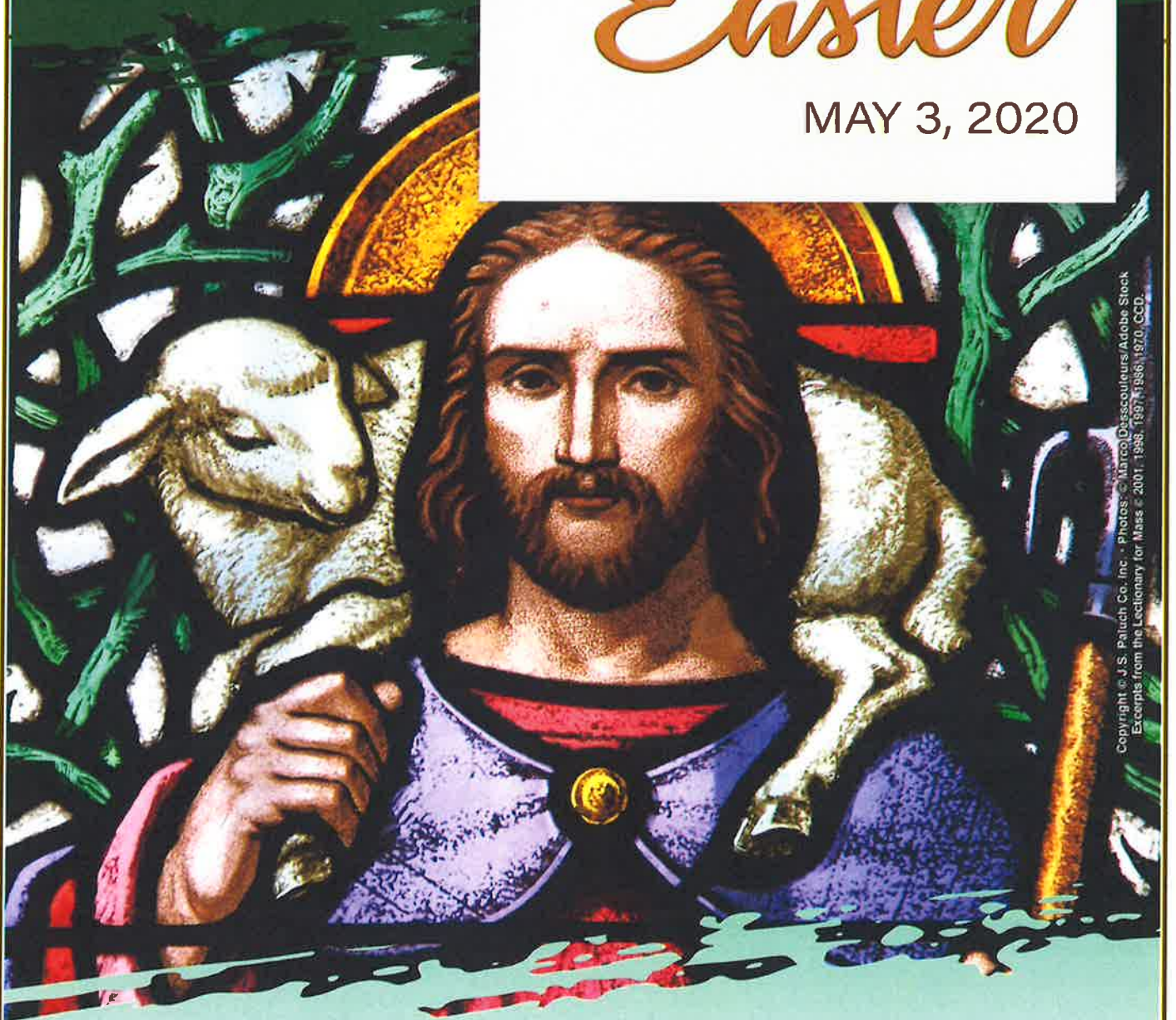


FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 3, 2020



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The shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them.

John 10:3



Notes from Father Tom...

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. Remember the virus is still here and we still need to be very cautious.

Some good news, the bishops of Ohio have announced that we will be allowed to celebrate Mass publically on May 30/31, Pentecost. We have not yet heard the details but there will be a plan to keep everyone safe. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended but I know many are anxious to get back to attending Mass.

We have been streaming weekend and daily Mass. We are in the process of getting Wi-Fi for the church so we can stream from there. We did two virtual tours of the church, one of the baptistery and one of the sanctuary. I know over five hundred people viewed the baptistery tour. In the future, I think we will be doing a lot on line because it seems to be convenient for people.

I came here on May 1, 1995 which means this past Friday it has been twenty five years that I have been the pastor at Saint Anselm. Time flies when you are having fun. I still remember events from my first day here.

