone through their bedroom window, due to the virus situation in which we find ourselves. I love that line: The Good News always finds its way in!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, however, I feel like we should change up the expression a bit: “The Good News always finds its way OUT!” The irony of what we are hearing today in John’s Gospel, which is always proclaimed on this Second Sunday, or the Octave of Easter is quite shocking given the situation today of being told to stay home. Most people focus solely on the Doubting Thomas angle of this Easter account, but I would suggest we look a little closer at the scene itself: the disciples are locked in a room: fearful, intimidated, and uncertain about their future. Sound familiar? It’s eerie to hear the words of John’s gospel today as we find ourselves “sheltering in place” and uncertain as to when this pandemic will allow us to move beyond our homes and back to some sense of normalcy, whatever that will mean. Just like our holy ancestors two thousand years ago, one week after that first Easter, we still find ourselves in this intimidating time of isolation and asking the big questions about what our future will be like, once the “coast is clear.”

But remember the story of those first apostles does not end with their fear and being locked in a room forever. And it’s not just about how one of them, Thomas, came to believe. But it seems to me that their story is our story, and has always been our story. Beyond even this time of pandemic, we have often found ourselves in situations where we feel trapped, alone, and uncertain about what we should do next. But remember what happens: the Risen One comes into their midst, breathes new life into them, and more-or-less says to them: get out of here! Don’t be trapped in your fear or isolation. As intimidating as it may feel, go out into the world and be bearers of the Good News. Yes, The Good News always finds its way into us. But likewise, The Good News always has to find a way to get out of us and into the world.

Thank you for “sticking with us” and helping us create this new experience of Church in these unprecedented times. I am so grateful and so proud of the Old St. Pat’s team who continues to work hard at figuring out how we get The Good News out into the world and into your homes and hearts. I can’t tell you how grateful I am that Old St. Pat’s has the technology that allows us to Livestream our liturgies to you. Last week, on Easter, we had over 9,500 devices that were joining us at 10:00 a.m. By 8:00 p.m. that night, we had over 26,000 devices that had viewed/participated in the Easter celebration at Old St. Pat’s, some from as far away as South Africa, Canada, and Genoa, Italy, to name just a few. I have no idea how many people that translates into... but let’s just say thousands!! Thank you for supporting Old St. Pat’s and especially at this unusual time in our history as we work hard to get The Good News Out into the world.

Let’s keep praying for each other, no matter where we find ourselves on the map. Let’s pray for those in the medical world, those who serve and protect, and all those in the service industries. We remember especially the suffering and the dying, along with their families. We hold in prayer those isolated in nursing homes and hospitals and quarantined in their own homes. May the Good News find its way into us and how to get out of us into our struggling world.

With Easter Hope,

Fr. Tom Hurley

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Join us for *Currents*, our new weekly Old St. Pat’s podcast series, as we explore the deeper movements of Spirit in our lives.

Each episode features members and friends of the Old St. Pat’s community giving voice to their lived experience of faith and spirituality. Whether sharing an insight, pondering a question, or offering a prayerful reflection, *Currents* speaks to our Spirit-led search for meaning and purpose.

**The second episode titled "Seeing Christ in Others" featuring Bob Kolatorowicz is now streaming.**

We are also always streaming several Sunday homilies that are available at any time for listening and sharing with friends and family.

*The OSP Podcast is hosted by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave.*

Through the gift of technology, experience our Masses live as they happen, or watch them any time by visiting oldstpats.org/livestream.

We look forward to coming together again virtually this Sunday, April 19 at 10 am for Mass with Fr. Ed Foley and the Old St. Pat's Music Ministry.

Visit our landing page linked above where we will go live this Sunday with prelude music at about 9:50 am.
LET'S STAY CONNECTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are joining us on Livestream, whether it's during the live broadcast or any time after via the archives, please share a photo or video on social media using the hashtags #WeAreOSP and #StillTogether

On Easter Sunday hundreds of people shared photos and stories as they participated in the Liturgy. Whether it was sprinkling each other with Holy Water in the living room, lighting candles, wearing Easter bonnets, watching Mass over Zoom with loved ones, you truly showed that we are #StillTogether. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

ONLINE RESOURCES PAGE

Please visit oldstpats.org/onlinereresources for ways to stay connected to the OSP community during this time of social distancing, as well as other resources for faith sharing during this time.

We have recently included a page on "Positive Living during COVID-19" where we are adding helpful articles weekly that assist in coming to terms with feelings of grief and isolation at this time.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is looking for volunteers aged 18 - 60 to help with the huge need for food that this pandemic has brought on. You can sign up as an individual and credit the Old St. Pat's programs with your hours when you are onsite. Register at the website: chicagosfoodbank.org

Our next regularly scheduled Old St. Pat's Date will be May 2 (hopefully) due to an event there on our usual day.

Thanks for sharing and caring, Mary Beth, Jim and Beth
GIVING TO OSP
Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

Over the past five weeks, as we’ve sheltered in place and worshiped and prayed together virtually, we also adjusted our ways of being Church to one another and our broader community. We’ve held livestream mass, offered prayerful podcasts, virtual spiritual direction and pastoral counseling, meal delivery, handwritten notes, and virtual rosary groups, Beloved circles, young adult gatherings, family liturgy and online education, Men’s group, and more.

You and your support make this good work possible! On average 20% of our Sunday collection, which funds this important work, is contributed through the Sunday basket. While we aren’t able to pass the basket right now, we hope you will support our Sunday Collection by making an online gift via the livestream by clicking the donate button or by texting GIVE to 312/535-0118.

Thank you!

Text to Give
Text "Give" to (312) 535-0118 or scan the QR code using your phone camera, then follow the prompts to make a secure gift.

As you shop for essentials online, be sure to log into smile.amazon.com and select Old St. Pat’s as your beneficiary.

CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY
Looking for ways to enhance your prayer life? During this time of social distancing, participating in a small faith community online is a helpful resource. You can learn all about it at www.contemplativecommunity.org.

Chapels are hosted by trained leaders Monday – Thursday and Saturday of each week. There is no fee and you can participate when you are able. We connect together in our online chapel through the video conferencing platform, Zoom. In order to participate in any of the online chapels, you will need to register by going to contemplativecommunity.org and completing a simple registration form. Once you have registered, an email will be sent to you with the URL and all the info you will need for participating in any of the chapels throughout the week.

The chapel experience is less than one hour long and takes place in two parts. The first half of our time is spent together in silent prayer/meditation. To see, hear and join with others throughout our community can be a profoundly connecting, expansive and intimate experience. The second half of the chapel time is reserved for reflecting on a short reading chosen specifically for Lent and then some simple faith sharing.

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WIN A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO SPOTIFY!
Crossroads Runners Invites You to Join Us In Staying Active During the Quarantine!

WORK-OUT FROM HOME CHALLENGE (WOFH)

We have started a Work-Out From Home Challenge (WOFH) and thought a little incentive would help. This is for everyone whether you plan to run the marathon or would just like some motivation to stay active.

Help fill our social media feeds with positivity. If you don’t already follow Crossroads Runners on Social Media, please do so on our new accounts below.

Post a photo of staying active (running, walking, biking, etc) while social distancing. Please include an inspirational message with your post, tag us and include #ospworkoutfromhomechallenge.

Instagram: @CrossroadsRunners
Facebook.com/OSPcrossroadsrunners
Twitter: @CrossroadsRunn1

Post your photo by Thursday, April 30 for a chance to win a one year subscription to Spotify! That’s a lot of playlists for your long runs or walks! Don’t forget to tag us and include #ospworkoutfromhomechallenge

WE STILL HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR MARATHON TEAM!

Did you have plans to run another marathon this spring that has been postponed? Have you been putting off running a marathon until ‘next year’? With social distancing, why not use the time to start training and check off that “I always wanted to run a marathon” bucket list item. This is your year to run the Chicago Marathon and help the OSP North Lawndale Initiative and other social outreach programs that the Crossroads Team supports.

WIN AN APPLE WATCH!

All runners who register to run the 2020 marathon with Crossroads runners before Friday, May 15 will be entered to win an Apple Watch! Participants who have already registered will be automatically entered.

The benefits of being part of our team include a professional training coach, team camaraderie, pre-marathon gathering with gear check and post party near the start/finish line and much more!

In the fall runners will flock to the streets of Chicago to take part in a journey of endurance, dedication and heart. We’d love to have you join our team and we will be there to help cheer you every step of the way.

For more information please contact crossroadsrunners@oldstpats.org.
**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

[1]1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Mass Remembrances:

8:00 am  
Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†)  
Ernest "Ernie" Soor (†)

9:30 am  
Elizabeth Henery (†)  
Robert Smith (†)  
Robert Dugal (†)

11:15 am  
Anthony Cappello (†)  
Gainer Family (†)

5:00 pm  
Consuelo Huerta (†)


**Monday, April 20, 2020**

Readings: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8


**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

Readings: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Book of Patrick: Lester Copeland, John George Kent, Sr., Mary Katherine Komie, Anne Salvitti, Clare Therese Sara, Swaine & Gosling Families, Susan Louise Tassone, Anne Virginia Power, Lauren, Lynn, Mulhern

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

Readings: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Mass Remembrances: Mary E. Shannon, Jeff Anderson (†), Mary M. Nockels (†), Jeffrey Michael Anderson (†), John Anichini (†)


**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

Readings: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Mass Remembrances: Bob Novack, Beth Daniels Bello (†), Franklin Family (†), Alec Spear (†)

(†) = Deceased

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**Women and Men of Faith**

**Saint Gianna Beretta Molla**

**Saint of the Day for April 19**

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta’s 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: “Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women.” In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

Early in her sixth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week, Gianna Molla died at home in Mesero, where she was buried.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her Liturgical Feast Day is April 28.

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