

# April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 16

5:00 p.m. +**Rose and Victor Wojtowicz**  
By The McLaughlin Family

### Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m. +**Irene Agaciak**  
By Jack Agaciak  
10:30 a.m. +**Jeanne McCormick**  
By Zachary Saks and Family

### Monday, April 18

8:45 a.m. **Special Intentions of the Woltering Family**  
By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

### Tuesday, April 19

8:45 a.m. **Special Intentions**  
By Bill and Mary Supple

### Wednesday, April 20

8:45 a.m. **Blessings for Healing of Barbara Kovacs**  
By Family

### Thursday, April 21

8:45 a.m. **Madonna of Health**  
By Angela Gross

### Friday, April 22 NO MASS

### Saturday, April 23

5:00 p.m. +**Andrew Peterson**  
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

### Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**  
By Sam and Marietta Tridente  
10:30 a.m. +**James Anthony DeStefano**  
By Karl and Rose Strohmaier



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter

of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

## St. Theodore Church Healing Mission

May 3, 4, 5 at 7 p.m.

Conducted by Paul Rymniak



This is a special Mission, in which all three days are unique. Forgiveness and confession are Paul Rymniak's main thrust. He feels strongly that healing begins in the confessional. In the past 29 years, Paul Rymniak has been to churches

throughout the USA. He has worked with Native Americans in the Northwest and with others in various regions of the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico. Paul views his visit to our church to conduct his Healing Mission as an honor. The service will include Confession, the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. He will offer his healing efforts to all who desire them. These healing efforts are available to all in need of any healing, be it physical, spiritual, emotional or mental. Please take advantage of his exceptional gifts by attending at least one of the sessions—bring a friend who may benefit from this service.



Stephen, Elizabeth Ondroczy, Rosaria Incantalupo, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael

Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft

**Our Offering:** 4-10-16 : \$2,552.  
Last Year: \$2,616.

**50/50 RAFFLE**

**Have you purchased tickets yet?**  
*Please help your church!*

**Drawing: Sunday  
May 29 @ 11:30**

**1st Prize:** 40% of total,  
**2nd Prize:** 6% of total  
**3rd Prize:** 4% of total.

Ticket Price \$10.00 each. Please visit the Rosarian Gift Shop in the Parish Center to purchase tickets. Proceeds will be applied to Parish Expenses.

**April Schedule**

**Apr. 18, 6:15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at church  
**Apr. 23, 6:00:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at church w/parents  
**Apr. 25, 6:15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at church  
**May 1, 12:00:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at church (report to the Parish Center) Please be on time! First Communion begins at 12:30



**Mass Intention Openings:**

May 5, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 (all are weekday Masses—May 5 is a Holy Day of Obligation). Please call Parish

Office to book 689-8318, ext. 1.



**Our church is in need of a chairperson to head our Hospitality Ministry.** Mary Zeiss, who headed this ministry for more than ten years, has retired from the ministry. If no

one takes on the responsibility of the chairperson, future Hospitality Sundays will be in jeopardy. If you are willing to step up, please call the Parish Office, 908-689-8318, ext. 1, Monday thru Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm.



**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church. Currently, we clean on

Wednesday mornings but willing to change day, if necessary. Please see Fr. Damian if you can help.

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