

APRIL 25, 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS. 4: 8-12. There is no salvation through anyone else.

PSALM 118. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1 JOHN. 3: 1-2. See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

JOHN. 10: 11-18. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



**GOD'S WORD TODAY:** *The 'Good Shepherd': The Spirit of humility and compassion.* Jesus' model of the Good Shepherd calls us to look beyond our own expectations, needs and fears in order to become "shepherds" of reconciliation, compassion and charity to others. To be a disciple of Jesus is not to be simply a "hired hand" who acts only to be rewarded; real followers of Jesus realize that every person of the "one- fold" possesses the sacred dignity of being children of God and rejoices in knowing that in serving others he/she serves God. In embracing the Gospel attitude of humility and compassion for the sake of others—in "laying down our lives" for others—our lives will one day be "taken up again" in the Father's Easter promise.



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY-4/26

8:00 A.M.

Rita Battenberg (Howard Young)

*Easter Weekday*

TUESDAY-4/27

8:00 A.M.

Dolly Captain (Michele Hine)

*Easter Weekday*

WEDNESDAY-4/28

8:00 A.M.

Leah Toye (Christine Berry & Family)

*Ss. Peter Chanel, priest & Martyr; Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest*

*Easter Weekday*

5:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION MASS

THURSDAY-4/29

8:00 A.M.

Joseph Cicio (Tony & Marie Spataro)

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

*Easter Weekday*

FRIDAY-4/30

8:00 A.M.

Cathy Nicholls (M/M Paul Delicati)

*St. Pius V, Pope*

*Easter Weekday*

SATURDAY-5/1

4:00 P.M.

Leona Zeshonski (Diane, Reverend Joseph & Michael Mosley)

SUNDAY-5/2-THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 A.M.

Mary E. Curatola (M/M Tom Terpak)

10:30 A.M.-FIRST COMMUNION

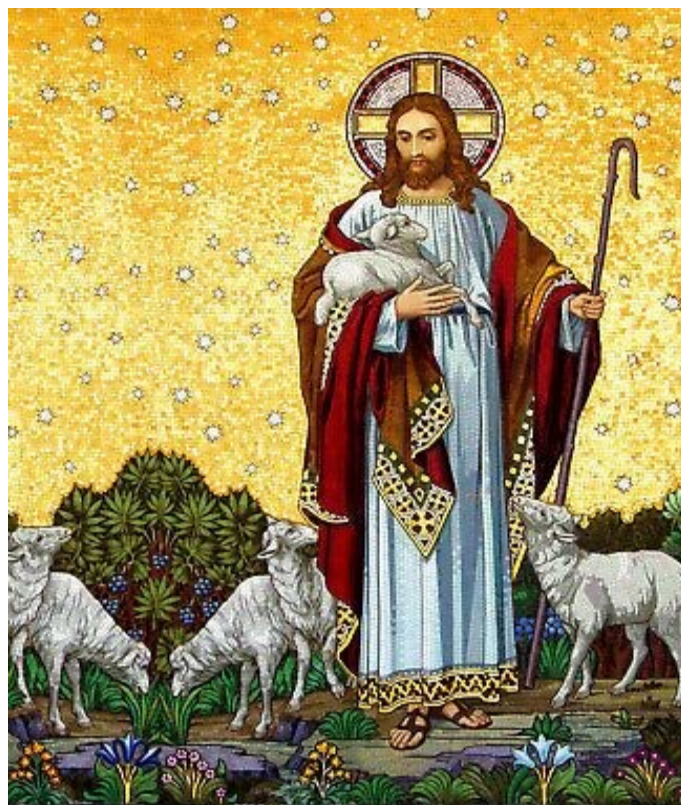
Frank Ryczak, Sr. (Norma & Guy Errigo)

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn Children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic Evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, Implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

*Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"*



OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION APRIL 25, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2,907.49
ON-LINE GIVING	\$170.00
DUES/SALARY	\$192.00
EASTER	\$450.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$135.50
INCOME =	\$3,854.99
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES =	\$4,803.34



COUNTERS FOR MONDAY APRIL 26, 2021

Diane Chelik  
Theresa Daley

**CARE AND EDUCATION FOR PRIESTS:** We no longer have an envelope for this collection. So, the Second collection next week-end will be for the Care and Education of Priests.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of M/M Donnell Neary  
Donated By: Joe & Mary Fran Smith. THANK YOU!



