May 3, 2020

PASTORAL TEAM
Fr. Joseph McCaffrey
Pastor
Fr. Anthony Sciarappa
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brendan Dawson
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Nicholas Spirko
In Residence
Dcn. John Carran
Dcn. S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF,
Pastoral Associate
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston,
CSJ, Pastoral Care Minister

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Marla Brown
Amy Chornenky
Phyllis Genareo
Joe Ginocchi
Susan Kearns
Tom Leihy
Matt McCosby
Tom McCosby
Harry Micco
Joe Pascarella
John Provencher
John Stephens

FINANCE COUNCIL
Brad Cain
Vince Fuleno
David Gettings
George Liskooka
Debbie Lynch
Reed Newell
Jerry Prestopine
Jodi Russo
Tracey Vasko

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!


“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.” - Jn 10:2-3

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Does it feel like you’re coming out of the tomb of this pandemic? There is light at the end of the tunnel. Every day we get a little closer to emerging from social distancing and getting our lives back to some form of normal. Although we may never be back completely to the way we were. Hopefully, by the grace of God, good things will come from all of this.

The sacrament of reconciliation is available to you now, once again, in the parking lot at St. Camillus every Saturday from 11 am to noon. Another new initiative for Holy Spirit Parish, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began in the lower level parking lot at the St. Joseph the Worker site on Cascade Street on Monday, April 27. Parishioners can adore our Lord from their cars on Sundays through Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm. Adoration will not take place on Saturdays due to the use of the St. Joseph site for the Food Pantry every Saturday.

Our prayers and support go out to those who have suffered tremendously from these days of isolation and those who have succumbed to the illness known as coronavirus. Our prayers and love are with them all. As you know, every Thursday, we are celebrating a live streamed Mass for those who have passed in the previous week. The Mass is at 10 am on the Home page of our website, hsplc.org and YouTube (Google YouTube Holy Spirit Parish). The Mass on Thursday, April 30, was celebrated for these parishioners and their families: Stephen Fenner, Margie J. Stachowiak, Mary L. Storch, Constance O’Grady, Juliana Samsa, and J. Russell Noga.

The Pastoral Council and Finance Council met via media conferencing and are diligently working on plans for our financial stability and emerging from this situation in a safe manner. As you know, directives regarding the virus change daily. The government and the diocese are directing what we can do and how we can do it. There are weekly conference calls with the bishop and his staff. Updates are provided in the media, on our website and in our bulletins as decisions become available and directives are made.

One of the most immediate ways to keep abreast of all changes in our parish is to sign up for Flocknotes. To sign up for Flocknotes:

Text HSP9 to 84576 or

From www.hsplc.org, click on Get Connected on the blue banner under the logo.
Scroll to the bottom of the page to Signup To Receive Updates.
Fill in the form and click the Sign Me Up! Button or

Email your name, cell phone number and email address to mdenehy@hsplc.org.

Last weekend and this weekend would have been our First Holy Communion celebrations. To all of our children, their parents and families, we offer our prayers and support. We look forward to the day when we can celebrate this wondrous sacrament with all of you. The day will come! Let us be patient and persevering during these times. May our experience of this delay increase our desire and our appreciation for the wondrous gift that the Holy Eucharist truly is for all of us!

The same experience is occurring on the adult level for our 18 RCIA candidates and catechumens. Unfortunately, we were unable to receive them at the Easter Vigil, but we indeed look forward to their reception of the Easter sacraments some day soon!

God love you,
Masses not celebrated in church due to the coronavirus pandemic will be said privately for these intentions until the churches reopen.

Mass is being said daily and is recorded & livestreamed at 9:00 am View on HSPLC.ORG and NCTV-45

Nursing Home Mass Intentions will be moved to 9:00 am Masses.

