

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 3, 2020

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*From the Priests' Desks:*

*Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:*

One of the few encounters I've had with sheep happened a number of years ago while on a trip to the Holy Land. Our pilgrim group was walking along one of the narrow streets of the town of Cana, which is remembered for the Gospel story of the wedding banquet where Jesus turned water into wine. As we neared the edge of town, with everyone weighed down with their souvenir bottles of wine from Cana, we heard a rumbling sound which got louder and louder. Turning a corner, we saw a whole flock of sheep at the far end of the street, coming directly toward us. Our tour guide quickly told us to flatten ourselves into the narrow doorways of any nearby building in order to let the sheep pass. A moment later they came thundering past us, but our relief at not being trampled to death was somewhat soured by the cloud of dust that settled down on our heads and left us all gasping for breath. The shepherd, who was bringing up the rear, looked at us, half-amused and half-sympathetic. And I thought to myself that if he wasn't a good shepherd at least he was a smart one—because he knew when to lead the sheep and when to follow them.

Jesus is called the Good Shepherd in the Gospels (today: John 10:1-10) precisely because of his concern for the people of his day—whom he once said were like sheep without a shepherd. As the Risen Lord of Easter, we believe that this care is extended to all people of all times: that Jesus is the universal shepherd. The Easter liturgy praises Jesus as the shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep, even to the point of spilling his blood on the cross. Some of the last words of Jesus in the Gospel have to do with care for his sheep. When the Risen Jesus asked Peter three times if he loves him, and Peter responds three times in the affirmative—Yes Lord, you know that I love you—Jesus' answer was: "then feed my sheep." The last command and challenge of Jesus to the leader of the apostles was that he would confirm his leadership by showing the same self-sacrificing love that Jesus himself has shown.

Certainly, it's not an easy thing to imitate the Good Shepherd, the one who consistently put the needs of the sheep above his own personal needs, who did not use his position to attain power or status or wealth or security, but rather to promote the common good of all. It is often said that the difference between authority and leadership is that authority involves the power to command whereas leadership involves the power to inspire. A real leader is one who can unite others and move them to work together toward a common task or

mission, while at the same time respecting the needs of each individual and recognizing their own special gifts. The leader is one who can persuade others to move down the path of truth and justice, not only through word but also through example.

In this time of great need, so many of you have followed that example of Jesus and become good shepherds yourselves by tending to the basic needs of your brothers and sisters in our parish and in our local community. To repeat something that has been said a great deal lately: these are difficult days for all of us; we are all anxious, we are all worried, many of us are grieving. May we continue to find that shepherd within ourselves; that shepherd who is willing to do whatever it takes—through our prayers and through our good works—for our family, for our neighbors, and for our parish. And may Jesus the Good Shepherd continue to lead, to encourage, to comfort, and to challenge us along the way!

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.***

### **HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US**

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the  
grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the  
Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to  
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, MAY 3**

**Monday, MAY 4**

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED thru May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Tuesday, MAY 5**

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED thru May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Wednesday, MAY 6**

**Thursday, MAY 7**

**Friday, MAY 8**

**Saturday, MAY 9**

St. Joseph Group – Canceled

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – CLOSED thru May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, MAY 10**

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

### ALERT

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$40,179 towards our goal of \$122,500.

## ATTENTION

### SACRED HEART CHURCH FAMILY

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS  
WE ARE HEREBY CANCELLING THE**

**\$10,000.00 RAFFLE**

To date we have only sold a very small amount of tickets. Those who purchased a ticket will receive a refund in the next week.

We pray that we will at least be able to celebrate in some way, even in this new norm our Feast Day.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS WE ADORE YOU!**



## ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Attention 8th Grade Boys!

St. Joseph Regional High School is currently accepting qualified applicants for admission to the: Class of 2024 Knights Bridge Academy (A unique academic program that helps graduating 8th grade boys who could benefit from another year of preparation before beginning 9th grade.) We encourage you to visit [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org) or email [admissions@sjrnj.org](mailto:admissions@sjrnj.org) to inquire about becoming a Green Knight!

### **ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS**

*Join Us for Falcon Fridays*

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Visit with us for a virtual look into how Albertus Magnus makes a difference in the lives of our students:**

**[www.albertusmagnus.net/VirtualAdmissions](http://www.albertusmagnus.net/VirtualAdmissions)**

**<https://www.albertusmagnus.net>**

**798 Rte. 304, Bardonia, NY 10954**

**(845) 643-3870**

**[npower@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:npower@albertusmagnus.net)**

## SISTERS OF LIFE

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**“Have you suffered an abortion?”** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)

### CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

#### GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call

Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

## ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS MAY 3, 2020

Altar Wines and Altar Breads, Altar Candles AND Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of ALL THOSE LOST TO COVID - 19

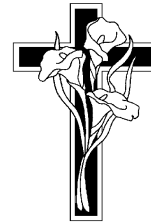


Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially:

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 11- THERESA CACIOPPO



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm -Robert Holodak Sr.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:00am - All Parishioners

8:30am - Aley Kutty Muricken

10:00am - Benjamin Harvey

11:30am - Zammit & Camillieri Families

1:00pm - Carmela & Anthony Antonelli

5:30pm - Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:00am -

9:00am - Al Fuqua

7:15pm - NO Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:00am - Dulia Celestin

9:00am - Evelyn Rourke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7:00am -

9:00am - Jack Murphy

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:00am -

9:00am - Carrin Holborn

FRIDAY, MAY 8

7:00am -

9:00am - Deceased Members of the Cangelose Family

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:00am - Frances & Peter Marconi

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm -ALL MOTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 10 MOTHERS DAY

ALL MASSES ARE FOR ALL MOTHERS