**RESPONDING TO THE CALL:**

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being a sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has

precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents. Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

**PRAYERS NEEDED:** This week our parish will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. What wonderful expressions of faith. We also pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Unless our children follow through and come to Mass and help build the Church, we will not have many new priests in the future. Parents and Grandparents: thank you for bringing them to church and encouraging them to practice the Catholic Faith.



**RESPECT FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH:**

Includes how we live as a parish community. It also includes how we serve the public in our activities. We are called to go the extra mile even in our kitchen and beyond. People expect more of the church. Unless we rise to the occasion, Jesus cannot be proclaimed as he would like. Our **Good Shepherd** asks for our trust and willingness to **listen** and **act**.



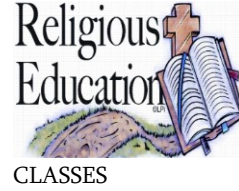
**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION FROM PRIESTLY MINISTRY:**

On October 27, 2020, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., imposed a suspension from priestly ministry on Reverend James T. Tracy, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton. This suspension prohibits Father Tracy from exercising priestly ministry and includes, but is not limited to the following:

- From presenting himself publically as a priest
- From exercising any function of priestly ministry in the territory of the Diocese of Scranton or anywhere else
- From celebrating the Eucharist publically or in private
- From celebrating any sacrament with any member of the Christian faithful in the territory of the Diocese of Scranton or anywhere else

These measures are disciplinary in nature and are the result of an internal canonical process involving the status of Father Tracy's ministry as a priest. Furthermore, should anyone become aware of Father Tracy violating these prescripts, they are to contact the Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton Immediately.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:** Your spiritually adopted baby is growing beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.



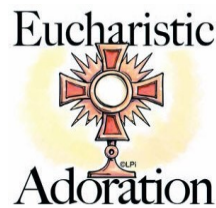
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: WEEKLY SCHEDULE CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

April 25-Fourth Sunday of Easter–Classes  
May 2-Fifth Sunday of Easter-LAST DAY OF CLASSES

**NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESAN OF SCRANTON:**The Fraternité Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish Complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support to the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church. The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive sacraments provided by the FraternitéNotre Dame Community when masses are available in nearby Churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The Catholic Women's Conference, Refresh Your Faith, will be held on June 19, 2021 at Marywood University campus. The event will take place in an outdoor tent on the campus. The theme of "With Merciful Love" will be addressed by keynote speakers, Father Chris Alar and Sister Virginia Joy. Taylor Tripodi will provide spiritual music. \$40 for live outdoor tent seating; \$20 for Virtual Live Streaming. For more information and to register, visit [www.cwnepa.com](http://www.cwnepa.com)

**SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:** This weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Over 40% of dioceses United States its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.



**PRAYER DAYS:** Prayer days are special gifted times. During the Prayer Day, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar. Coming into the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. The Prayer Day is a time of silence, adoration, thanksgiving and petition before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please accept this announcement as an invitation. To take advantage of this time with the Lord. Prayer Days are **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CHURCH**. Prayer days begin after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and concludes at 12:00 P.M. there are sign-up sheets at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to sign in for whatever time you can spend with our Lord. We are always in need of people who will promise at least a half an hour to stay before the Blessed Sacrament.

**SONNY SAYS:** The Sunday School Class was studying the 10 commandments. Teacher asked: "Can anyone tell me which commandment has only four words in it?" One little boy in the back raised his hand, "Keep off the grass."