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd — 9:00 am: **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

**SATURDAY, MAY 2nd — 9:00 am: **ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
- Francis "Vaughn" Borrelli (Family)
- Emma Mazzocca (Family)
- Marie Chlebowski (Rita & Mary Ann Elsesser)

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd — 9:00 am: **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- Paul & Rose Marie Lombardo (Daughter, Bonnie Carlin)
- Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Ronald Williams (Tom & Candice Cochran)
- Ronald Somma (Wife & Family)
- Mary Jo DeAugustine (Joseph & Arlene Prelee)
- Deceased Members of Luketic & Grebens Families (Frank & Caren Luketic Family)
- A. Louis & Pearl E. Hannon (Son, Donald & Grandchildren)
- In Honor of the 98th Birthday of Mary E. Cacciato (Donna, Diann & Family)

**MONDAY, MAY 4th — 9:00 am: **EASTER WEEKDAY
- Margaret Clements (Fr. Brendan Dawson)
- Rita Cowher (Hal Cowher Family)
- Michael Buczek (Son & Daughter)

**TUESDAY, MAY 5th — 9:00 am: **EASTER WEEKDAY
- Floyd & Ida Simeone, Alex Russo, Robert Luptak, Sr. (Daughter, Grandchildren & Wife)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th — 9:00 am: **EASTER WEEKDAY
- John Skocic (A Good Friend)
- Louis Palmiro (Joseph Palmiro)

**THURSDAY, MAY 7th — 9:00 am: **EASTER WEEKDAY
- In Thanksgiving (Bob & Virginia McLaughlin)

**FRIDAY, MAY 8th — 9:00 am: **EASTER WEEKDAY
- Aurelia Molka (Fr. Molka)

**SATURDAY, MAY 9th — 9:00 am
- Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MAY 10th — 9:00 am: **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings. ...Saint Francis de Sales
On May 1st, the Bishops of the United States renewed the consecration of the United States to the Blessed Mother.

Our country needs this now more than ever!

Look for coverage on youtube.com.

FOR DAILY MASS, THE ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND UPDATES PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE: HSPLC.ORG

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR A TIME TO ATTEND ADORATION WEEKLY, PLEASE CALL VICKI ONUFRAK AT 724-651-8622

WHILE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED, PLEASE CALL 724-652-3422. SEE BACK PAGE FOR HSPLC.ORG FOR PARISH E-MAILS

MEMORIAL MASS

On Thursday, April 30th, a special Memorial Mass was said for:

Stephen Fenner
J. Russell Noga
Constance O’Grady
Juliana Samsa
Margie J. Stachowiak
Mary L. Storch

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Parishioners can now Adore our Lord from their cars at the St. Joseph site, lower level parking lot, Sundays through Fridays, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION:
Drive-Through Confessions will take place at the St. Camillus parking lot, Saturdays 11:00 am—NOON

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Readings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Next Sunday</td>
<td>Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

On May 1st, the Bishops of the United States renewed the consecration of the United States to the Blessed Mother. Our country needs this now more than ever!
From the Desk of Deacon John:

Hard to believe, but here we are at the first weekend of May, and this pandemic continues to wreak havoc on everyone. In these times of difficulty, anxiety and the unknown, we continue to place our trust in our dear Lord, knowing of His infinite love and care for us.

About 2 weeks ago the monthly Parish Share pledge reminders were mailed out. First, we would like to thank all who have been so kind and generous in sending in their pledge cards and payments. Secondly, please review your pledge card to make sure we have the correct amount noted for your pledge, and for any payments made. Please note there is a possibility that your amount paid may not reflect your most recent payments as the updates were sent in about 2 weeks prior to the mailing; thus it could be a timing issue. However, please let me know if you have any discrepancies. I would ask that you e-mail me at jcarran@hsplc.org should you have any questions.

Last week I mentioned how the COVID 19 has had an economic impact on our community, and how we continue to look for ways to reduce expenses. One of the actions we took was to apply for an SBA Payroll Protection Program loan. I am pleased to say we have been approved for the loan. We truly are grateful for being able to partake in this program. One of the requirements of receiving these funds is that they are to be solely used for payroll expenses (salaries and benefits) and some utility expense in order for the loan to convert to a “Grant” that does not have to be repaid. Additionally, by receiving these funds we must keep staff on the payroll, no layoffs. Thanks to receiving this loan we will not need to lay off any staff at this time. This loan should cover the expenses I noted above for 8 weeks. So at this time our plan is to utilize the loan to continue funding payroll expenses. Should additional funds become available through this program, we will be sure to apply again, if permitted. Once we have exhausted the federal funding available, we will then re-evaluate our financial situation.

Another positive item is we are seeing a reduction in our monthly utility expenses in all buildings. Obviously part of the reduction is due to not using many of the buildings, but also the end of winter!

Just as a reminder, the May and June envelopes have been mailed out and you should begin receiving them in the mail later this week.

