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#### SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** 

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm Friday—Closed

#### MASS SCHEDULE Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 8 am and 11 am <u>Weekday Masses</u> Monday: NO MASS Tuesday: 9:00 am Wednesday: NO MASS Thursday: 9:00 am Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 9:00 am Saturday 3:00 pm -Confession

#### PARISH STAFF Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen <u>Deacon</u> Dn. Frank Hannah <u>Director of Religious</u> <u>Education</u> Mr. Joseph Ranelli <u>Director of Adult Education</u> Mrs. Kathy Higgins <u>Liturgy/Music Coordinator</u> Mrs. Gretchen Wagner <u>Secretary</u> Mrs. Carrie Hannah <u>Religious Education</u>

Secretary Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak Business Manager Mrs. Ann Miller

# **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; T shall not want.

PSALM 23





VIDEO MASS 4/30	+Betty Coon [Chuck & Mary Lou Baldoff]	SAT 5/6 4PM		
MON 5/1	NOMASS	LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller S. Goclano / D. Palisin	ALTAR SERVER M. Wible R. Wible
TUES 5/2 9AM	+Peggy Elliott [Mary Ann Spohrer & Family]			
WED 5/3	NOMASS			
THU 5/4 9AM	+Dec'd Members, Higgins Family [Funeral Ministry Group]		ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser	
FRI 5/5 9AM	+Norene Cardamon [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]		R. Mentrek	
SAT 5/6 9AM	+James Sheasley [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]	<u>SUN 5/7 11AM</u> LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. McGoff / B. McVey	ALTAR SERVER M. Hannah
SAT 5/6 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions			A. Orndorff / K. Stephenson	M. Tarbay
SAT 5/6 4PM	*Mass for the People			
SUN 5/7 8AM	+Janet Ryan [Phil & Elaine Gadola]	*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass		
SUN 5/7 11AM	+Joseph Valley [Rosalee Beal]			
SUN 5/7 1PM	*First Eucharist Mass Celebration	ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:		
Ö	Tuesday / <b>9:30 AM—11:00 PM</b> Wednesday / <b>9:00 AM—11:00 PM</b> Join us for an hour of <i>Prayer</i> , every Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm	<b>DAILY :</b> MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 pm / *6:30 P	M Confessions
		<b>WEEKEND:</b> SAT	SUN	

Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm

For more information call: Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

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Adoration

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to loved ones where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

# CONGRATULATIONS!!

On Tuesday, April 25, Fr. Allen, and Fr. Michael DeMartinis, both native sons of Notre Dame parish, celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary.

Thank You Father Allen for your service to God's people at Notre Dame, St. Bartholomew and Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools!

# Prince Peace

5:30 PM

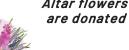
Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is SANDWICH, OUART, & GALLON SIZE STORAGE BAGS. The upcoming item will be salad dressing.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

9:30 AM

## **PARENTING POINTERS**

It's spring planting time in the northern hemisphere. What is your child's favorite vegetable? Is it something you can plant in your yard or a pot? Are they old enough to help? Try it alone or together.



Altar flowers this weekend are donated in Memory of



Robert Michael Stawaisz

We are most blessed.

**On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family** 

# WEEKLY PRAYER

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023**

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023**

Sunday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Friday:	Cinco de Mayo
Next Sunday:	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know he speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only one gate that leads to everlasting life.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucfied." (Acts 2:36)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

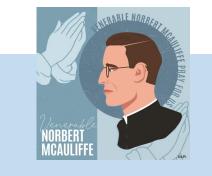
For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

#### Gospel:

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

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#### Saint of the week

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.

#### Prayer

*Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Norbert McAuliffe* 

Most Holy Trinity, you granted to Your servant Venerable Norbert McAuliffe the gifts of administration and of vision, that he should be a spiritual guide for all he met, a joyful herald of the Gospel, and a devoted servant of the one Church of Christ.

