## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday is traditionally called in the Church the Sunday of The Good Shepherd. Jesus is telling us that He is the Gate. Is He an opened gate or a closed gate? For sure He is an opened gate which invites us not to be locked up or be a prisoner of our fears, loneliness, stress, or all types of ills or sufferings. One of the many hardships in understanding today's gospel is the one of shepherd/sheep. It's something that most of the people today are not familiar with. But also, the fact that many a leaders today (whether in the Church or not), are leaders to serve themselves and their families and friends, doesn't help to understand Jesus. Unlike them, Jesus is there to serve and not to be served. This Shepherd, Jesus, doesn't live on the expense of the sheep, on the contrary, He came so that His sheep might have life and life in abundance.

Today is also the World Day Prayer for Vocations. Vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life. But let's not forget our first vocation, a vocation common to us all, vocation to life, that means to protect the life that God gives us.

## MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION CORSAGE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Thank you to everyone that ordered the Mother's Day carnation corsages. The corsages will be delivered on Mother's Day weekend at the church of your selection.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POTLUCK

The Knights of Columbus will hold a potluck dinner at OLA on April 27. The dinner will be preceded by a Mass in the church at 6pm. Ms. Jessica Freyne, Director of the Providence Pregnancy Center (Scranton), will speak to the group after dinner. **All are welcome** to join us for Mass and dinner. Contact Matt Schofield at schofieldmjs@outlook.com.

## SPECIAL REQUEST

St Patrick's hall is in need of a refrigerator in good condition for the hall. If you can help, please call Rita 570 575 9874.

## SP CLOTHES CLOSET

Starting Monday, May 4th and continuing all week, the clothes closet will be transforming the lower level of the church hall into its affordable clothing & miscellaneous store. This church fundraiser needs all kinds of help. Any amount of time you can possibly offer from startup of through the summer when we're open will be greatly appreciated. On Monday May 4 from 10:30 to 4pm we're setting up racks & moving tables & bins-heavy work, needs strength! Think about it gentlemen & strong women. The rest of the week between 10:30 & 4pm we're sorting clothing & unpacking & pricing miscellaneous items. There's a job for everyone. If you can volunteer, please call Lyn Harvey at 570-942-6552 of Carol Williams at 570-942-6804 or sign up on the Clothes Closet Volunteer Sheet in St. Pat's vestibule.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT OUTREACH MINISTRY

An Outreach Ministry is dedicated to extending compassion, connection, and care to those who may feel isolated or in need of encouragement. Through heartfelt card writing, friendly phone calls, and personal visits to homebound individuals, the ministry seeks to remind each person that they are valued, remembered, and not alone. Whether offering a listening ear, sharing words of hope, or simply being present, the team strives to build meaningful relationships rooted in kindness. In times of illness, loss, or hardship, the Outreach Ministry brings comfort, prayerful support, and a tangible expression of love to those who need it most.

This ministry is currently supported by The Legion Of Mary, The Disciples of Mary, The Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Social Concerns Ministry and Pastoral Outreach Apostolate. If you are interested in learning more in how you could support our Outreach Ministries, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office. We would love to hear from you! Also, if you know of someone who could use outreach support please contact the office so we can add you to our prayer list.

## FATIMA JOURNEY ROSARY EVENINGS

Ernie Pappa, founder of Marian Devotion Ministries, will host Rosary Evenings from May to October offering devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Evenings will include the Rosary with chanted scriptural Mysteries, Fatima Prayers, Marian Hymns, Litanies and other prayers from 6 to 7 PM as follows:

Mondays; OLA – May 11, SML – June 8, OLA – July 13, OLA - Aug 10, SP - Sept 14. OLA – Oct 12.

Please join in this special devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

**May 2 & 3**

**Eucharistic Ministers**
4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

**Musicians**
4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

**Lectors**
4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay
9:00am (SML) Mary Lou Franko
11 am (SP) Mary Jo Danoski

**Altar Servers**
4 pm (OLA) – Jace Biglin
11am (SP) – Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Emma Evans

## UPCOMING COUNCILS & EVENTS

Apr 28 – Finance Councils Meeting at OLA, 6pm
Apr 30 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Apr 30 - Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo 6pm
Apr 30 – First Holy Communion Practice, OLA, 5pm
May 2 – First Holy Communion OLA, 11am

## SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Donations needed - please consider donating for our end of the year party for the students of SP/OLA family faith formation program. We are in need of treats for the kids, gift cards are welcome for our team to pick up goodies, and end of the year awards. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.
Julie Harvatine – jwharv03@gmail.com.
5/3/2026 - Family Faith Formation End of Year Party followed by May Crowning at SP 11 AM
5/10/2026 - No Class - Mother's Day

**SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**
Kerry Pieretti – redlightgreen343@gmail.com
May 3 Sunday 9am Mass May Crowing SML
Last class for Sunday school!

## SPRING SACRAMENTS

4/30 Thurs- First Holy Communion Practice OLA 5 PM
5/2 Sat - First Holy Communion OLA 11 AM
5/14 Thurs. - Confirmation Practice OLA 6 PM
5/17 Sat. - Confirmation OLA 3 PM

## MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mother's Day envelopes may be found in your offertory pack. You may place them in the collection basket. Mother's Day this year is May 10. All returned envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the month of May and the intentions for ALL Mothers

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday (April 27) Easter Weekday**
6:00pm (OLA) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
*By The Knights of Columbus*

**Tuesday (April 28) St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**
8:00am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur
*By George & Rose Mary Ketchur*

**Wednesday (April 29) St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**
8:00am (SP) Healing for Mary Hanlon
*By Tracey Singletary*

**Thursday (April 30) St. Pius V, Pope**
8:00 am (SML) Jean & Jerome Lamonica
*By Sr. Gina Piazza*

**Saturday (May 2) The Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm (OLA) Angelo & Grace Sandy
*By Tony & Rita Sandy*

**Sunday (May 3) The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
9:00 am (SML) Anna Van Auken
*By Parents*
11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters
*By Barbara Kelly*

**Sanctuary Candle at SML**
Burning this week for Blessings of Good Health for Richard Franko
*By Carl, Marie, & Katie Packer*

**Sanctuary Candle at OLA**
Burning this week for Health & Blessings for Carol Williams
*By Patrick*

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

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| **SP Weekly** | **$ 1,187.00** | **Loose $ 284.00** |
| **OLA Weekly** | **$ 1,556.00** | **Loose $ 22.00** |
| **SML Weekly** | **$ 1,305.00** | **Loose $ 110.00** |

***May the Lord reward your generosity***

## OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Sister Mary of Saint Peter: In The 'Golden Arrow' prayer- a prayer of reparation- dictated by Jesus to her, we read this : "May The Most Holy, Most Sacred, Most Adorable, Most Incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen."