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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2018

This Sunday is of course, the Fourth Sunday in Eastertime and it is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Our Gospel is always about that favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Today is also a *world day of prayer for vocations*. The Church community focuses today on the particular vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious or consecrated life. Pope Francis’ message for this world day of prayer for vocations notes that: “Every vocation... always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one’s life on Christ and on his Gospel.” With this in mind, let us explore our readings, and especially the Gospel.

In the First Reading (Acts 4: 8-12), we are in the midst of a controversy. St. Peter has healed a crippled man and then preached to the astonished crowd about the risen Christ. The religious authorities are not pleased, and so Peter and the other disciples are arrested. Our Scripture passage brings us in as they are being questioned by the religious leaders. Peter fearlessly proclaims that there is no salvation through anyone else but Jesus Christ. It is a great reminder to us that all we do should be done in and through Christ. A beautiful prayer called *St. Patrick’s Breastplate* speaks of our calling to have Jesus Christ at the heart of all our words and deeds. If you can, google the prayer and make it your own!

Our Second Reading (1 John 3: 1-2) tells us that we are “children” of God. The word in the original language of the Scriptures (*tekna*) used here means a blood relation, or descendants, or perhaps even “kids.” St. John wants to make clear how close our relationship is to God and, like children, we depend totally on God. Not surprisingly, this reading is one that can be chosen for a Funeral Mass, because it speaks of this familiarity and closeness. So much so, St. John writes, that we shall see God and we shall be like Him.

The Gospel (John 10: 11-18), is part of Jesus’ teaching about the Good Shepherd. Each year of the three-year cycle we read a different section of the discourse. Our passage this year focuses upon two ele-

ments. First, we hear about the total and absolute dedication of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Secondly, we then see how we are to know his voice when he calls us. In fact, this is how we receive and follow our particular vocation in life.

As with the word “children”, it is worth exploring some of the key words in the Gospel, as they come to us in the original language of the Scriptures. When Jesus says that he is the “Good” Shepherd, the word he uses is *kalos*. When we think about it, our English word “good” has many meanings. The word *kalos* in our Gospel means “good” as in being good at it, or fittingly, or better at it. Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd, in that he is good at it! He shows this above all as he lays down his life for his sheep. We hope and pray that those who have leadership roles in the Church may also be “good” in this sense and we should certainly keep them in our prayers. Let us also pray for our two seminarians from the parish: Dan McHale and Stephen Yusko.

The word “know” also comes up quite a few times in the Gospel. In the original language of the written Gospels, the word used is *gnōsis*. It does not really mean an intellectual or head knowledge, nor does it really mean facts and figures. Instead it signifies a deep knowledge that touches every part of one’s life. *Gnōsis* is therefore very much about understanding as well as just knowing, and it is something that determines our will, our values and our actions. When Jesus talks about this “knowing” this is what he means. Furthermore, our calling or vocation is really, in the end, to know God in this way.

As we continue our preparations for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and the Perpetual Adoration Project here in Hudson, our readings remind us that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, feeds us in and through the Eucharist. The Eucharist is also a spiritual food that helps us truly to know the Lord, and also to follow our calling to be disciples and disciple-makers.



Father Anthony

THE WEEK AHEAD

■ SUNDAY, April 22

PRAY THE ROSARY

Sunday at

1:30p.m.

St. Mary's Church - Hud-

son

TUESDAY, April 24

■ **St. Anthony Novena Prayer - following morning Mass**

THURSDAY, April 26

■ **Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Acad-**

SUNDAY, April 29

Confirmation



Sunday, April 29th, at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will be in Hudson to confirm 88 young people from Columbia County (8 of whom belong to Holy Trinity Parish). The Mass is open to anyone who would like to attend.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to those who are being confirmed; and we pray that God's grace and guidance may be with them for the remainder of their earthly journey.

Catholic Jewelry Sale! April 21- 22

Our Lady Of Busy Beads Rosary Making Group offers you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Mexican, and Bethlehem olive wood rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired necklaces.

An assortment of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gift items will be included.

The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the Perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, April 22

"The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." [St. Gianna Borella Molla](#)

Come, let us adore!

The John Rutter "Requiem"

(2 perform-

ances)

Choirs from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenville, First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls, and members of the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society are joining together for a presentation of the "Requiem" by John Rutter. Presented with a chamber ensemble and soprano soloist Edda Roemelt, the program will also feature Jane Marshall's "My Eternal King," Stainer's "God So Loved the World," the instrumental selection "Gabriel's Oboe," and local composer Al Fedak's "Spring Bursts Today."

\$10 Suggested Donation – Derek Stannard @ [518-399-9168](tel:518-399-9168) or music.icglenville@gmail.com

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7:30 pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception

[400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302](#) **and**

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 4 pm

First Presbyterian Church

TRAINING SEMINAR

On **Tuesday, May 1, at 6:00 PM**, Holy Trinity Parish will host a training seminar to help the churches of Columbia and Greene Counties prepare and respond in the event of an active shooter scenario. The seminar/training program will be presented by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. There will be a question and answer session following.

All are welcome to attend.

This event will be held at St. Mary's Academy in Hudson.



THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, NY

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 5/6.

This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person.

In these next two weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop's Appeal as generously as you possible can.

Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal. Please join other Catholics from throughout the fourteen counties of the diocese in supporting this very important collection.

WALK FOR LIFE

When: May 26

Registration: 9am – 10am

Walk begins: 10am

Where: Hudson Riverfront

Fuel the mission of the **Alight Center** by partnering in our first annual Walk for Life! This is a crowd-funding event that mobilizes fundraising teams. Crowd-funding is asking others for small donations to help reach a personal and team goal.

Holy Trinity parish is coordinating a group to walk. If you would like to participate please contact Arlene Liepshutz @ 518-828-1334.



MLK

50 YEARS

COMMEMORATION

There will be a collaborative observance commemorating Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The first event will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 13 Warren St., Hudson. The second will be on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hudson Area Library, 51 N. 5th St., Hudson.

Audience participation is encouraged at the events.

It is our prayer that as he lived and died to unite people of all colors, creeds and religions, this commemoration will be a manifestation of our communal love, care and concern for all humanity.

For further information, please refer to

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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HUDSON

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