

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we are presented with: "I am the good shepherd," which is immediately followed by the first fundamental characteristic [of this shepherd]: "The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep" (John 10:11). Well, we are immediately led into the center of things, to the culmination of the revelation of God as shepherd of His people; Jesus is this center and culmination, precisely Jesus who dies on the cross and rises from the sepulcher on the third day, rises with all of his humanity, and in this way involves us, every person, in His passage from death to life. This event – Christ's Passover – in which God's work as shepherd is definitively realized, is a sacrificial event: this is why the Good Shepherd and the High Priest coincide in the person of Jesus, who gave his life for us.

"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes" (118:22-23). This is exactly the experience of Jesus: being rejected by the leaders of his people and being rehabilitated by God, placed as the foundation of the new temple, of a new people who will give praise to the Lord with the fruits of justice (cf. Matthew 21:42-43). Thus, the first reading and the responsorial psalm, Psalm 118, powerfully recall the Easter context and with this image of the stone that was rejected and reinstated they direct our gaze to Jesus dead and risen.

The second reading, taken from the First Letter of John (3:1-2), speaks to us instead of the fruit of Christ's Passover: our becoming children of God. In John's words, we still hear all of the amazement over this gift: not only are we called children of God, we "truly are" (3:1). In effect, human's filial condition is the fruit of Jesus' salvific work: with His incarnation, with His death and resurrection and with the gift of the Holy Spirit, He inserted humans into a new relation with God, his own relation with the Father. For this reason the risen Jesus says: "I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God" (John 20:17). It is an entirely real relation, but one that is not yet entirely manifested: it will be at the end, when – if God wishes – we will see His face unveiled (cf. 1 John 3:2).

May this word of God illumine our whole life. And when the weight of the cross is the most heavy, know that this is the most precious hour for us all. May Christ the Good Shepherd continue to feed us and lead us to paradise.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Newcomb

There is an *All You Can Eat Breakfast* this Sunday, April 26th.

*There will be a second collection on May 2/3 for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.*

Thank you to the *Catholic Daughters* and the *Knights of Columbus* for running a splendid party for Father George. Everything went so smoothly, even the cleanup. Also, thank you to all those that attended and brought food and other supplies for the party. It was quite the send off for Father George, in a worthy and dignified manner. What a great day it was.

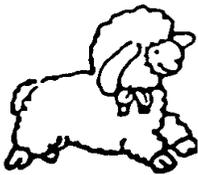
**Stand Up For Veterans** is a collaborative, community based effort that provides access to employment, education, and community resources to address the needs of veterans and their families. There will be a fair on Saturday, May 2nd from 10am to 4pm at the Diana Physical Education Center 115 South Street Middletown, NY. Come prepared in business attire and bring your resume. Activities include: Hiring Fair, health screenings, register DD-214 with the Orange County Clerk's office, benefits assistance, access to social and community resources, college admissions, and supervised children's activities. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Orange County Veterans Office by calling 845-291-2903 or email [CFarrell@orangecountygov.com](mailto:CFarrell@orangecountygov.com).

If you're feeling unprepared they are also offering free information sessions on April 20th, at 2pm and April 24th at 5pm. They will be addressing resume writing, dressing for success, and interview skills. For more information call 341-4444 or 569-3116.

There will be **Eucharistic Adoration** in the chapel this Friday, May 1st from noon until 8pm. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We must have two adorers present at every hour.

Boy Scout Troop # 173 will be have a clothing drive fundraiser May 2nd from 9-2 pm outside the church hall. Clothes, bedding, toys, stuffed animals, shoes, belts and handbags will be accepted. Please bag like items separately.

**There's Something About Mary**– Would you, your family and friends like to learn about Mary? Join us on Sunday, May 3rd, from 1:30 to 3pm in the church hall. Together, let us learn about Mary, as the mother of God, as one of the greatest saints and as a role model for all of us. We will learn together through a prayer service, fun hands-on group activities and a short skit. We need adult and children (over 9 years old) to volunteer for verbal and non verbal parts. For more information please email [faith@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:faith@stmarysportjervis.com).



Kids, get ready for another fun filled summer of

**“Sightseeing with Jesus!”**

St. Mary’s Little Lambs Summer Day Camp is for children ages 3 to 9. Daily activities include bible stories, songs,

games, crafts, and water play.

Camp will meet the weeks of June 22-26, June 29-July 2, July 13-17, and July 20-24. Register for one, some, or every week. Full and half day options available. For more information or to register call 858-2696 or email [littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com).



**Save the Date!** *Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School* will run the week of July 6th through the 10th. We invite children ages 4 through 12 to *Explore the Wonders of the World*. For more information call the parish at 856-8212 or email: [office@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:office@stmarysportjervis.com)

**Holy Cross** is sponsoring a *Fruit of the Vine Wine Tasting* fundraiser on Friday, May 15th from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$20. For tickets and more information contact the Rectory at 355-4439

The collection for April 18/19 was \$5,886. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, April 27**  
9:00am Eleanor Mead, by the Cole family

**Tuesday, April 28 (Peter Chanel, priest and martyr; Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest)**  
9:00am Anna Brink, by the family

**Wednesday, April 29 (Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church)**  
9:00am Helen Stucker, by the Buczek family

**Thursday, April 30 (Pius V, pope)**  
9:00am Helen Ewanciw, by Bill and Catherine Simons  
Jean Schoonover, by Bob and Nancy Dunn

**Friday, May 1 (Joseph the Worker)**  
11:30am Intentions of the Fedoruk family, by Olga Fedoruk

**Saturday, May 2**  
4:00pm Giuseppe Fiorillo, by Rosa Fiorillo

**Sunday, May 3**  
8:30am Josef Kucher, by the Torres family  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary’s

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Vada Glass, Amanda Evelech, Mary Platania, Barbara Nachand, Maureen Hildebrandt, Anne Marie Rodriguez, Donald Wolff, Andrea Fedoruk, Linda Fontana, Mike Fuller, Sally Hanstine, Walter Szpakowicz, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Betty Corcoran, Agnes Murray, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeremiah Stasilli, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, William Quinn, Ed Eckes, Jose Maldonado, Joseph Michael Walsh, Ralph E. Hessberger, Angela Grillo, Kelly Quick, Denise Paz, Orville Morgan, Mary Smith, Angela Lilo, and Sandy Osbourne.

**Sick List Update**  
Please maintain/add the following name(s) to the sick list for the next two months:

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*Please return to the parish office or call by Monday, April 27, 2015.*

**Liturgical Ministers for May 2/3**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	L. AVELLA, H. ECKES	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, S. MOREJON
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	E. DECKER, J. TAYLOR, A. WITKOWSKI, N. SMITH	T. LAMOREAUX, V. WITKOWSKI, E. WITKOWSKI
11:30AM	M. ESLING	B. DENNINGTON, D. KAVANAGH, H. MARINARO	J. ENNIS, D. KLOTZ, K. EPPS