In closing, we cannot thank you, our faithful, enough for your continued support of our good parish. While our offertory has decreased, we are doing better than many other parishes around the diocese. And that is all because of YOU! May God continue to bless you and your families and keep you in His care, and may our Blessed Mother continue to lead us to her Son, our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus. God love you!

Deacon John

---

**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Received by Mail</td>
<td>$17,435.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Giving</td>
<td>$3,730.85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utility Envelopes</td>
<td>$205.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Weekly Offering</td>
<td>$21,371.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Needed per Budget</td>
<td>$37,988.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Over/(Under) Budget</td>
<td>-$16,616.90</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Parish Share Goal</td>
<td>$402,313.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Share Collected</td>
<td>$8,766.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Share Paid</td>
<td>$113,775.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Share Bal. Owed</td>
<td>$288,537.25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**BUDGET OVERVIEW Fiscal 2019/2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>YEAR TO DATE Offering Received</td>
<td>$1,625,339.94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YEAR TO DATE Needed Per Budget</td>
<td>$1,633,490.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YEAR TO DATE Amount Over/Under Budget</td>
<td>-$8,150.06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Shrine of the Week

Last week our featured shrine was St. Anthony Chapel in Pittsburgh. This week, we are featuring a shrine here in our parish at the St. James site. Overlooking Route 422, there is a shrine at the top of the hill with statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Therese, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and St. James. There are candles to light and benches to sit on as you pray. It is also wheelchair accessible.

Down the hill to the right are the Stations of the Cross and the Empty Tomb. Follow the circular walkway and rest on the benches to think and pray along the Stations. With the Spring weather growing more and more beautiful each day, this is a perfect place to come to find inner peace. At the tomb, reflect on the hope that arises within us because it is empty.

Please remember we are currently to maintain social distancing and not to make special trips. But we are welcome to come and pray and light a candle when we are already out and about. When the coronavirus has run its course, call someone you know who could use a spiritual lift and invite them to come and spend time with you in the warmth of God’s sunlight at this beautiful shrine.

—Janet Crespi

The Lord Is My Shepherd!

I usually don’t get personal in these articles, but Good Shepherd Sunday is very special to me! Some of you may know that I am not a cradle Catholic. I was raised as a Presbyterian and had strong and meaningful ties with the church community there, but when I met my husband to be, I started on a journey to find out about the Catholic faith. I was quite skeptical as I attended RCIA classes and had many questions. When I finished the classes, I was so conflicted that I decided not to go through with my initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As much as I loved my fiancé, I couldn’t do it for him. It had to be for me because this had to do with not just this world, but eternity.

Often he would pick me up and we would go to my Sunday service and then to the Catholic Mass. One Saturday night, I had a strange dream that I was a little lamb and had wandered away, and was taken far away from the flock and put into a jail cell in a deep valley and left there all alone. I was very afraid and thought that no one would ever find me, but after awhile, I looked up from my barred window and saw a very large Lamb and I recognized Him as Jesus and I knew He was looking for me and that gave me comfort!

The next day when we went to the Catholic church, there was a picture on the bulletin of Jesus as the Good Shepherd! The songs, readings and homily all had to do with Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls to His sheep and they recognize His voice and follow Him. (At that time, I had no idea that the 4th Sunday of Easter is deemed “Good Shepherd Sunday”). It was amazing and I said to our Lord, “Is there something you’re trying to tell me?!”

Now I know we shouldn’t base our faith on signs and dreams, but this is an event that I will remember always and look back on as God personally leading me to the Catholic faith, which is now my home!

—Brenda Kostial

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org  Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
May 3rd is Good Shepherd Sunday!

Are you smarter than a 2nd Grader?

1. The name Jesus means ________.
2. Jesus could bring the dead back to life because He was ____________.
3. People could see and hear Jesus because He was ____________.
4. What 3 things did Jesus teach people by His words and actions?
5. What prayer did Jesus teach the people? When do you pray this prayer at home?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & the Good Shepherd parable

John 10:3b-5, 10b-11, 14-16

The parable of the Good Shepherd is central to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The material is kept in the center of the atrium and the parable is central to the young child developing a personal, loving relationship with Jesus.

For the very young child, the wolf and the hireling are not read to them. These parts of the parable are kept in wait for the Level II child who has reached the age of reason, becoming aware of the idea of choices and consequences.

