

**Memorial Day Mass**  
**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass will be celebrated in the parish at 10:00 A.M. to honor the Service Men and Women who paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms and remembering our loved ones buried on our cemeteries.



FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
GOOD SHEPHERD  
SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12;  
Psalm 118;  
1 John 3:1-2;  
John 10:11-18

KEY VERSE: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" ( v 11).

READING: Jesus told his followers that he was the "bread of life" (v 35). Then he used another image, that of a shepherd. Throughout the scriptures, God's loving care for the people had been portrayed as a shepherd guiding the flock (Ps 23). God's servant David was once a shepherd himself (1 Sm 16:11-12). Jeremiah and Ezekiel indicted Israel's blind leaders who looked out for their own interests rather than those of the people. God would appoint "one shepherd" like David to lead them ( Jer 23:1-4; Ez 34:23). Jesus was the "good shepherd" (Jn 10:11) who knew his sheep personally by name, and protected them from harm. Jesus was willing to lay down his life for the sake of the flock. No one could be hired to love that way. Jesus prayed that one day there would be "one flock, one shepherd" (v16) united in his saving love.

REFLECTING: In what ways do I help work for Church unity?

PRAYING: Risen Lord, thank you for being my loving shepherd.

***Christ has risen; Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
First Communion Sunday  
May 3, 2009

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 INTROIT Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13  
 P: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

**R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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 OPENING PRAYER  
 LITURGY OF THE WORD  
 First Reading Acts 4:8-12  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118

**L:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone**  
 Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamations.  
 C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

C: I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
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**R: Lord, Hear our Prayer**

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*"Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the Lambs."  
 Isaiah 40:11*

**May Devotions**

**May is the month of Mary. Devotions during the month will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. Join us to Honor our Holy Mother during May. Hail Mary Pray for us. The flowers on the Mary Altar are given by Antoinette Fioravanti in honor of our Holy Mother.**



**Diocesan Youth Retreat,**

The week of July 5-9<sup>th</sup>, Wesley Woods Methodist Camp. Ages 8 and above are eligible to attend. Friends are also invited to participate. Please inform Father if you plan to attend. This yearly event is subsidized by the Diocese, PTO, Parish, and YMSR. All parish youth should try to attend. Those wishing to accompany our Youth as chaperones should contact Fr. Bruce.

**Spojnia District 5 & 12 Family & Children Picnic**

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pa. Adults \$30, PNU Children (16 and under) Free, None PNU Children \$15. This includes admission and events plus a buffet picnic. Sign Up with Henrietta Kleckner or Father Bruce. Registration must be accompanied with payment.

**Mother's Day Breakfast**



The YMSR Men again will host the 2009 Mother's Day Breakfast after Holy Mass on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the parish auditorium. Breakfast will be free of charge. There will be one Mass celebrated on Mother's Day. The SOCL Children will present a Mother's Day Program. Plan to attend.

**SOCL Classes End May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Our School of Christian Living Classes will conclude during Holy Mass on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Recognitions will be awarded to our students and faculty. Also recognized will be our parish graduates of High School and College. Biographies are requested of graduates and should be given to Fr. Bruce by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

***Corpus Christi Celebration, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.  
 With Mass and Procession to the 4 Altars***

### First Holy Communion



During Holy Mass today, Austin Matczak, Jared Ohls, Jenna Ruozzi, Robert Szatkowski, Stanley Szatkowski, and Heather Wright will receive Jesus for the first time. As we witness this holy event in their young lives, the Church rejoices with all the angels and saints in heaven along with their families on earth as they receive two sacraments of the Church, the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. These are the visible gifts of God's invisible grace, given by Jesus to make us holy and lead us to eternal life. May God be always with them.



### Tri-Church Flea Market

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon. St. John the Baptist and the Hungarian Reform Church with Holy Family will be holding separate flea markets in each respective parking lots. As we do our spring cleaning, save some of the items we were going to throw away for the flea market. Our trash could be someone else's treasure. The Bell Choirs will be coordinating the Holy Family Flea Market and anyone can purchase a table. Fee: \$10 a table. All appliances must be in working conditions and any clothes are to be washed and pressed. Hopefully having all three parishes holding flea markets at the same time will attract customers.



### Golf Outing

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Butlers Golf Course \$80; 8:00 A.M. Tee Off. There will be a special golfers Mass Saturday at 5:00 P.M. to meet Sunday obligations. Call Dick Contrella @ 412.751.5080 or Neil Rushnock @ 412.673.4365 to register.

### Processional Hymn: Come Unto Jesus

Refrain: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold  
He would save us from this sinful world  
To heaven's blessed glory untold  
O dearest Lord we come!

Come unto Jesus, Come while you may  
Hear how He calls you, come now this day  
How He does love you, follow His way,  
Gently He calls you come:

Come O my child now, come heed His call  
Give Him your heart, your love and your all  
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall  
Gently He calls you come!



### Recessional Hymn: "Shepherd of Souls"

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, Your chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace  
In strength of which we travel on, To our abiding place.

Be know to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart,  
Savior abide with us and spread your table in our hearts.

Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and Your blood  
That living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

**THEME: The Good Shepherd**

Today we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday. It is fitting that we also celebrate an historic day in the lives of our 6 children, who have received two sacraments of the Church this weekend for the first time. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and I know my sheep and my sheep know me." Today, our six children will come to know Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. He will feed them and nourish them by His Word and Eucharist. He will remind us that He gave His life so that we can be forgiven through the Sacrament of Penance and that we can attain the resurrection glory with all the saints in heaven through the Sacrament of the Eucharist when Jesus said, "He who eats my body and drinks my blood will have everlasting life."

Living in a world that continually tries to cripple our faith, what are we to do? Listen to the Words of Jesus. Does the world give life? No. It is our Lord who gives life, gives life to the fullest. "Not as the world gives do I give, says our Lord. He is the Good Shepherd. He knows us. Do we know Him? That is why the Church is important. Recently, in the newspaper, it stated that many people have fallen away from organized religion because it does not fulfill their wants. Many have fallen away because they are in sin and know it, so they use the excuse to justify their behavior. It doesn't work that way. When the Lord returns, He will not excuse them for He will remind them that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Not visa versa.

**Sunday Ministry Schedules**

<u>This Week</u>	7:00 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team
Greeters	H. Albeck
Ushers	F. Pociask & J.J. Parknavy
Acolytes	All Servers
Next Week	9:00 A.M.
Lectors	Youth
Greeter	J. Gibala
Ushers	T. Kleckner & L. Ruozzi
Acolytes	All Servers



**This Week**

<b><u>Sunday, May 3, 2009</u></b>	<b>Easter 4</b>
First Holy Communion Day	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
SAMBS Sub-Central Meeting	4:00 P.M.

<b><u>Monday, May 4, 2009</u></b>	
Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.

<b><u>Wednesday, May 6, 2009</u></b>	
Marian Devotions	7:00 P.M.
Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

<b><u>Sunday, May 10, 2009</u></b>	<b>Easter 5</b>
Mother's Day	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
Mother's Day Breakfast & Program	10:15 A.M.

**There will be only one Mass next Sunday at 9:00 P.M. and no SOCL Classes because of the Mothers Day Breakfast**

