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Masses: Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00 am Thursday 6:30 pm • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Confession: Daily, M-F~6:40-6:55 am • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

❖ The Fourth Sunday of Easter ❖

❖ World Day of Prayer for Vocations ❖ April 21, 2024 ❖

An Easter Reflection -

A Good Example

Most people in life want to be “a good example” for others. Parents want their children to embody the same examples of goodness they hopefully learned from their parents. When a principal or director of religious formation hires a new teacher or aide, she wants them to follow a similar approach of respect and compassion that is at the heart of their work with students. Parish ministers look to the example of Jesus, saints and other disciples to become the faithful shepherds that Jesus calls us all to be.

Each of the scriptures this Easter Sunday speak to the example we all are journeying toward as the Good Shepherd’s disciples. St. Peter quotes Psalm 118 and invokes us all to be cornerstones in the varied structures of our lives, even if we are rejected. St. John tells us that as the children of God the world is not always going to recognize us, so we must be like Jesus now in the everyday ways that we respond as the beloved. Finally, Jesus wants us to be one flock protecting everyone from the “wolves” in our world and hearing his voice being willing to lay down our lives for this flock. These are the examples that lead us to goodness, loving-kindness and faithfulness which we want others to imitate.

None of this is easy! Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, an assistant professor of the Hebrew Bible at the College of Holy Cross, writes this in her commentary on the Sunday Scriptures, Ponder, “To follow Christ’s example is hard work. It means being similarly misunderstood or rejected. It involves a radical reorientation away from a concern to fit in, to be part of the mainstream. It involves loving others in a way that might seem illogical, irrational, or beyond the call of duty. It necessitates prayer and grace.” (p.101)

Always, the Good Shepherd invites his beloved sheep to consider in what way today can we be a radical example of Christ’s goodness? How is Jesus calling each of us into this profound way of loving? How deep is our prayer to receive the grace to follow Christ’s example of liberating love and faithfulness flowing through all our actions? -Fr. Michael

JESUS CHRIST: OUR EXAMPLE OF FAITHFULNESS



► Acts 4 : 8-12~ *The Stone That Has Become the Cornerstone*

► 1 John 3 : 1-2 ~ *Recognizing the Son*

► John 10: 11-18 ~ *The Good Shepherd*

Adults: Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Kids: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS
FOR APRIL 22 -APRIL 28, 2024**

Mon	22	Easter weekday	7:00am	Ann Felter (by Sons and Daughters)
Tue	23	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr	7:00am	Joseph Ryzner (by Pat and Christa Murman)
Wed	24	St. Fidelis, Priest and Martyr	7:00am	Michael Matiko (by Swenton and Matiko Families)
Thu	25	St. Mark, Evangelist	9:00am 6:30pm	Holy Rosary School welcomes Bishop Bambara for Mass Frank and Sophie Lojewski (by Daughters, Elaine and Barbara)
Fri	26	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Robert Kundrat (by Family)
Sat	27	Easter Weekday	4:00pm	John and Nell Rincavage (by Ann Francis Kurzweil and daughters, Robyn and Dena)
Sun	28	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners Ruth Trakimas (By Son ,David and Trakimas Family) John "Doc" Blanchard (by Family)
VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Gert and Sam Nardone (by Daughter Beverly)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Janice Sopp (by Dolores Klink and Family)		
Saint Joseph		John and Nell Rincavage (by Ann Francis Kurzweil & Robyn and Dena)		

22 Monday
-First Holy Communion Rehearsal,
6:00pm In Church

23 Tuesday
- **Passover**
-Soup and Spirituality, 5:30-7:00pm

24 Wednesday
- Mass at Crossin Towers 12:00pm

25 Thursday-
- **School Visit from Bishop Bambara**

26 Friday
-Pierogi Peeling 9:00am

27 Saturday
-Mashing and Balling 10:00am

28 Sunday
-Pierogi Making, 9:00am
-Women's Society Spring Tea, 2pm-5pm

29 Monday
-First Holy Communion Rehearsal,
6:00pm In Church

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

For the period ending April 16: TOTAL \$6,487.52; Sunday \$4,387.00 (\$1,206.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$494.52.00; Other Envelopes \$1,606.00 (\$639.00 OL)
Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

**VOCATION DICERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN**

High school men and women (Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors) are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for **Quo Vadis** or **Fiat Days, June 24-26th** at Marywood University!