The experience in the atrium is that the young child is never told who the sheep are. This is their own treasure to discover as they listen to God while Scripture is read to them...and then demonstrated to them. The material for this parable is very specific. There are ten sheep: five listening to the Good Shepherd, and five eating. The sheep are kept safe in the sheepfold and the sheep follow the Good Shepherd around.

I wonder what makes the Good Shepherd so good...

The parable is explored in ways the children can relate. There are many stories of the young child’s response to this parable. Just this past year, a young lady in the atrium said that she thought the sheep would run away from the Good Shepherd. I asked her why they would do that, but she didn’t know. I said, “I wonder what the Good Shepherd would do if the sheep ran away from him.” Without hearing the rest of the parable she replied without hesitation, “I think he would leave the rest and go find the ones who ran away from him.” I asked, “I wonder if that’s what makes him such a good shepherd and she affirmed with a head shake and a smile.

Sadly, this was the last time we got to spend time together in the atrium because of the corona virus. I hope she is still thinking about what a Good Shepherd Jesus is. Most of us cannot wait until he leads his flock back to the green pasture of his Eucharistic feast.

1. The name Jesus means
2. Jesus could bring the dead back to life because He was ________.
3. People could see and hear Jesus because He was ____________.
4. What 3 things did Jesus teach people by His words and actions?
5. What prayer did Jesus teach the people? When do you pray this prayer at home?

Answers:

1. God Saves
2. Divine
3. Human
4. How to live, to love God & others, to help one another
5. Our Father.

If this isn’t a prayer you are currently using at home, you could say it in the morning as you get ready to leave for work or when you get home could you do it? You are currently using at least a prayer you are thankful for something. If this isn’t a prayer you are using, you could say one of the prayers below.

- The 3rd Article of the Catechism
- “Our Father
- A Hymn
- A Psalm
- A Bible verse

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Vicki Pavalko, Director of CGS
vpavalko@hsplc.org
724-498-0904
4019 US 422
Pulaski, PA 16143

Kindergarten-5th Grade

Cathy Frank & Kathy Gabriel
Coordinators of K-5
cfrank@hsplc.org
kgabriel@hsplc.org

Holy Spirit Parish Faith Formation Office
915 S. Jefferson St.
New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9371

Middle School Grades 6-8

BRIAN BURICK,
COORDINATOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH ORMATION
bburick@hsplc.org
724-654-9371 #2
915 S. Jefferson St.

PATRICK NEVE
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
pneve@hsplc.org
724-652-3422 EXT. 2211
910 S. Mercer St.
New Castle, PA 16101
Did you know May is a month devoted to our mother, Mary?

Over the years many Marian feast days have been on the church calendar during this month. Additionally, there have been four authenticated Marian apparitions in May, one bringing us the Miraculous Medal and another instructing the daily recital of the rosary to bring peace to the world.

We often refer to Mary as Hail Holy Queen or Queen of Heaven as she is the Queen Mother, the mother of the King of Kings, Jesus. Why wouldn’t we then crown our heavenly queen mother during this month devoted to her? In Catholic churches throughout the world Mary is celebrated with a May Crowning. A ceremony is held with Marian songs, prayers and a procession culminating in a crown of flowers being placed on a statue of Mary. In some areas the honored crown bearer is a First Communicant and in other areas the individual is a young teen girl. The May Crowning is not a worship of Mary but just another way to honor her and the role that she plays in our faith and our everyday lives. Let us turn to our queen mother so that she can lead us to her son, Jesus.

Have you ever considered setting up an area in your home for prayer and devotions? Perhaps this is the time to start. It can be a table or dresser in a corner of a room or even the whole room, decorate it with a linen, a crucifix, a statue of your favorite saint (Mary this month), a holy water font, a Bible, a rosary, anything that would aid in your devotions. Don’t just set up the area but use it, take some time to pray in your new area and watch your spiritual life grow. You can even make a flower crown and have your own May Crowning right in your home (get those kids involved), have a procession and as a family recite the Rosary or just a Hail Mary and Hail Holy Queen. Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!

