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**SUNDAY
APRIL 25
2021**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY
MASS SCHEDULE
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

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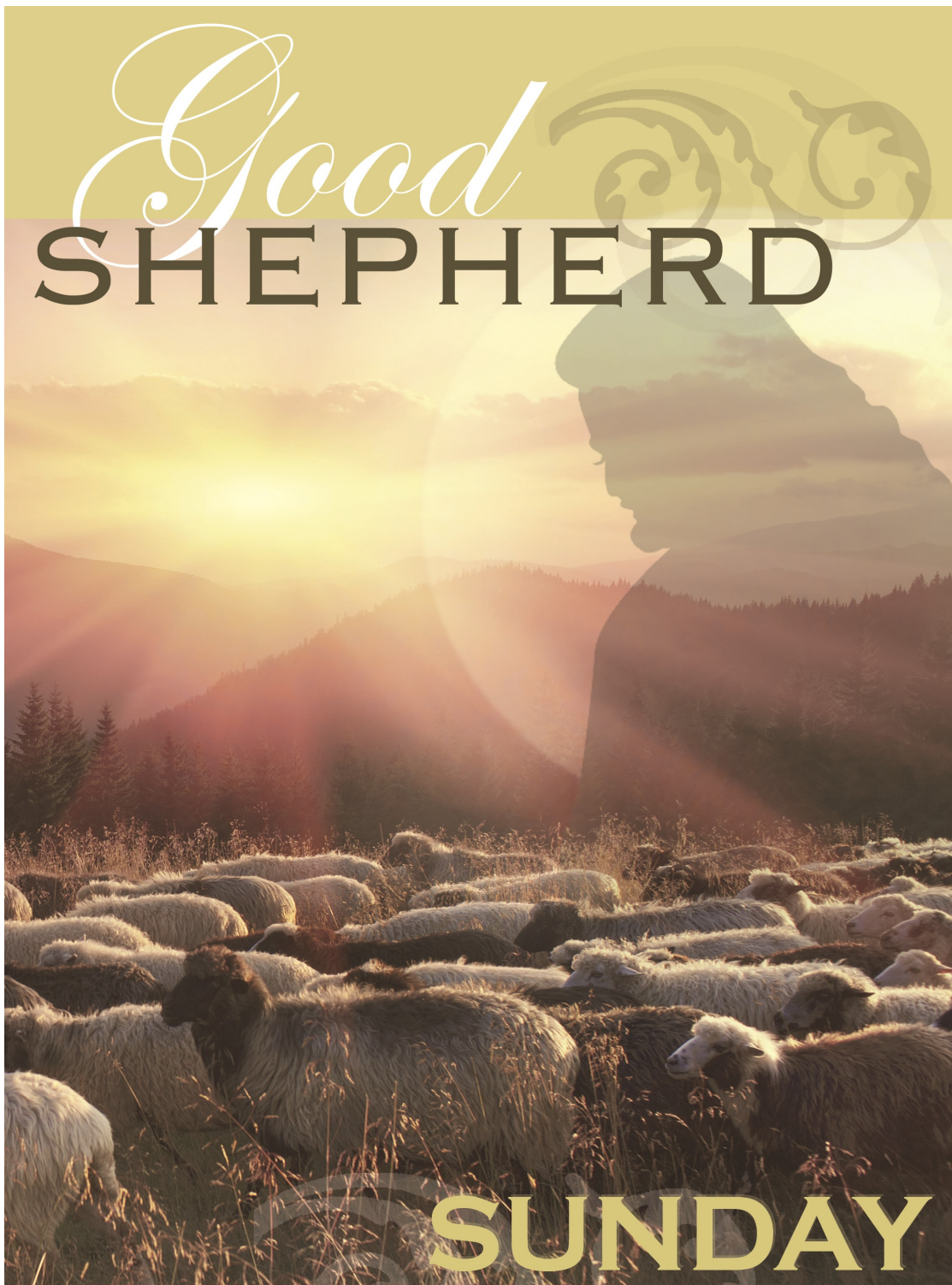
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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

Good SHEPHERD



WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

SUN 4/25	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/26	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/27	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/28	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/29	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/30	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 5/1	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 5/2	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

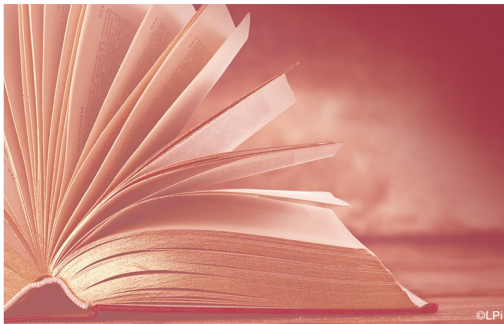
The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

