Sunday of Easter **April 21, 2024**

Mass Intentions for the Week

4-22	Mon	9:00 AM	Adam Stephen Bagley By Pete & Ellie Robinson
4-23	Tues	9:00 AM	Doris Dean By Nancy Ives
4-24	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
4-25	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alicia Consuelo By Alec
4-26	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
4-27	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph Schuck By the family
4-28	Sun	10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo

We are aware that the sound system is not working properly. A service call was made and the technician will be here sometime during the week of April 22-25. Your patience and understanding while we resolve this problem is appreciated.

Bird Feeder Sale

The weekend of April 27th & 28th our youth will be offering bird feeders for sale to raise funds for a Faith Formation activity. They are asking for a $10.00 donation for each bird feeder.

The Power of One Hour

The Power of One hour is a 5 part video series from the Diocese of Albany. The series breaks the Mass into five parts; Mass Prep, Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Communion and Concluding Rites. Each installment has a study guide for adults and children and can be accessed at www.rcda.org/powerofonehour.Read more about this program in the article from the Evangelist posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Fourth of Sunday of Easter

As Jesus says at the start of the Gospel, he is the Good Shepherd. And what makes him a Good Shepherd? First, he *lays down his life for the sheep*. Second, he knows his sheep and they know him. First, he *lays down his life for the sheep*. The Lord didn't just say he was willing to die for us, he actually did so. Many of us sacrifice a great many things for our family, friends, or country; or in our commitment to a cause. The people we love are worth those sacrifices, and we likely even have the sense that we'd give our life for them. Jesus came into our human history, took on human flesh, and willingly chose to offer himself to the Father as the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of love.

But Jesus wasn't just human. He was, and is, fully divine as well. He is the incarnate Son of God who died for us out of love, to offer us salvation; to bring us back into communion with God so as to *be called the children of God*.He knows us, and we know him. But how can we come to know our Shepherd even better?

One way to come to know our Shepherd is by reading and meditating on the Scriptures, which are his own words to us. As we immerse ourselves in the story of salvation, we encounter a God who seeks a personal relationship with his flock, who knows each one of his people: our strengths, our weaknesses, our desires, our hopes and aspirations, our sins, our disappointments, and heartaches. We also learn that despite our less-than-stellar responses at times to the riches the Lord has showered upon us, he continues to seek us, to pursue us, and ultimately call us to his side for eternity.

Another way to come to know our Shepherd is to do what we are doing here-gathering to celebrate and receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of our Good Shepherd.

Jesus points out in the Gospel that hired hands, who have no concern for the sheep they are shepherding because they are not their own, will run away at the sign of trouble. They leave the sheep to face the dangers on their own. This imagery, and thus the analogy of a Good Shepherd, works well for us, even in our less agrarian lives; We understand what it means to protect and love what, and who, are important to us. It helps illustrate the reality of God's love for us: It is not fleeting, it is not temporal, and it is not dependent upon our worth. God gave us the Good Shepherd so that for all time we would have an advocate and protector.

Peter says the following in our first reading, and it is the perfect summary of what it means to have Christ as our Shepherd: *[Jesus] is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is not salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.*

~Faith Catholic, Daily Homilies for Sunday and Weekday Masses

Weekend of May 4th & 5th 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 Second Reading- 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel- John 10:11-18

	Saturday 4:00 PM	**Sunday 10:30AM**
Celebrant:	Fr. Peter	Fr. Peter
Lector:	Ginni Brandt	Paula Ciborowski
Eucharistic Ministers:	Yvonne Sliney	Lorraine Keckeisen
Altar Servers	Jack, Ella, & Henry Grigoli	Ayla & Quinn Gronwall & Maddison Curtin & Gabriel Harris

Offerings on April 13th & 14th, 2024-Weekly, $2,404.00; Easter, $60.00; Fuel, $10.00; Repairs, $100.00; Evangelist, $18.00; Easter Flowers, $3.00; Catholic Relief Services, $30.00

FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

April 21st- **No Classes**
May 5th- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K-10th grade classes
Last class for the 2023-2024 school year

Red Cross Blood Drive

When- Tuesday April 23, 2024 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
Where- Sidney Elks Lodge, 104 River Street
The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years! 40% of our local donors have been lost. Please consider making a donation of the gift of life to ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold!

Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart.
Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by May 12th to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

Confirmandi Retreat

On Saturday, May 11th from 9 AM -5 PM the RCDA Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a retreat at the Shrine of North American Martyrs in Fultonville, NY. Lunch is included with your $10.00 registration fee. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information and to register go to scouting@rcda.org or call 845-662-1075.

Easter Flowers

There are tulips, daffodils, lilies, and hyacinths on the table in the vestibule. Please feel free to take one home with you. Please do not take the flowers on the altar and in the windows home. Thank you!

Beginning Monday, April 29th, daily Mass will resume being celebrated in church.

April Bulletin Quotes

"Suicidal individuals-with or without a terminal illness-typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"
usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

Celebrate Easter's 50 days

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year-so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Each week of the Easter season we will provide a few ideas to help celebrate the fifty days.
1-Read about the Emmaus disciple (Luke 24:13-35); take a family walk
2-Plan a musical Easter celebration and invite friends over
3-Pray the daily readings at usccb.org or on FORMED

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday of EASTER

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep." Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you and teach you tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:
June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA
June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY
Registration is limited; there is a $100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.org/.

Share the Bounty

The next Share the Bounty meal is this coming Thursday, April 25th from 4:30-6:30 PM. Come to enjoy the meal or to volunteer your time with serving or clean-up.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LaCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroleto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Gugliemo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Stephanie Soldinger, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr.

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.