Monday is the fiftieth anniversary of the Kent State shootings in 1970. It is important that we continue to pray and to do what we can to prevent violence in the world.

- May 4 – May the Force be with you.
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- May 7 – World Day of Prayer
For Vocations
- May 10 – Mother’s Day

Father Tom

† **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-6, 1Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10
Sunday, MAY 3, 2020

Monday, May 4, 2020 Domenica & Paolo Fedeli
Acts 11:1-18, Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4, Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 Domjan Family
Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-7, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 Deborah Mandley
Acts 12:24— 13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7, 2020 John Colagiovanni
Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8, 2020 Joseph Harryhill
Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-11b, Jn 14:1-6

† **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12



Note from Sister Noel about Sewing Project

Thanks to the responses already that have occurred this past week. The first 100 masks were completed last week for Charity Hospital. The second 100 masks are presently starting to be cut by women in the parish. Elastic is a sparse commodity these days, so we cut as we wait. The third 100+ will be made for our parish when we are finally open. Those who could not find a mask could find one here!



Thank you to the contributors of time, talent, material and/or elastic! You are helping us make it happen! Anyone willing to cut or sew, send a note to nmarra@ursulinesisters.org.

St. Anselm Church has been asked by *The Chester Planning Committee* to communicate the following to our parishioners:

“Chester Township is seeking community input through a public questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire is to assist the Township in understanding residents’ perspectives on priorities for the Township. As the Township plans for the future, it is important the opinions of the Township citizens are given careful consideration. The questionnaire will be mailed to all households in early May and are to be returned via postage paid mail by May 24, 2020.”

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Sunday Readings
May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” 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. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23: 1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or:

R. Alleluia.

He guides me in right paths

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or:

R. Alleluia.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading 2

1 Pt 2:20b–25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. 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. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

Jn 10:1–10

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. 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.”

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointing's, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar.

Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

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Entrance

How else but through a broken heart
May the Lord Christ enter in?

—Oscar Wilde

Much-Needed Love

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't
deserve it.

—Anonymous

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

Good News!

When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was likely part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted "Crucify him!" as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.


Jesus Saves

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

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God's Word for Children

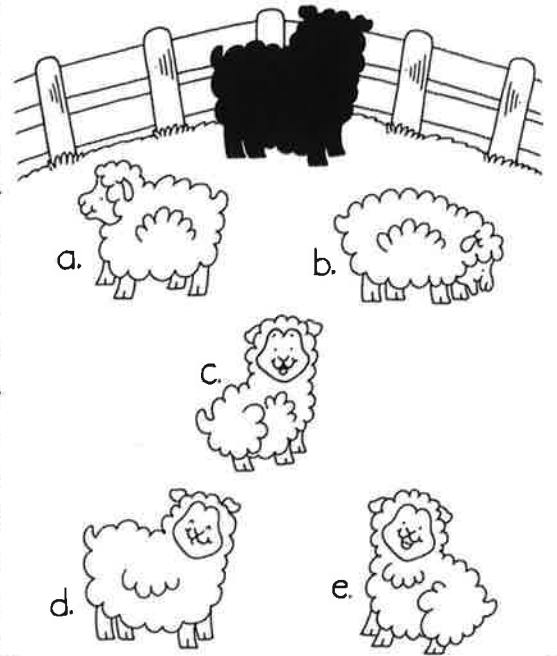


Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings compare us to sheep that have returned to the shepherd. Complete this dot-to-dot and color it. Then write your name on the blank below.

Jesus is _____'s shepherd!

Jesus said the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. Are you following Jesus' voice? Which of the sheep below matches the shadow?



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So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
 I am the gate for the sheep."
 John 10 : 7

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below, Amen

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U.S. Veterans
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Patricia Ahern
Dale Alexander
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LuAnn Anderson
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Kaari Baluja
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Victor Bernot
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Nancy Boutellier
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Bob Wright

For additions to the list or to have a name removed, please call 729-5111 and leave a message or email to bulletins2@aol.com



Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, May 3, 2020 ~ Father Sweany
Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary
Monday, May 4 ~ Cameron Ferrell
Tuesday, May 5 ~ Cameron Ferrell

Wednesday, May 6 ~ Nathan Frankart
Thursday, May 7 ~ Noah Furin
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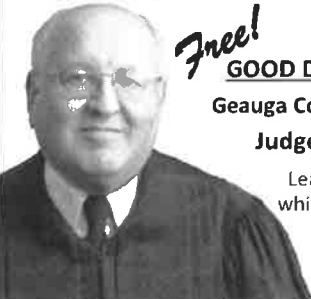
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