High School Grades 9-12

PATRICK NEVE, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
pneve@hsplc.org                      724-652-3422 ext. 2211
910 S. Mercer St., New Castle, PA 16101

WEEKLY EVENTS

LIVE BIBLE STUDY
Open to all students, we will be live streaming a bible study on www.twitch.tv/patrickneve

LIVE YOUTH NIGHT
Sundays at 5pm EST
www.youtube.com/user/LifeTeenInc

DIOCESAN MINECRAFT SERVER
If they’re going to play video games, it might as well be on a Catholic server. Email Patrick for the IP address. Your kid will know what to do. (Java Edition required.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 17-19, 2020
Steubenville Conference
Steubenville so far has not been cancelled. We will keep you posted.

Please email me pneve@hsplc.org if you want your student to attend.

Registration is $118.

Due to COVID-19
HIGH SCHOOL SESSION
Is cancelled until further notice

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
Stay Connected

Go to our website and get connected to it all!!

https://holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org/ or hsplc.org

Scroll down the main page to choose YouTube videos to watch, visit our Facebook page, look at our recent bulletin, catch Mass live at 9:00 am (or watch it later!), get the latest news and see our videos like: “A Minute with Our Pastoral Team.” A new one is shown every day—watch them to get inspired!

Sign up for flocknote to get the latest and quickest updates by either texts or emails (or both!). To sign up go to:
https://holyspiritparish9.flocknote.com/

Or
Text HSP9 to 84576

Subscribe to our YouTube channel to get notifications of when new live streams are beginning or to see older videos.

You can find our YouTube channel by going to our website (upper left hand corner) or going directly to our channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF1xNhgAyyTXA-I4DOHYQBQ

Sign up for flocknote to get the latest and quickest updates by either texts or emails (or both!). To sign up go to:
https://holyspiritparish9.flocknote.com/

Or
Text HSP9 to 84576

Join our Facebook Groups! (look on the left side of the page, or at the top of the page for the word “GROUPS” - click on the word, then choose the groups you would like to join by clicking on them!

1. Open the QR Code reader on your phone.
2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. Two things can happen when you correctly hold your smartphone over a QR Code. The phone automatically scans the code. ...
3. If necessary, press the button. Presto!

Holy Spirit Parish Main Office 910 S Mercer St New Castle PA 16101
CHRIST’S INVITATION TO SERVE:

All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries

Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers:
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

Candle Bearers:
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston | 412-582-1923

Cards for Nursing Homes:
Paula St. Clair | 724-714-1567

Confirmation Blankets:
Susan Kearns | 724-651-1992

Follow up Calls to Bereaved:
Edna Hill | 724-654-5620

Journeying Through Grief:
Mary Ann Isaac | 724-971-8539

Nursing Home Masses:
Madalaine Nuzzo | 724-614-3453

Rosary Making:
Barbara Strittmatter | 724-656-0942

Seven Sisters:
Monica Leihy | 620-877-7351

Stitching Angels:
Sara Kalata | 724-944-7104

BEREAVEMENT IN CHALLENGING TIMES

You may have noticed that within the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Funerals were first suspended, and now, in exceptional circumstances, are only permitted with a strict limit of ten participants, including the priest or deacon. Cemeteries are still closed to public interments.

We want to be attentive to parishioners’ needs during this time when so much is not normal. There is a weekly Memorial Mass for those who have passed in the previous week. (See Page 4 for names.) You may have seen that our website www.hsplc.org contains the obituaries of those from the parish who have died.

Please be sure to notify us even if there is no funeral service so we can add them to the rolls of deceased.

Our prayers are with you and for you at this challenging time.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

We, as a parish, have over 200 families who are receiving the four booklets in the Journeying Through Grief series published by Stephen Ministries. Seven families have completed the series which started in the former parishes. The booklets are sent at intervals of three weeks to eleven months after a death in the family.

Seventeen members of our Holy Spirit Parish family have come forward to serve in this ministry. Some of them have experienced their own challenges and have had to take a break.

We always need more volunteers.

If you would like to serve in this important ministry contact Mary Ann Isaac at misaac@hsplc.org or 724-971-8539.
THE FOOD PANTRY AT THE ST. JOSEPH SITE IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

The Next Distribution from PRODUCE TO PEOPLE at the St. Vitus School Gym has yet to be determined.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH IS COLLECTING CANNED GOODS AND DRY GOODS TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED FOOD DURING THIS DESPERATE TIME. Boxes are in the entrance ways to the offices at St. James and St. Vitus. Please leave the food products there. We will distribute them.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

FORMED—The Catholic Faith. On demand.

