

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Fourth Sunday of Easter in the Catholic Church is called the Sunday of the Good Shepherd and was designated as the World Day Prayer For Vocations. This was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964 because on the Fourth Sunday of Easter in the Catholic Church, we read the gospel of John presenting Jesus as The Good Shepherd. On this day, the emphasis is on the prayer to increase vocations, to support individuals who are trying to discern for their vocations, and finally to promote all types of vocations. Today the word 'shepherd' is obsolete, that means no longer used. (Our world today is more technological.) But in reality the shepherd is not a weak person. He has a tough life. He works a lot and works hard. He has lots of demands. A shepherd is a guide, someone who leads and guides with love; people today look for leaders. This is true of the youth. This is true from the point of view of believers, as well as non-believers. There are too many guides today (false ones) or no guide at all. Confusion is a very good word to describe our time. Even within the Church, there is confusion. Where is the truth? Who is telling the truth? Who to trust? Who to believe? Who to follow? In this chaos, people are lost. Some people decide not to have a guide, a shepherd. Other people decide to be their own shepherd, and being one's shepherd or guide is a dead-end road. Young people today need guides and guidance, that means shepherds; not only young people, but adults also need guides and guidance; children need guides and guidance; our society needs guides and guidance; any group of people needs guides and guidance, in politics, economy, education, military and in all types of life or domains in this life or creed, people need shepherds, that means guides and guidance. Jesus is The Good Shepherd, who gives His life and who gives eternal life. If & when we accept Christ as Shepherd, we must also accept to let Him guide us as He knows, not as we want. We don't tell Jesus what to do. "My sheep, hear my voice". To know the Gospel is not enough, but to put it into practice is what is required. The voice of the Good Shepherd in the Gospel's summarized thus: love of neighbor, need to share, fight for justice, desire for peace, necessity to forgive one's enemy, fear of God.

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Almighty Lord,
We give you thanks for this Mother's Day, for All Mothers. We pray for All Mothers, living and deceased. Thank you for the joy they give us or gave us. Thank you for the gift of life that they bore, like Saint Jeanne Berretta; thank you for the grace of their courage, like Saint Zita; thank you for their family life's example, like St Zelig; thank you for the grace of a life of prayer, like Saint Monica; thank you for the grace of their maternal love, like Blessed Eurosia; thank you for the grace of their maternal love, like Saint Jeanne Chantal; thank you for the grace of birth, like Saint Elizabeth, thank you for the gift of our Mother Of Heaven, who intercedes for us without end. Amen.

CHAPEL POTLUCK LUNCHEON SUNDAY MAY 25

The parishioners of our 3 churches are welcome to the St Pio Adoration Chapel Potluck luncheon on Sunday May 25 at OLA church hall. The doors open at 12:30pm with lunch beginning at 1:15. Call the church office at 570 563-1622 with any questions. There are sign-up sheets at each church. Please sign up before May 19.

HABEMUS PAPAM

We, Parishioners of Our Lady Of The Abingtons, Saint Patrick, and Saint Mary Of The Lake welcome with joy our newly elected pope, Robert Cardinal Prevost as Pope Leo XIV. He now assumes this role and all the names and titles attached to it as : Pope.; Holy Father; Pontiff, Bishop of Rome; Vicar of Christ; Patriarch of Rome; Successor of the Prince of the Apostles; Bishop of the Catholic Church; Sovereign Pontiff; Primate of Italy; Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province; Sovereign of the State of the City of Vatican; Patriarch of the West; Supreme Chief of the Roman Catholic Church; Servant of the servants of God. We pray for our New Pope in his role not to forge a new teaching, but as St Paul says in 1 Cor 11,23 to pass to us and to the future generations what he received from the Lord (not his opinion). We couldn't be any prouder that he is an American. Viva la Papa !

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

Parishioners from all 3 of our churches are invited to join Ernie Pappa as he leads us tomorrow in praying the Fatima Rosary at 6pm, May 13 at OLA Church.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

There was a funeral at St Pat's for Florence Gardoski. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her loved ones.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 17 & 18

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Diane Fitzpatrick
9:00am (SML) Ann Marie Gorko
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

Musicians

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

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozelesky
9:00am (SML) Len Nash
11 am (SP) Fifth Grade Class

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS.

May 12 - Fatima Rosary at OLA church, 6pm
May 14 – Clothes Closet at SP opens 5 to 7pm
May 16 & 17 – Ukraine yard sale at SP-10 am – 3pm
May 18 – Mass for graduates at SP 11am Mass

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Graduates Mass

On 5/18/2025 at 11AM at St. Patrick's we will celebrate our graduates. Please RSVP by 5/12 to jwharv03@gmail.com.

SPRING IS HERE! – THINK OLA FALL FESTIVAL

The first meeting to plan the OLA Fall Festival will be on Wednesday May 21 in the OLA church hall at 6:30pm. Come to the meeting with your best ideas for this year's festival to be held on September 13/14, 2025.

CLOTHES CLOSET OPENING NEWS

The clothes closet will open on May 14. Thank you to all the helpers to get us ready. Donations of clothing, shoes, linens, misc. can be left on the lower level of the hall. Please consider being a volunteer. For bigger donations or to volunteer call Jane Decker 570-942-6078.

UKRAINE YARD SALE AT ST. PATS

The yard sale will be at St Patrick Parish Hall on May 16 & 17 from 10 to 3, Indoor and Handicap accessible, Snacks & lunch will be available. We need volunteers to help with set-up and day of sale! Call Joan at 570-468-6903! Donations are greatly appreciated: Basket raffle prizes, Household items, Artwork, crafts, books, and new or gently used clothing. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY MAGAZINES, TEXTBOOKS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (May 13) Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 am (OLA) David Gruss

By Bishop Klonowski Class of 1980

Wednesday (May 14) St Matthias, Apostle

8:00 am (SP) Gene Hoch

By Janet Motyka

Thursday (May 15) St. Isadore

8:00 am (SML) Frances Franko

By Rick & Mary Lou Franko

Saturday (May 17) The Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (OLA) Frank & Leon Porzuczek

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Sunday (May 18) The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am (SML) Thomas & Rita Walsh

By Robert & Andrea Walsh

11:00 am (SP) Florence Gardoski

By anonymous

Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for Blessings for all Mothers

By Joan Kupetsky

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly\$ 3,002.00 Loose \$ 148.00

OLA Weekly\$ 1,945.00 Loose \$ 67.00

SML Weekly\$ 1042.00 Loose \$ 400.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

REGINA COELI PRAYER

During the Easter Season, instead of the Prayer Angelus, the Church says the Regina Coeli (Queen Of Heaven). Just as the Angelus, it's said at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm, preferably.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia For Christ, your Son and Son of God, has risen as He said, alleluia Pray to God for us, alleluia. V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R/. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Hildegard von Bingen: on some occasions during Mass, she will see in the Blessed Sacrament (as if she was looking at a mirror), images of the birth of Jesus, His passion, and some events that happened during Jesus's life.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC and Coordinating teams meeting on Tuesday May 6 @6:30pm in the OLA Hall was cancelled.