

May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter each year we focus on the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Few of us have even seen a real shepherd and modern sheep herders are very different from the time of Jesus. In the ancient world the relation between a shepherd and his sheep was like the relation between today's pet owner and a dog or cat. The ancient shepherd knew each of his sheep. The sheep recognized the voice of their shepherd and would only follow him. All this is assumed in today's Gospel.

Each of us gets the message: Jesus, the Risen Good Shepherd knows each of us and cares about each one of us. We follow Him for we know He has been willing to suffer and die for us so we can live FOREVER.

NEXT WEEKEND WE OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY. *If you wish to have your mother remembered in the Novena of Masses we celebrate here (privately, this year) please return her name on an envelope you received in the mail or envelope are available on the Rectory porch. (Cards for the living are also available on the porch). Please drop off envelopes through the mail slot at the Rectory FRONT door. Thank you!*



Thank you to all who are contributing to the support of our parish by online giving or mailing your contributions or dropping it off at the Rectory.

Thank you also to all who have already responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our parish is expected to contribute \$63,000 as our share of the appeal.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell about the daily scripture or the upcoming one for Sunday. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on FaceBook Live Saturday at 5pm, and save it to YouTube afterward for people to watch.

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

Easter Flower Contributions

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Denelsbeck
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew M Lazar
Mr. & Mrs. William D'Amato
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Fedena, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lauer
Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Masci
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Fedena, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J Lennon, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher E Dorsey
Mr. & Mrs. James Zdimal
Mr. & Mrs. Jun S Romero
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy J Kelleher
Mr. Samuel Deen & Mrs. Christine Grieco
Mr. James Ambagis
Mr. Dale Austin
Mr. Joseph M Taggart
Mr. Stanley Reese
Mrs. Elizabeth Dorsey
Mrs. Louise Moyer
Mrs. Catherine Knight
Mrs. Lorraine Gallucio
Mrs. Marie E. Milewski
Mrs. Catherine Canna
Mrs. Mary Kok
Mrs. Lois M Shelton
Mrs. Michael Friel
Mrs. Nathan Ragan
Miss Lilia S Romero
Ms. Michiline Disabatino
Ms. Carina Konitzer
Ms. Nancy M Hill
Ms. Eugenia P. Vanover
Mike & Barb Chlada
Jim & Peggy Clark
Christopher & Sue Ellen Phillips
James & Bernadette Gallagher
Christine Olenik
Janet Angeline

Thank You to all who gave Easter Flower Offerings!



MASSES

Msgr Russell is celebrating a Mass each day privately, as the Bishop said. If there is a Mass intention listed for any of the Masses, he is offering the Mass for that intention. If there are more intentions listed, he will celebrate that Mass at another day when there is no intention. He misses seeing all of you at Mass but is praying for all of you. Pray that God delivers us from this Corona Virus.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2

Christine Donahue

Sunday, May 3

People of the Parish

Monday, May 4

Battista Turcol

Tuesday, May 5

Harry Brake (25th Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 6

Baptisto Mendes

Thursday, May 7

Jimmy Steele

Friday, May 8

Jerome D. Collins

Saturday, May 9

Dominick Amoroso

Sunday, May 10

People of the Parish

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESE

Unfortunately, during times of crisis, scammers emerge to prey on the vulnerable. We have had a report that **scammers are impersonating clergy** in an effort to gain access to our peoples' accounts. Please, verify any communications from clergy or parish before sending any personal information.

The Offertory Collections: For the week of 4/19 was \$4,269.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,064.00 for a total of \$6,333.00. THANK YOU!

Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020.



Hail Mary, full of grace,
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesús.

Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death,

Amén.



Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus

from Bishop Malooly...

To comply with the orders and guidance of the governors of the States of Delaware and Maryland, Bishop Malooly instructs that **all parish churches be closed until further notice. No gatherings or services should be organized that bring people out of their homes.**

The closure means that churches may not be open for private prayer. No drive-in, drive-through, drive-up, or other type services are permitted.

In addition, Bishop Malooly has instructed priests not to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes and to only perform the Sacraments in cases where the individual is in danger of dying.

We need to take every precaution and every step necessary to ensure the health of the people we serve. Government officials and experts have said that these upcoming weeks will be critical to slowing the spread of the disease in this area.

Parish offices should be closed to the public. Only minimal staff may be brought in to perform essential functions. Programs that serve those in need may continue, respecting social distancing guidelines.

Funeral Masses remain suspended, with only graveside services taking place with no more than 10 people present, including the priest performing the Rite of Committal.

All parishes are encouraged to find ways to remain in contact with their parishioners via telephone and digital means. Additional information can be found at cdow.org/coronavirus.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.