Holy Spirit Parish has a FORMED account. There is NO charge to sign up. Just go to www.FORMED.org

Sister Annie’s Picks: the Divine March Series or St. Catherine of Siena

FORMED May Liturgical Calendar:
5/1: Saint Joseph the Worker—Watch On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun
5/2: Saint Athanasius—Listen to Lessons from the early Church Fathers
5/13: Our Lady of Fatima—Watch Fatima—Hope for the World
5/14: Saint Matthias—Listen to Acts of the Apostles and The Apostle’s Creed
5/22: Saint Rita—Watch Saint Rita of Cascia—A True Story
5/24: Ascension of the Lord—Study Why Believe? Volume 2, Chapter 15
5/31: Pentecost—Watch The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka; Study Lectio: Evangelization
Fear Not...God is on Your Side
If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

...Romans 8:31-39

At his “Urbi et Orbi” Blessing on March 27th Pope Francis extended what’s called a “plenary indulgence” to all members of the Church. This gift of God’s mercy mediated through the Church is given particularly to the faithful who will die during this time when a priest cannot visit to offer Last Rites. The indulgence means that God understands the situation, knows your loved one’s heart, and will not leave them hanging. God’s grace cannot be limited, certainty not by this pandemic.

If a loved one is dying or has died, please let the parish know. Trust in God’s abundant mercy and His love for you.

Prayers with the Dying
The following prayers may be recited with the dying person, alternating with times of silence. Sometimes, the same prayer should be repeated many times. The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be are also appropriate. The dying person may be signed on the forehead with the cross, as was done at Baptism.

Short Texts
What will separate us from the love of Christ? (Rom 8:35)

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. (Rom 14:8)

We shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thes 4:17)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps 25:1)

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. (Ps 23:4)

Into your hands I commend my spirit. (Ps 31:6a)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Lk 23:42)

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (Acts 7:59)

Holy Mary, pray for me. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Litany of Trust, written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV.
From the belief that I have to earn Your love...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that I am unlovable...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the false security that I have what it takes...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute...Deliver me, Jesus.
From all suspicion of Your words and promises...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You...Deliver me, Jesus.
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will...Deliver me, Jesus.
From anxiety about the future...Deliver me, Jesus.
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past...Deliver me, Jesus.
From restless self-seeking in the present moment...Deliver me, Jesus.
From disbelief in Your love and presence...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth...Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of what love demands...Deliver me, Jesus.
From discouragement...Deliver me, Jesus.
That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me...Jesus, I trust in You.
That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me...Jesus, I trust in You.
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You are with me in my suffering...Jesus, I trust in You.
That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church...Jesus, I trust in You.
That Your plan is better than anything else...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked...Jesus, I trust in You.
That my life is a gift...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You will teach me to trust You...Jesus, I trust in You.
That You are my Lord and my God...Jesus, I trust in You.
That I am Your beloved one...Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

Prayer For Renewed Strength
O Lord, my God,
Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life’s changes and to taste and see your goodness.
I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years.
Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others.
For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.
Bishop Zubik’s Message

As we enter another week enduring the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, our physical, financial and spiritual health continues to be challenged. I hold all of you in daily prayer, asking God to bring protection and comfort to you and your families as we navigate through this time.

In my reflections, I’ve been focusing on where we have been, where we are and where we are going in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We are being challenged. How will we respond?

We continue to respond in faith. When we look at the history of the Church, particularly the Church at her beginnings described in the Acts of the Apostles, we realize that disciples of the Lord Jesus managed and grew in faith through many difficulties and challenges. Isn’t that the story we continue to reflect upon during our readings at Mass every day of this Easter Season? They remained united in their love for the Lord and one another. “Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul...and with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33-34) We are like the members of the early Church living through our own difficult times. Although we cannot yet come together in our churches for the sacraments and other prayers, we remain strong and united in our faith in God and in the hope of coming together again soon and recognizing Him in the breaking of the bread at Mass. Christ our Savior who suffered and died for us remains always with us and shares with us the glory of His resurrection. We trust in Him. We are His disciples. We are a people of hope!

...As we work through these challenges, be assured of my commitment as Pastor of the Church of Pittsburgh to the mission of the Church, which has not and will not change: bringing people to Christ and creating disciples. Although moving forward, we may be smaller in terms of numbers of schools, parishes and staffs, we are focused on protecting a foundation that we must build upon—that foundation is Jesus Himself.

