



## Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020



Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you. I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:1-10

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Friday -	May 8	† Cynthia Lubert, Anniv.
Saturday -	May 9	† Diane Warefield-Lechene
Saturday -	May 9	† Jenny Turek, Anniv.
Sunday -	May 10	† Gerald Miller, Anniv.
Sunday -	May 10	Parish Mass
Sunday -	May 10	† Marissa Lynn Stem

"The faithful are denied of the Eucharist. The priest is denied of his people. For the priest who loves his community, celebrating Mass alone is not a privilege but a deep hidden wound that becomes a source of communion with the community that he loves." - Fr. Hayden



The Sanctuary Lamps burn  
**In Memory of**  
**Cynthia Lubert and**  
**Diane Warefield-Lechene,**  
 The week of  
 May 3 – May 9



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Regina Kirkpatrick**. May flights of angels wing her to Paradise, and may her soul and the souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace...Amen.

**Queen of Peace Facebook:** @queenofpeacechurchpatton  
**Queen of Peace Website:** <https://queenofpeacepatton.org>  
 On this site, there are **Daily Masses** in both the Ordinary Form and the Extraordinary Form.

**Proclaim! TV Mass**

Sundays at 11 AM on WATM ABC 23 - Sundays at 9 PM on Atlantic Broadband Channel 9

**EWTN (Eternal Word TV Network):** Comcast channel 265 - Mass is available 3 X daily; 7 days a week, as well as other Devotions

**Daily Live Streaming Masses:** Prince of Peace Parish, Northern Cambria, Website: <https://www.popnc.net/> - Daily Live Streaming Masses - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 a.m. - Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. - Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.

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**What did Jesus mean when He said, "I Am The Good Shepherd?"**

"I Am The Good Shepherd" (Jn 10:11) is the fourth of seven "I Am" declarations of Jesus recorded only in John's Gospel. These "I Am" proclamations point to His unique divine identity and purpose. Immediately after declaring that He is "The Door" in John 10:7, Jesus declares "I Am The Good Shepherd." He describes Himself as not only "The Shepherd," but "The Good Shepherd." What does this mean?

One should understand that Jesus is "The" Good Shepherd, not simply "a" Good Shepherd, as others may be, but He is unique in character (Psalm 23; Zechariah 13:7; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25; 1 Peter 5:4). The Greek word *kalos* translated "good" describes that which is noble, wholesome, good, and beautiful, in contrast with that which is wicked, mean, foul and unlovely. It signifies not only that which is good inwardly – character – but also that which is attractive outwardly. It is an innate goodness. Therefore, in using the phrase "The Good Shepherd," Jesus is referencing His inherent goodness, His righteousness, and His beauty. **As Shepherd of the sheep, He is the One who protects, guides, and nurtures His flock.**

Jesus gave His life on the cross as "The Good Shepherd" for His own. He Who would save others, though He had the power, did not choose to save Himself. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Through His willing sacrifice the Lord made Salvation possible for all who come to Him in faith. In proclaiming that He is The Good Shepherd, Jesus speaks of "laying down" His life for His sheep (Jn 10:15, 17-18).

Jesus' death was divinely appointed. It is only through Him that we receive salvation. "I Am The Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep, and Am known by My own" (Jn 10:14). Furthermore, Jesus makes it clear that it wasn't just for the Jews that He laid down His life, but also for the "other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one Shepherd" (Jn 10-16). The "other sheep" clearly refers to the Gentiles. As a result, Jesus is The Good Shepherd over all, both Jew and Gentile, who come to believe upon Him (Jn 3:16).



**PARISH PRAYER LIST** – We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our Parish Family in need of Healing in Body, Mind, or Spirit especially **Robert Gauntner, Margaret Whiteford, Gerard Macaluso, Bernie Ropchock, Leona Hoover, Angel Sherwood, Kara Vozniak, Dick Anna, Rose Moxley** and **OUR ENTIRE WORLD**. May they embrace their trials in union with the Crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, and the remission of sins



**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** (until further notice). The phone will be answered during Office Hours, and/or you may leave a message at any time. **Office Hours:** Monday & Friday – 9 AM – 3 PM - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday –9 AM – Noon.