Each is a 3-day summer camp that is designed to teach them about vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, and activities.



FIAT DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE 24-26 High school women are invited to join us for 3 days of adventure, prayer, dynamic talks, Mass, Adoration, and outdoor activities at **Marywood University!**



Fiat is a 3-day summer camp for high school women that is designed to teach them about vocations, help them better discern where God is calling them, and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, small group discussion, activities, and more. Cost is \$25.

Scan the QR code to register!



Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other young faithful in the Diocese through games, sports, music, small group discussion, and more!

At **Fiat Days**, young women will connect with religious communities serving in the Diocese of Scranton, hear discernment stories from various religious sisters, and chat one-on-one with a sister if

they wish. At **Quo Vadis**, the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton will also visit with participants.

Those interested in participating must have a recommendation from their pastor, youth minister, Director of Religious Education, Deacon, or other parish minister. For more information, please email info@dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-1452. The cost is \$25, which our parish will cover.



QUO VADIS DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE 24-26 High school age men join us for 3 days of adventure, prayer, dynamic talks, Mass, Adoration, and outdoor activities at **Marywood University!**



During the retreat, they discover how to better discern where God is calling them, learn about different vocations, interact with our priests and seminarians, and meet Bishop Bambara! Cost is \$25.

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WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD! Our parish welcomes Collette and Matthew John McGlynn, and Westen James Ash, who have been Baptized recently, and Noah Joseph Plis Baptized today (Sunday). May the grace of this Sacrament permeate their lives forever, and through these children,

invigorate the faith and hope of their families, friends, and all whom they will meet in life. Congratulations to their parents and loved ones.

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY Our prayers are requested for Mark Rostkowski whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, April 19. May our Lord embrace him in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to Mark's family and friends. We offer them our parish sympathy.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES: Classes will take place this week, for all grades according to the usual schedule, both Morning and Evening Classes.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS will take place on Monday's at 6:00pm, on April 22nd and 29th in the church.

GIFT CERTIFICATES: To support Holy Rosary School. Sales on Thursday April 25th, 8am-10am.

PIEROGI MAKING THIS WEEK Volunteers are continuing preparations for this year's Picnic. Can you help? All are Welcome and appreciated!

- Friday, April 26th, 9 am -Potato/cheese prep
- Saturday April 27th, - 10 am - Mash and ball potatoes
- Sunday April 28th - 9am - Pierogi making.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Catholic Choral Society Spring Concerts to Celebrate Society's 75th Anniversary Season on Friday evening, May 17th at 7:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton, featuring The Forest City Regional High School Chamber Singers directed by District 9 PMEA President Alison Yuravich, and on Sunday evening, May 19 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA, featuring the Good Shepherd Academy Junior High Choir of Kingston under the direction of Thomas Hanlon.. The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 75th season, is comprised of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 - Seniors and students \$8.00 -Singers and ages 12 and under free.

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS IN OUR TIMES Dr. Larry Chapp will speak at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30PM. His topic is "The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times". The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served; please join us. All are welcome.

MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image "painted" by Heaven on St. Juan Diego's cloak in 1531. The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy, blessed the Missionary Image for the purpose of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life, and a civilization of love. Thus, we are pleased to announce that this Missionary Image will be available for Veneration in our area according to the following schedule from May 10 -16, 2024:



Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke -May 10 (Friday) 10:00 am Divine Liturgy; 11:00 am Talk; 11:15 am Hour of Prayer; 12:15 - 2:00 pm Veneration of the Image
 May 11 (Saturday) Noon to 4:00 pm Veneration of the Image; 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; 7:15 pm Talk

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth - May 12 (Sunday) 8:30 am Divine Liturgy; 9:45 am Talk; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Prayer & Veneration of the Image

Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas - May 14 (Tuesday) 1:00 - 5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, North Street, Wilkes-Barre - May 16 (Thursday) 9:30 am Meet & Process with the Image to Planned Parenthood, 101 Main Street, to pray for the Life of Unborn Children

Holy Spirit Parish - St. Mary Church, Mocanaqua - May 16 (Thursday) 1:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image; 6:00 pm Holy Mass; 7:00 pm Talk; 7:15-8:30 pm Veneration of the Image.




POPE FRANCIS
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,
 BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTIL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. AMEN.



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