*I am
the good
shepherd*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

"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." (Acts 4:12)



PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

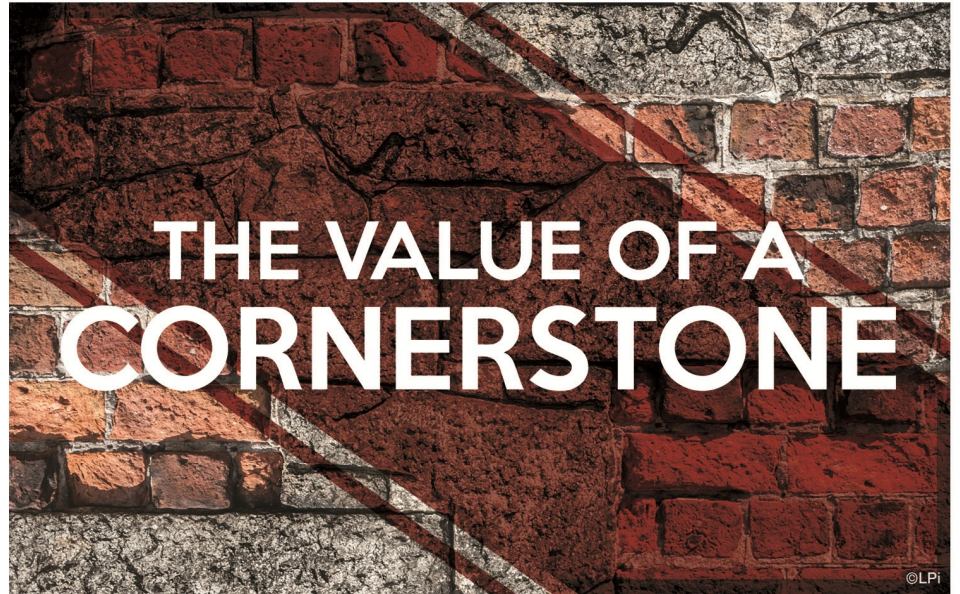
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)



GOSPEL:

"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." (Jn 10:14-15)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 4/26 7³⁰AM	Tom & Fran Sok
TUES 4/27 9AM	Chuck Knott Jr. [Family]
WED 4/28 7³⁰AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
THU 4/29 5³⁰ PM	Those Memorialized at Easter
FRI 4/30 9AM	Robert Michael Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
SAT 5/1 9AM	Shirley Kirkwood [Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima]
SAT 5/1 4PM	Jack Depizzo [Caren Renz]
SAT 5/1 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 5/2 8AM	Richard Trindle
SUN 5/2 10AM	Ralph & Fern Saternow
SUN 5/2 12PM	John Sabol

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE ©LPI

SAT 5/1 4PM		
LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
T. Bain	R. Beal J. Miller	M. Becker
SAT 5/1 6PM		
LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
LECTOR NEEDED	EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	SERVER NEEDED
SUN 5/2 8AM		
LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
J. Feeney	R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli	C. Boren
SUN 5/2 10AM		
LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
F. Hannah	P. Dinger R. Supel	A. Coates
SUN 5/2 12PM		
LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	ALTAR SERVER
LECTOR NEEDED	EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	SERVER NEEDED

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS**

PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people, the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS 2021

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church

MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that we are "coming out of the woods", we are in need of more help in all ministries; Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested you can be assigned to the Mass time of your choice. Training will be provided. Please call the office 724-981-5566.

WE NEED YOU!

MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from **7:00 PM – 7:30 PM** for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | gatorsnpa@gmail.com



Congratulations!

This weekend, Father Allen is celebrating his 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Father Allen was ordained with another Notre Dame native son, Father Michael DeMartinis.

*Happy Anniversary!!
Thank you for saying Yes to God!*



Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

Your local Knights of Columbus, Council #4003 (Farrell, Hermitage, Sharpsville, W Middlesex), is conducting a member drive. We are looking for Catholic men to join our local council, and join the other 1.9 million members around the world, to help us serve and support our local parishes and their families. To culminate this drive we will be performing a degree ceremony and social on May 15th following the 6 PM Mass at Notre Dame.

Contact Rich Fleis, Financial Secretary, via call or text 724-991-0116 or via email at ricfl@hotmail.com.

To learn more about the Knights, visit www.kofc.org for more information. Not a Knight yet.....why not????

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ City/State _____ Zip _____