



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. A Good Shepherd does not work for wages alone. A Good Shepherd truly "loves his flock," and willingly gives himself completely to care for them. His sheep know his voice and follow him. They know he keeps them safe.

If a landowner has a flock of sheep, a son and hired workers, who would you think would be the Good Shepherd for the sheep? Who would be the one who would give himself completely to caring for the sheep, because the landowner asked him? The landowner's son, of course, would be best suited to obey his father and completely care for his sheep.

God the Father has multiple flocks of sheep scattered throughout the world, but He wants them to become one flock, cared for by the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, because He willingly lays down His life for His sheep to do His Father's will. Jesus loves his sheep so much that He would not abandon them, even at the cost of His own life.

We too are His sheep, but we are now more than just sheep that Jesus shepherds. Through baptism, we are members of His Body. We have become adopted children of God the Father. Therefore, like the Son, we are called by the Father to be shepherds to one another. That is why Jesus calls us to go out and gather sheep from the other flocks into His one flock, as members of His Body.

Now, we can understand what Peter said in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, "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 Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed."

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for His sheep, has called us as members of His Body; to be good shepherds to everyone we meet, healing them through the love God has given us in His Son, and calls us to give to each other.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends

Federal Gov't Closings

Holidays and Holy Days

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MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Every Tuesday

Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm

Benediction 6:45 pm

Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday

Exposition / Adoration

after 8:30 am Mass

Benediction 10:00 am

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To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE

SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

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MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. **Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am** to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 14,932.25 April 14, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
March 2024 - \$ N/A

Our Offertory last week was N/A%
of Expenses

Faith Direct: March 2024 - \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 789

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday April 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
Masses
8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm

Monday April 22, 2024
EARTH DAY
Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday April 23, 2024
ST. GEORGE, MARTYR;
ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP AND MARTYR
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm

Wednesday April 24, 2024
ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN,
PRIEST AND MARTYR;
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday April 25, 2024
ST. MARK, EVANGELIST
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday April 26, 2024
ARBOR DAY
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday April 27, 2024
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd,
who leads in ways beyond my understanding.
Guide me in the paths
You would have me go.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Sunday April 21
- **Community Sunday**
(RR - AFTER ALL MASSES)
 - **SJCC Gospel Choir**
(CLR 2) 9:00 am
 - **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice**
(CLR2) 10:30 am
 - **Knights Sunday (CH)**
12:00 pm

Monday April 22
RCIA Class (Virtual) 7:00 pm
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533487037?pwd=YTRhbkkg3Y1NCdlcvd2YwZERmcXhUUT09)
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- Wednesday April 24
- **Line Dancing (RR)**
11:00 am
 - **Gospel Choir Rehearsal (CLR2)**
7:00 pm

- Thursday April 25
- **Beginners Line Dancing (RR)**
12:30 pm
 - **St Joseph Sodality Pray the Rosary**
(Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in number (848) 220-3100
Conference ID: 06241954#
 - **Dr. Clark- Cantor Rehearsal (CLR2)** 5:00 pm
 - **Denese Clay - Cantor Rehearsal (CH)** 5:00pm
 - **SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CLR 1)** 7:00 pm

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Daily Readings for the Week

Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

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 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

PRAYER

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Tommy Musgrove, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Frank Nduka, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM J-MARIE TCHEFO †
12:00 PM JUDITH JOHNSON
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)



Mass Intentions

MONDAY

8:30 AM OGE, CHINEDU & KEMMY NDUM (SI)

Tuesday

8:30 AM Christine Ogunsanya
(Birthday Blessings)

Thursdasy

8:30 AM FOR SOULS IN PERGATORY

Friday

8:30 AM CANDICE SCOTT
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

Saturday

WANDA JOHNSON †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. ***Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?***

SECOND READING

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. ***How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?***

GOSPEL READING

As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. ***What could you do this week for the benefit of another?***

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: What is the liturgical color used during Ordinary time?

Answer: (a) White (b) Red (c) Green (d) Purple

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

ST JOSEPH MUSIC MINISTRY



St Joseph Music Ministry is recruiting participants.
We are looking for adult singers for
our Gospel Choir and our African and Friends Choir.

We are also recruiting potential cantors.

In addition, we are recruiting young adults and
children, to participate in our young adult choir
and our children's choir.

Finally, we are also looking for instrumentalists
to support our Masses.

We will be recruiting through April.

Volunteers will be available after all the Masses,
so you can sign up to participate.

**If you are under sixteen,
parental permission will be required.**

An email address and telephone number are required for
all participants and their parents where appropriate.

Michael A Clarke
Director of Music

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY

The 2024 Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle
April 6, 2024 – June 6, 2024.

Tickets available after Mass
\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Drawings:

Mothers Day - after 12:00 noon Mass on May 5th
Fathers Day - after 12:00 noon Mass on June 9th

**GOOD SAMARITANS 2024
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The Virtual Drive will run from May 5-26, 2024

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items via Amazon please find an Amazon Wish List at
<https://a.co/dCFyoFB>

**FLETCHERS COUNCIL -
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

2024 Flea Market

Saturday June 1st, 15th and 29th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm (set up starts at 6:15 am)
Cost - \$25.00 per vendor space

SJYM FUNDRAISER BUS OUTING

Sight and Sound Theater Lancaster PA.
Wednesday June 19th

Cost \$165.00 per person Children 3-12 \$75.00
(ticket includes buffet luncheon,
theater ticket and transportation)

For additional information for each event
see flyers in the foyer

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Saturday April 27

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR2) 7:30 am
- **Religious Ed Classes** (CH, RR, All Classrooms)
10:00 am
- **KOC Kite Flying** (Parking Lot) 12:00 pm
- **Landings One** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR2) 3:30 pm

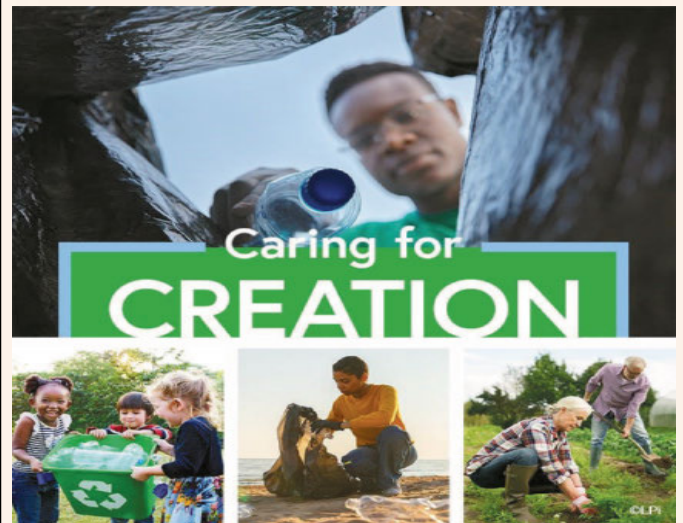
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