For his love of everyone You put in his path, his formation of many young men, and his dedication to education and evangelism across the U.S. and Africa, we pray that he may soon be numbered among the canonized saints.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**

#### **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Cut to the Heart

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." — Acts 2:38

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms. {*Sounds like Ginger*}

This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— Father John Muir

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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

## **GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION**

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Grades: **Pre-K - 11<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Mornings: **9:15AM - 10:45AM** Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

#### \*\*April 2023\*\*

30 Last Class

#### \*\*May 2023\*\*

- 7 First Eucharist Mass Celebration / 1pm / Church
- *Confirmation Mass Rehearsal / 7pm / St. Joseph Church (if the sponsor cannot attend, a parent can serve as a proxy)*
- **15** *Confirmation Mass Celebration / 7pm / St. Joseph Church*



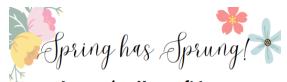
The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, May  $7^{th}$  after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Main dish, TBD. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule after Mass.

Any questions contact Ann Nicolls at 724-962-7164.



Men, mark your calendars! We will be hosting a Men's Breakfast Notre Dame Saturday, June 3 with speaker Fr. Larry Richards

More information to come!



Immaculate Heart of Mary 100 Penn Ave, Mercer, PA 16137 Plant and Garden Sale Saturday, May 6, 9am - 2pm

Things that will be available for purchase at the IHM Plant and Garden Sale:

Lots of plants (perennials, annuals, herbs, small shrubs, houseplants, succulents, even artificial plants), pots, bird feeders, bird houses, wind chimes, garden signs, plant markers, statues, seed packets, tools, garden gloves, potting soil and feed.

# FREE DENTAL CLINIC

June 10-11, 2023 doors open at 6am Sharon High School 1129 East State St. Sharon, PA 16146

Do you enjoy helping others? VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! The dental clinic is staffed by volunteers of all types, skill sets, and abilities.



• Exams

To register to volunteer, scan the QR code or visit:

Fillings



Do you know someone in need of dental care? SAVE THE DATE. Be seen by a dental professional at our upcoming Free Dental Clinic.

#### NO ID/INSURANCE/PAYMENT REQUIRED

Cleanings

• Extractions • Oral Hygiene Instruction



No prescheduled appointments, walk-ins only. Patients will be seen on a first-come

first-serve basis. Be prepared for a potential extended waiting period.



The Free Community Dental Clinic is powered by a collaboration of the Buhl Regional Health Foundation and RAM – Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps. This partnership aims to provide critical dental care to those without regular access to it.



#### Join the Immaculate Heart of Mary 300 Club

- The 300 Club is a 6-month raffle at IHM. Only 300 tickets will be sold!
- Each ticket price is \$100.00.
- Every number is entered into a weekly drawing.
- The drawing during the first week of the month is worth \$400.00
- The drawings during the subsequent weeks of the month will each be worth \$200.00.
  The drawings for the raffle will take place every Wednesday from 7/12/2023 to 12/27/2023.
- 12/27/2023.
  Five (5) additional drawings will be pulled at the Annual Cookie Walk and Soup Sale 12/10/2023.
- The five (5) drawings at the Cookie Walk and Soup Sale will include three (3) \$1000 drawings and two (2) \$500 drawings.
- Every ticket will be eligible to win each weekly drawing even if your number was already pulled once.
- Each number will only have one chance at the five (5) special drawings at the cookie walk and soup sale.
- Winner need not be present at any of the drawings to win.
- To join, tickets will be sold after the weekend masses as well as at the parish office, Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Tickets will begin being sold April 1.
- Checks are to be made out to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 100 Penn Ave, Mercer PA 16137 with the memo line reading "300 Club".
- For more information, call the parish office at 1 (724) 662-2999.

Draw	ing Dates 10/4 - \$400	GET YOUR TICKET!
7/12 - \$200 7/19 - \$200	10/11 - \$200 10/18 - \$200	GET YOUR TICKET!      IR TICKET!        Only 300 to be sold!      to be sold!        * * * * * * * * *      *
7/26 - \$200	10/25 - \$200	*******
8/2 - \$400	<b>11/1 - \$400</b>	
8/9 - \$200	11/8 - \$200	
8/16 - \$200	11/15 - \$200	
8/23 - \$200	11/22 - \$200	
8/30 - \$200	11/29 - \$200	
9/6 - \$400	12/6 - \$400	
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