

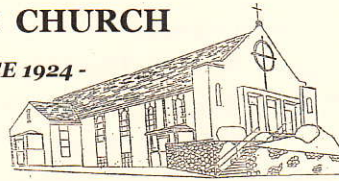
HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

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BULLETIN for
4th Sunday of EASTER
April 21, 2024
Holy Mass at 9:00 AM

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With a special intention for † **Jan Skrzypczak**; Upon the request of Marianna & Ray Provancher;



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:8-12)

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 Nazarean 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."

Psalm (118) *Response:* The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

A reading from the First Letter of St John (3:1-2)

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

We are Catholic community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

Everyone is always welcome to worship with us in our beautiful church. It is a house of prayer for all, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (10:11-18)



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."



General Intercession:

***Response:* Good Shepherd,
hear our prayer.**

Readers for this month:

April 7th – **Janet Tropeano**

April 14th – **John Stronkowski**

April 21st – **Henry Zapatka**

April 28th – **Ken Krasko**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ *The celebration of our 100th anniversary will take place NEXT Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 PM. There will be NO MORNING MASS at 9:00 AM! - We will be hosting many visiting guests, including the Prime Bishop, our Ordinary, and the diocesan clergy. So, we may expect a PARKING ISSUE. Therefore, we will ask able bodied parishioners to use the parking lot at the bottom, (The Club lot), or at the foot of the hill of our church. Thank you for understanding.*

➔ *This week we are also planning the final cleaning of the church and the hall. So, we are looking for volunteers who could help with this project - start time is 9:30 AM.*

➔ *Pastoral/Sacramental Visit. If you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit. In emergency call directly Fr. Paul's mobile phone @ 475-208-4455.*

➔ *Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing*

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

Paul Tropeano – April 9

Henry Zapatka – April 12

Kenneth Krasko – April 15

Marybeth Kurek – April 17



homes, especially our parishioners and friends: Cheryl Peters, Sarah Squezzello, Logan Caruso, Debbie and Emil Caruso, Robert and

Aiden Klain, Agnes Geruch, Very Rev. Senior Joseph Soltysiak, Lorraine Krusienski

(Very Rev. Joe Krusienski's wife).

➔ *Our delicious pierogi, cheese or potatoes, as well as stuffed cabbage - gołąbki, are available from our freezer. Credit card payments are now ACCEPTED!*



THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as “*Good Shepherd Sunday*”. – In the Gospel, Jesus states, ‘*I am the good shepherd and I know my sheep and mine know me.*’ - At the time of Jesus, shepherds were a part of daily life. When Jesus used the image of the shepherd, the people who listened to him would have understood immediately what he was talking about.

This language and image of Jesus the shepherd can help us to appreciate the relationship he offers each of us today. We are known and loved personally and intimately by Jesus; we are not all the same to him. In the Prophet Isaiah we read these powerful and profound words; ‘*I call you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.*’ - These are the words that God speaks directly to each of us every day of our lives. If a shepherd cares for sheep with such love and attention, how much more does Jesus love and care for us? - He calls us by our name out of love; he does not and cannot force us to listen or make us follow him. He invites us to follow him freely; the choice whether or not we accept this invitation is entirely ours. We may take our time in answering this call, but Jesus will wait and will never stop calling us by our name.

Today we are also asked to pray for those who feel they are called to live their lives as pastors in Christ's Church. But each of us is called to follow Jesus in whatever way that we can. We each have our own unique and sacred vocation which comes directly and personally from God. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Ephesians; ‘*I ask you to live a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called.*’ (4.1) God calls each of us by our name; each of us is called to live our different way of life; our vocation as members of The Body of Christ, trying our best to love and serve each other.

Jesus the Good Shepherd carries us and lays down his life for us

