

# Welcome to

## St. Paul's Catholic Church (St. Rita's Oratory)

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**PASTOR: Father Shane M. Lynch** – email address: frshane@icloud.com

Deacon Candidates: **DAN LEROY and NOEL VOOS**

**April 25, 2021**

### OFFICE HOURS

SP's: Monday & Friday, 12:30 – 4:00 PM

SM's: Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM – noon

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Also by Appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Pastor.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

4/18/21 – \$1,627.00/Plate: \$198.00

21<sup>st</sup> Century: \$60.00

Easter Flowers: \$20.00



### WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in loving memory of **ELVA FERRIS**, requested by Lucille & Jerry Frank.

*Please welcome Bishop Terry LaValley for the Installation of Father Shane Lynch as Pastor of St. Mary's & St. Paul's.*



**April 28** – Blood Drive – St. Mary's, 2-7 PM

**May 9** – First Communion – St. Paul's

**June 4 & 5** – Rummage Sale – St. Mary's

**June 9** – Confirmation – St. Paul's, 7 PM

**St. Joseph As Our Spiritual Guide:** You are invited to a special presentation by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ Reflecting on St. Joseph as Our Spiritual Guide. This event, presented by the CLM Assoc. of Jefferson & Lewis Deaneries, takes place on April 28th at St. Anthony's RC Church in Watertown, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Register online at [rcdony.org/clmevent](http://rcdony.org/clmevent) or contact Jeannie Grizzuto for more information [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org).

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL** Entrusted to his Worldwide Prayer Network Universal Intention –Fundamental rights We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**PLEASE** take home a church bulletin or go online to <http://rivercatholics.org> and click on "About Us". It is a reminder of upcoming events and important information. Father usually makes oral announcements at mass, but sometimes it is good to have a written reminder.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Saturday, April 24	4:00 PM (SM)	Edgar & Lola Dewey By The Bertramd Family
Sunday, April 25	9:00 AM (SM)	The People of the Parishes
	11:00 AM (SP)	Helen Campbell By Patricia & Jim Newell

### Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, April 26	8:00 AM (SM)	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, April 27	8:00 AM (SP)	Helen Campbell By Helen Martini
Wednesday, April 28	8:00 AM (SM)	Helen Martusewicz Gamble By Len & Anne Spaziani All Souls
Thursday, April 29	9:00 AM (SM) LATIN MASS	Robert Fagan By Bill & Amy Flynn
<b>(Followed by recitation of the Rosary)</b>		
Friday, April 30	8:00 AM (SM)	Harry Delles By The Brand Family



### Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Saturday, May 1	4:00 PM (SM)	The People of the Parishes
Sunday, May 2	9:00 AM (SM)	Father Vicente Jazmines By Michael & Cecilia Gracey
	11:00 AM (SP)	Geno Martino By Hans & Barbara Wawrousek

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** In Thanksgiving for all our Easter blessings; for world peace, national security, and family harmony; for all those hurt by oppression; for all our sick; and for all our faithful departed, including those memorialized by our Easter flowers.



*PLEASE wear your masks, practice social distancing and don't linger in groups in the parking lot. Protect yourselves and others. Please leave the kneelers down in the pew you occupied when you leave so that we may know to clean it. Thank you*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- April 25 – Class/First Penance
- May 2 – Last Class, May Crowning, Children’s Liturgy
- May 9 – First Communion, Mother’s Day



**Confirmation CLASS** (Grades 8 -12): Class is being held at St. Mary’s Church.

**Confirmation will be June 9 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul’s Church.**

**Summer Camp Guggenheim** registration is now open for 2021. Although camp may look a bit different because of the anticipated COVID protocols, we feel that it will still be a wonderful experience for all. Visit [www.rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://www.rcdony.org/youth/camp) for more details. Contact Tom Semeraro, Director for the Office of Youth Ministry with inquiries at 3153932920 ext. 1415.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 25, 2021** - Gospel Reading John 10:11-18 Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

**Family Connection:** The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked? Read aloud today’s Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment.

Pray together. **Saint Ignatius of Loyola’s Prayer for Generosity.**  
**Eternal Word,** only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

**April 25: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***Readings: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18***

We are members of Christ’s flock and he is our shepherd. Do we listen to his voice? Do we take his presence and call for granted? Jesus tells us in today’s gospel that there are other sheep, not (yet) of his fold, and that he must lead those as well. They too will listen to his voice if we follow his call to go out and make disciples of all the nations. The Church, the flock of Christ, needs to be missionary. We cannot be content to sit in our parishes and remain idle and comfortably in our comfort zone. We are called to go out and to share the good news. Let us listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

**SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION:** (Magnificat, April 2021) “Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb?” (Job 38: 8) Life could not exist in the primal waters of chaos. By his passage through the tomb, Christ has tamed the waters of death and transformed them into the waters of life, from which a new world is reborn in baptism. Our Good Shepherd leads us to these waters to drink our fill of his peace.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** Celebrate the gift of flowers. Make plans to find a small patch in your yard or a container on your porch to plant some wildflowers. For seeds that are packed specifically for your local area, check out: [www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com](http://www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25, 2021:**

World Day of Prayer For Vocations. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. Also, please consider praying for vocations or spiritually adopting a priest as a part of your daily prayers. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to Fr. Shane Lynch or Fr. Christopher Carrara, [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org). See us also on Facebook or at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**The Mother’s Day Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities** will take place on the weekend of May 9, 2021. Let us continue to Give Help and Create Hope for the many families of the North Country that we serve as we continue the work of Christ on earth. Catholic Charities Office of Jefferson County would like your support in a renewed effort to help our community’s most vulnerable citizens by parish donations to our Personal Care Items pantry.

**2021-2023 FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM:** The Formation for Ministry Program is a two-year program that prepares men and women to serve in their parish. More information as well as application forms are available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Join us for the virtual informational sessions offered via Zoom by registering at [www.rcdony.org/infos](http://www.rcdony.org/infos). You may also contact Cathy Russell, Formation for Ministry Director at: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org).