

Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Risen (verses 1, 2, 4) – PNCC #124

ENTRANCE HYMN (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13)

C. 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.

C. 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.

READING 1 ACTS 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD

than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD

than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

READING 2 1 JN 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA JN 10:14

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

GOSPEL JN 10:11-18

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli,

Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Kamil Dudała, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Cherles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz, Dave Calabria, Bob Yasko.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

Sing With All the saints in Glory (verses 1 & 3) – Ritual Song #595

FAITH SHARING

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the day of prayer for vocations. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because "pastor" means shepherd. As shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep, the people of the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of



a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd — the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal.

In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children.

<u>In today's Gospel</u> Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort — the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us — and a double challenge: to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

LIFE MESSAGE

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Therefore, bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Let us pray that we may all both receive and accept God's offered vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate, as well as to Marriage and the single state, so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect a receptive Catholic community.





SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULEMay 12, 2024

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 21 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong Don Newcamp, George Jobes Sunday, April 28 Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk Sunday, May 5 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence Sunday, May 12 Sunday, May 19 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong Sunday, May 26 Sunday, June 2 Don Newcamp, George Jobes Sunday, June 9 Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk Sunday, June 16 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence Sunday, June 23 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski Sunday, June 30 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The National Mission & Evangelization Commission would like to meet at Holy Family on Monday, May 6 and Tueasday May 7, 2024. The meeting will



be attended by ~ 15 people: bishops, priests and laity.

As a host parish, we would be responsible for a meeting area for the attendees and providing lunches and refreshments. The National Church will reimburse the parish for any expense incurred.

The ladies from SAMBS are asked to help with the meal preparation.

Other parishioners are also asked to help.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW - THANK YOU ALL!

Big thanks to all who helped in organizing, preparation, cooking, baking, all donors, and all other helpers.

FR. MARIUSZ'S 25^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On May 19, 2024, Fr. Mariusz will be celebrating his 25 years of Service to God.

At 10:00 AM the Holy Mass will be offered in his intention. At 5:00 PM Vespers followed by dinner in our Church Hall.

This is an open invitation to all Parishioners and Friends. Please respond kindly by May 11, 2024. Please use the RSVP cards located in the vestibule, text or call (412) 330-8286 or email pastor@hfpncc.org.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday,</u> April 21, 2024 – 4th Easter Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich

Monday, April 22, 2024 - Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Friday, April 26, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 27, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 5th Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

- † Bonnie Zaucha requested by Adam Lesnicky
- † Mack Mastrovich requested by Carol Davelli & Family
- † Arthur Eagan requested by Fr. Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski

4/30/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph the Worker

† Irene Jugan – requested by Walt Cook Family

5/3/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon

5/4/24 St 11:00 AM Memorial Mass

† Kenneth Kost – requested by David Kost

5/5/24 Su 10:00 AM 6 Easter Sunday

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

† George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family

† Regina Filipczak – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

5/12/24 Su 10:00 AM 7 Easter Sunday / Mother's Day

For All Mothers Living and Deceased

5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost

For God's blessing for Fr. Mariusz on 25th Anniversary of the Sacrament of Priesthood

5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi

For God's blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)

6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

† Helen Balawajder – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus

† Pat Peteraf – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

6/9/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Word of God

OPEN

6/16/24 Su 10:00 AM 11 Ordinary Sunday / Father's Day

For All Fathers Living and Deceased

6/23/24 Su 10:00 AM 12 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

6/24/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – John the Baptist

OPEN

6/30/24 Su 10:00 AM 13 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

MOTHER'S DAY MASS

On Sunday, May 12th, we will be honoring our Mothers, first of all – by thanking God for our own mothers, and secondly, by praying for them, all of them, our living Mothers and those Mothers whom God called already to the eternal life.

The <u>best</u> prayer gift for Mom is always a Holy Mass, as an ultimate form of prayer.

Let me offer this Mass on Sunday, May 12th in their intentions: for the living mothers – for a long life in good health and God's blessing; for the deceased Mothers – for God's mercy and eternal peace in heaven.

Please fill out the form below, and return it as soon as possible, directly to father, **but please <u>DO NOT</u> attach to it any checks, cash, nor other Mass stipends.** This Mass for Mothers is offered absolutely **<u>free</u>** as a gift to all Mothers.

However, if you wish to offer your appreciation, you can do it at the end of that Mass by supporting the fund of the Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS) in our parish. This is the group of mothers taking care (financially as well) of the Sanctuary, and many other events in our parish, so sooner or later, through their hands, your donations will go to new linen altar clothes, liturgical items, flowers or other decorations around the altar and Tabernacle.

is or was mother-like to you, living or deceased, to be mentioned during this Holy Mass, you can PRINT their names below. It is an option only . Also, you can whispe those names to God in person. There will be offered a moment of silence to do it.			
Father, please include the following Mot in the Holy Mass intention on M		ay, May 12 th :	
Living:			
Deceased:			