



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter / May 3, 2020

First Reading:

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23) or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Pt 2:24)

Gospel:

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Observances for the week of May 3, 2020

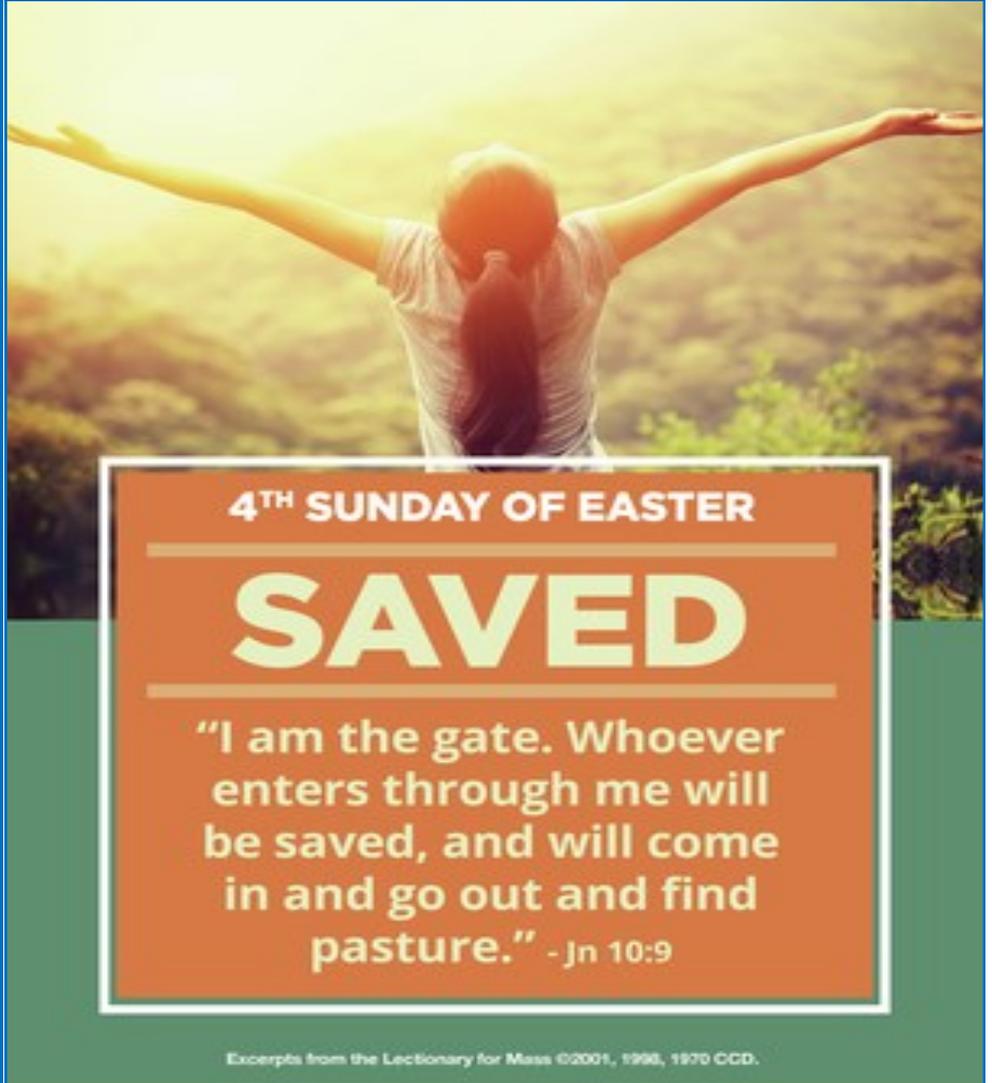
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter;

Weddings—Baptisms: Contact Parish Secretary for appointment.
724-872-6123 or email
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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAVED

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A Prayer in response to the coronavirus outbreak and all illnesses

Lord Jesus, in our time of need, we bring our fears and concerns to you in faith. We are grateful for your closeness to us as we confront the adversity of the coronavirus and all illnesses as they affect those we love and countless others.

Jesus, tend to those who are suffering at this time, especially the elderly and the weak. Provide every necessary strength to our doctors, nurses, health care assistants and all those who are working to respond to this crisis.

Jesus, give us the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to face this challenge. Inspire each of us to do whatever is necessary to confront the spread of this disease. Help us to carry this cross with courage and to walk with the sick with compassion.

Give knowledge to our scientists. Keep our families in your care. Heal the sick. Protect the healthy. Console the fearful. Comfort those who are isolated. Give us hope. Give us life.

Jesus, the divine physician, we trust in you.

Mary, comfort of God's children, Pray for us.

St. Bernadine of Siena, patron of those with illnesses of the lung, Pray for us.

St. Albert the Great, patron of scientists, Pray for us.

We make our prayer to you this day, Lord Jesus Christ, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ Edward C. Maloni



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2

Vigil—4th Sunday of Easter

Elizabeth Chopp

by Andy Chopp

Sunday, May 3

4th Sunday of Easter

Living and Deceased Members of CCM

by Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Tuesday May 5

Weekday

Joseph Kegan

by Family

Wednesday May 6

Weekday

Michaelene Nohavicka

by Family & Friends

Saturday, May 9

Vigil—5th Sunday of Easter

Sara Romanosky

by Family

Sunday, May 10

5th Sunday of Easter

For All Mothers

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
SAT	5/2 Paul Trasky	
SUN	5/3 Paulette & Gary Klun	
MON	5/4 Christy & Matt Spino	
TUES	5/5 Madison Shrump	
WED	5/6 Kathleen & Primo Sette	
THURS	5/7 Bertha Smith	
FRI	5/8 Bruno Egros	Charles Forbes, Jr.
SAT	5/9 Fr. John T. Sweeney	
SUN	5/10 Steve Kurutz	

Blank spaces are available for celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

4th Sunday of Easter – On this *Good Shepherd Sunday* and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Having done so, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by getting baptized in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces God as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In his first letter to the early Church, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for His sheep, and the second parable - as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding His flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is Himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

For us today – what does all this mean? We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. Even older siblings to their younger siblings are shepherds/teachers of the proper way to live for others. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles.

On the Lighter Side - Four pastors, taking a short break from their heavy schedules, were on a park bench, chatting and enjoying an early spring day. "You know, since all of us are such good friends," said one, "this might be a good time to discuss personal problems." They all agreed. "Well, I would like to share with you the fact that I drink to excess," said one. There was a gasp from the other three. Then another spoke up. "Since you were so honest, I'd like to say that my big problem is gambling. It's terrible, I know, but I can't quit. I've even been tempted to take money from the tithing contribution." Another gasp was heard, and the third clergyman spoke up. "I'm really troubled, brothers, because I'm growing fond of a woman in my church — a married woman." More gasps. But the fourth remained silent. After a few minutes the others coaxed him to open up. "The fact is," he said, "I just don't know how to tell you about my problem." "It's all right, brother. Your secret is safe with us," said the others. "Well, it's this way," he said. "You see, I'm an incurable gossiper."

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.

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