I know from experiences in my own life that change can be difficult and the unknown future is sometimes worrisome. Yes, change is hard, but we hold hope together that our collective efforts will bring us closer to God’s heavenly reign here on earth. I ask for you to join me in a prayerful trusting of Jesus to guide us as we stay focused on maximizing the resources we have and in being very intentional in making decisions to best serve our entire Church and beyond.

Your brother in Christ,
Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

CANCELLATIONS & POSTPONEMENTS:

• Mother’s Day Breakfast Brunch at St. James site Sunday, May 10th—CANCELLED  
  BUT: watch the bulletin for announcements about future Breakfasts.
• St. Vitus School Night at the Races—POSTPONED  
• Holy Spirit Gift Shop—CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
• Catholic Heart Work Camp: West Middlesex—CANCELLED  
• Holy Spirit Catholic Heart Work Camp—CANCELLED
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Parishioners can now Adore our Lord from their cars at the St. Joseph site, lower level parking lot, Sundays through Fridays, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION:
Drive-Through Confessions have returned to the St. Camillus site parking lot, Saturdays 11:00 am—12:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY
The Holy Spirit Food Pantry at the St. Joseph the Worker site is open every Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, providing packages of food for those in need. The weekend of April 25th, 114 Families received a box of food. A special thank you to all those who have so generously given financial support to our food pantry or dropped off food at the office sites, along with the volunteers who help at the food pantry each Saturday.
Mary Ann Moats
Associate Broker

Call 724-971-1789
Office 724-654-5555 ext 220
mmoats@howardhanna.com

Noble House Clinic
3126 Wilmington Road | New Castle, PA 16105
www.danielcallaghanmd.com

Maria B. Mezzanotte, DDS, LLC

- Accepting New Patients
- Most Insurances Accepted
724-658-5883

3409 Wilmington Rd., New Castle, PA 16105

Collison Repair & Painting
- Heavy Duty Trucks
- Motor Homes
- Insurance Work
- Frame Straightening
3008 New Butler Rd. Rt. 422 E, New Castle, PA 16101
www.newcastletruck.com
724-924-1649

Village Pharmacy
1624 E. Poland Rd.
Beaver, PA 16112
(724) 667-7124
Prescriptions • Immunizations
Greeting Cards
Courteous, Professional Service
Matching all competitors’ prices

Gealy Memorials
Monuments
2650 E State St. Hermitage, PA

Hill House Restaurant
3198 West Pittsburgh Rd.
New Castle, PA
724-652-4401
10% OFF Total Purchase

3rd Generation Family Owned
LARGE IN-STOCK GRANITE SELECTION
(724) 342-5186
www.gealymemorialsinc.com
gealymemorials@verizon.net
WHERE ARE YOU
On Your Faith Journey

“I need to get back into my faith.”
Contact Fr. Brendan:
bdawson@hsplc.org

Is your faith being tested at this time?
Contact Fr. Brendan:
bdawson@hsplc.org

“I want to know how to share my faith.”
Contact Fr. Anthony:
asciarappa@hsplc.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Contact Fr. Brendan:
bdawson@hsplc.org

Holy Spirit Church Sites

SAINT ANTHONY SITE
411 W. Poland Ave., Bessemer, PA 16112

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS SITE
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SITE
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SITE
1111 South Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT MARY SITE
124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SITE
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102

SAINT VITUS SITE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

NEED A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE?
Please contact Archives & Records Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:
email archives@diopitt.org, call 412-456-3158 or fax 412-444-4417.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101
724-652-3422

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE
4019 US 422 Pulaski, PA 16143  724-964-8276

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY
915 South Jefferson St., New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9297

PASTORAL TEAM E-MAIL CONTACTS
Father McCaffrey: jmccaffrey@hsplc.org
Father Sciarappa: asciarappa@hsplc.org
Father Dawson: bdawson@hsplc.org
Sister Annie: abremmer@hsplc.org
Sister Barbara: bjohnston@hsplc.org
Deacon John: jcarran@hsplc.org
Deacon Dan: dkielar@hsplc.org
Deacon Matthew: mhawkins@diopitt.org

Stay Connected!
For news and updates: www.hsplc.org
To receive Flocknotes, text HSP9 to 84576
Follow Holy Spirit on Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc

VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOT-LINE:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.
We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235

To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org  Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc