

Sunday, April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 4/25	8:00 a.m.	Bonnie Seery <i>Req. by Joe</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Michael Fabiano <i>Req. by Connie & Michael Catalinotto</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Anna Marie Westergard <i>Req. by Mary & Joe Jurofcik</i>
Mon 4/26	8:00 a.m.	Bernadette Donlon <i>Req. by Paul</i>
Tue 4/27	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Marino <i>Req. by Marilyn & Paul Pavlovich</i>
Wed 4/28	8:00 a.m.	Joan Foley <i>Req. by Joe & Mary Jurofcik</i>
Thu 4/29	8:00 a.m.	Brian Sawchuk <i>Req. by Columbiettes</i>
Sat 5/1	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Riccio <i>Req. by wife & children</i>
Sun 5/2	8:00 a.m.	Martin Keenaghan <i>Req. by wife Patrice</i>
	9:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased members of Altar Rosary Society <i>Req. by Altar Rosary Society</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Scala and Thompson families <i>Req. by family</i>

JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. John's. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John's Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

Applications are available in the church as well as in the foyer of the Parish Center.

2021 ANNUAL HOLY NAME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

St. Mary of the Snow-St. Joseph's Holy Name Society will be awarding three scholarships to graduating seniors of the parish. (Must be an active parishioner) Applications are available in the church as well as in the foyer of the Parish Center. Applications are to be returned to Mr. Thomas A. Resso by May 31, 2021. Please mail the application to: 2038 Route 32, Saugerties, NY 12477.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office. If you need to reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 246-4913.

CLYNK!

Here's how it works: Fill a green Clynk Bag (which is available in the rear of the churches as well as in the Parish Center), then bring the bag to the Hannaford Lobby, where you scan it and drop it in the shoot. That's it! All proceeds go to our parish! Also, consider bringing your Clynk Bags to your place of employment and recycle their bottles for our church as well. If you have any questions, contact Alison Belfance, 845-217-3333.



Rev. Fr. Francis Mary Ogundare, who served at St. Mary of the Snow in the 1990's, passed away on March 2, 2021. He had many friends in our area.
May he rest in eternal peace.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be moving out of the school building this month and back to our former location in the parish center! We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we



transition back to the office. Catherine will be available on Wednesday & Thursday between 10:30am – Noon for Mass card purchases.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org. **St Johns food pantry will be the first Saturday of May from 10am -12. If someone cannot get there. Please feel free to let Gabby know and she will try to accommodate.**

WeShare DONATIONS

If you would like to make a one-time donation set up automatic weekly donations, please consider setting up an account through WeShare. You may find further information here:

<https://stmaryofthesnow.churchgiving.com>

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SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wed – Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Thu – Saint Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Fri – Saint Pius V, Pope

Sat – Saint Joseph the Worker

Laying Down Your Life (from My Catholic Life!)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)—Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.” [John 10:11](#)

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” This is because the readings for this Sunday from all three liturgical years come from the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel in which Jesus teaches clearly and repeatedly about His role of being the Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be a shepherd? More specifically, how is it that Jesus most perfectly acts as the Good Shepherd of us all? The image of Jesus being a shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have shown Jesus as a gentle and kind man holding a sheep in His arms or on His shoulders. In part, it is this holy image that we put before our mind’s eye to ponder today. This is an inviting image and one that helps us to turn to our Lord, as a child would turn to a parent in need. But though this gentle and endearing image of Jesus as a shepherd is quite inviting, there are other aspects of His role as Shepherd that should also be considered.

The Gospel quoted above gives us the heart of Jesus’ definition of the most important quality of a good shepherd. He is one who “lays down his life for the sheep.” He is one who is willing to suffer, out of love, for those entrusted to his care. He is one who chooses the life of the sheep over his own life. At the heart of this teaching is sacrifice. A shepherd is sacrificial. And being sacrificial is the truest and most accurate definition of love.

Though Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” Who gave His life for us all, we must also daily strive to imitate His sacrificial love for others. We must be Christ, the Good Shepherd, to others every day. And the way we do this is by looking for ways to lay our lives down for others, putting them first, overcoming every selfish tendency, and serving them with our lives. Love is not only experiencing endearing and heartwarming moments with others; first and foremost, love is about being sacrificial.

Reflect, today, upon these two images of Jesus the Good Shepherd. First, ponder the tender and gentle Lord Who welcomes you and cares for you in a holy, compassionate, and endearing way. But then turn your eyes to the Crucifixion. Our Good Shepherd did, indeed, give His life for us all. His shepherding love led Him to suffer greatly and to lay His life down so that we could be saved. Jesus was not afraid to die for us, because His love was perfect. We are the ones who matter to Him, and He was willing to do anything necessary to love us, including sacrificing His life out of love. Ponder this most holy and pure sacrificial love and strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom you are called to love.

Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jan vander Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Adrian Lepe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, Melanie Hagan, Darryl Caldwell, SherryAnn Kenjersky, George Dale, Clare Miller, Patricia Robinson, Doreen Churchill, Francis Posavec, Robyn Daugherty, CB Slutzky, Shanna Pesce, Laura Bach, Tony Gallo Sr., Jacqueline McNeil, Miriam Imbierowic, Pam Frost, Amy Schofield, Laurie Simmons, MaryLynn Ceccotti-Cody, Joseph P. DeFozio, Kathy Schmitt, Brian Marshall, Esther Lemmerman, Edward Castinidos, Sr., Dashell Baptista, MaryEllen D’Amico, Giada Pettengill, Allen GianCola, Kathy Trees, John Creegan, Beth Marshall, Charles Visich, Rosa Lattanzio, Fred Lenz, Fr. Joe Lorenzo, Kathleen Brooks, Kenneth P. Sinnott, Florence Snyder, David VanBenschoten, Mary Martino, Rose S. Riozzi, Joseph Veltrie, John Adam, Nick Gasparro, Sister Peggy, Joseph Konopka, Edward Sinnott, Brandon Smith, Genevieve Orbacz, Cindy, Anonymous Parishioner, Walter Johnson, Taylor Sherman, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Betty Cotich, Mike Leung, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Jill Trees

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333.

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.