**REFLECTIONS ON TODAY’S GOSPEL** – We are sheep; Jesus is the gate for the sheepfold. The imagery is simple and ancient. Here there is not “heaven” but instead a place of safety and security from the world with its dangers and threats. Even this place of safety is not entirely secure, as there are some thieves and robbers who would climb the fence, not entering through the gate. Our only “protection” from such dangers is that we would not follow their voice. Let us know the gate through which we enter the sheepfold and not be called away by other voices.  
-Living Liturgy, Fourth Sunday of Easter 2020



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** – Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear His words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” **By your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.**



**QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES** – Many have asked about their Envelopes and ongoing contributions. You may mail them, donate online at <https://queenofpeacepatton.org> or just continue to fill them and keep them until when we are finally allowed to worship again as a Parish Family. Please don’t forget the temporal needs of *your* Parish.



**FISH (Cod) FOR SALE** –More arrived but only 11 boxes left. Each 10 lb. box is \$41, and has approx. 25-28 pieces. Also, there is a limited supply of salmon patties left (sold on a first come basis), for \$1.50 each or \$7 for ½ dozen. They are frozen and fully cooked, only need warmed in the microwave or oven. Please call the Parish Office (674-8983) and/or leave a message. **This is the last call on the fish and salmon cakes. When they’re gone, they’re gone!!!**



**\*\*New Date\*\* - The Patton Volunteer Fire Company** is sponsoring a Rabies Clinic & Dog/Cat Grooming on **Sunday, June 7** from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Patton Fire Hall. **\*New Prices this Year\*** Rabies Shot is now \$15 – Distemper/Parvo is now \$20 – Grooming (ears/nails) is now \$10. **Only Cash Accepted.** Dogs/Cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Dogs must be at least 12 weeks old to receive the Rabies Shot. Only 1 person (with pet) admitted at a time! **All Proceeds Benefit the Patton Volunteer Fire Company. We Thank You!**



### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Like most people today, chances are you do not know any shepherds. For the first Christians, who were familiar with shepherds, the Good Shepherd was a favorite image to associate with Christ. In fact, the earliest Christian art depicts Christ as The Good Shepherd, not the crucified Savior. Often He was portrayed as a beardless youth. Surprisingly, the image of Jesus as The Good Shepherd is still popular. In fact, early childhood education experts tell us that young children find the concept of a shepherd and his love for his sheep enchanting.

In the Old Testament, God was called a Shepherd, and God’s people the flock. For instance, in Psalm 23 the psalmist sings that The Shepherd leads him to green pastures near refreshing waters. The Shepherd guards him in right paths and protects him from evil. God says, “I Myself will pasture My sheep; I Myself will give them rest...The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal” (Ezekiel 34:15-16).

According to the Gospels, Jesus referred to Himself as a Shepherd. He said, “My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me” (Jn 10:27). A shepherd knows his sheep well. There is a personal relationship between Jesus and His followers. Jesus knows each of us by name. On the other hand, we respond to His voice and do not follow the voice of strangers who may lead us to harm. Jesus said, “I Am The Good Shepherd. A Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11). Unlike a hired hand who flees to save his life, Jesus saved His flock from the wolf even though it meant sacrificing His own life.

The parable Jesus told about the lost sheep is a story about Jesus’ concern and care for us sinners. He is the loving Shepherd Who goes to great lengths to search for His lost sheep and when He finds it, carries it back on His shoulders rejoicing.

When Jesus gave Peter the responsibility of leading His Church, He again used Shepherd imagery. He told Peter, “Feed My lambs...Tend My sheep...Feed My sheep” (Jn 21:15-17).

Knowing about shepherds sheds light on the image of Jesus as Shepherd. The shepherd uses a staff with a hook on the end to guide the sheep and pull back the stray. Today, Jesus guides His flock through bishops, who are known as *pastors*, the Latin for shepherds. Bishops carry staffs called crosiers. The shepherd has a rod to fend off wild animals that might harm the flock. Jesus saved us from evil.

Jesus restores our souls. Shepherds feed their flocks. Jesus feeds us with the excellent Bread of the Eucharist and brings us to living waters: Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

The image of shepherds is that they are kind, loving, patient, strong, and self-sacrificing. They are a good image for Jesus. And sheep, who can be rather stupid and foolish creatures, are a good symbol for us!

**† The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want! †**