

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Shepherd

God the Father,
you are our shepherd,
who offer us green pastures,
and life-giving water.
Through love and kindness,
you lead your flock
to a restful place.
With your tender touch,
you cast away our fears.
There is nothing we want
but to remain by your side.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday, April 21, 2024
The Good Shepherd

Today's readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18. When you see the Good Shepherd depicted in art, do you see yourself as the lamb? Do you see yourself as one to be protected, guided, and comforted? Or do you think the lamb reflects only a child? Imagining yourself as the lamb will provide insight into who God is for you. "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me," Jesus says. This portrayal reveals the intimacy of our relationship with God. God knows us and has given us the capacity to know him.

The shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The Good Shepherd has already done this for us,

dying on the cross so that we may have eternal life. A hired hand, however, does not have this connection to the sheep; he would not sacrifice his life for the flock. This man "sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away."

Our Shepherd is with us—in our loneliness and sorrow as well as in our joy. Spend a few minutes in quiet, imagining yourself with the Good Shepherd in a green pasture. Let him hear not only your voice but your deepest desires. Seek to expand your quiet prayer time this week so that you might hear the Good Shepherd's voice. Remember your relationship with the Good Shepherd grows as you make space for him in your life.

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Thursday:
8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Friday:
8:30 AM-3:00 PM

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724-516-0513

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Welcome
Please call the Parish
Office to register.

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Baptism:
Please contact
Ellen Mady in the
Parish Office four
months before the birth
of your child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM
and by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact
Monsignor Michael
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Office at least one year in
advance for information
and scheduling.

Holy Communion for
those who are
homebound: Please
contact the Parish
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APRIL 21, 2024



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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 22

In Silence

“The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.” The Gospel of John portrays the Lord as intimately connected to his followers. They know his voice, and he has come so that “they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Only by pausing our busy lives can we hear God’s voice. Consider where you might have even a few minutes in a day to listen to God. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.*

Tuesday, April 23

Listen

In today’s Gospel, we hear that people continue to badger Jesus to prove he is indeed the Son of God. “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly,” they say. These people are among those who do not recognize the shepherd’s voice. Once the sheep are in the flock, Jesus says, “No one can take them [sheep] out of the Father’s hands. The Father and I are one.” In coming chapters of the Gospel of John, we will hear Jesus yearn for that same unity with humankind. *Today’s readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, April 24

Obedying the Spirit

Today’s account from Acts shows Barnabas and Saul sailing to Cyprus to spread the Good News. They wasted no time in responding to the Holy Spirit, who told the community, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” How does your community help people discern their gifts and their mission in the Church? Is there anyone you can meet with in your parish to help you discern your calling to serve the Church and the world? *Today’s readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark

On the Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist, we hear in the Gospel, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” St. Mark is believed to be the disciple referred to in Acts as “John who is called Mark” (12:25). He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, who opened her home to the disciples. It is believed that he met Peter, Paul, and other disciples in his mother’s home and then joined them in evangelizing. *Today’s readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

Friday, April 26

Always Loving

With Thomas voicing confusion, Jesus lovingly replies, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Thomas had followed Jesus for years and still questioned where the Lord was leading the disciples. Believers live with questions. Whether your faith is new or lifelong, you may at times be unsure of the spiritual path you are to follow. Jesus offers assurance that he is not only the way but the truth and the life. *Today’s readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, April 27

In Silence

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us,” Philip tells Jesus. There is a Philip in all of us, looking for reassurance of the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes we ask God for a sign to calm our fears. Jesus directs Philip and us to look not only to his words but his works. Where do you see the work of God in your community? Is there someone who needs reassurance that God is present during struggles? *Today’s readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The image of the Good Shepherd is a strong image of God's faithful love. Ask any of the children who are celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. In preparing to celebrate these sacraments, they have deepened a special relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who calls them each by name and who claims them as the beloved members of God's family. They explored how the Good Shepherd feeds them and leads them to life-giving water. They discovered the richness of God's mercy in the image of the One who leaves the ninety-nine in the flock in search of the one who has strayed. They have pondered how Jesus has conquered death and how the Risen Shepherd remains with us always in the Eucharistic meal. They know that God holds each of them close to God's heart.

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the signs and wonders continue: God speaks to each of us and calls us by name. God invites us all to live our baptismal commitment. God strengthens us with the gifts of the Spirit that we might hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow where He leads. May we grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding, right judgment and courage, reverence and wonder and awe. May these gifts of the Spirit strengthen us to be the loving signs of God's presence in our world.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 4/20

9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM † Roy, Tillie & Bob Pasierb (*family*)

Sunday 4/21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM † Janes Scarpelli, Sr. (*Maryann Kinsey*)

9:30 AM † Anne Marie Naylor (*David Brodbeck*)

11:30 AM For the Parish

6:00 PM † Joe Purdue (*Gram & Pap Quagliari*)

Monday 4/22

8:00 AM † David Stahurski (*Rita & Bob Uziel*)

Tuesday 4/23

8:00 AM † John Ignacy Kristovich (*Crokus Family*)

Wednesday 4/24

8:00 AM † Martha Hoffman (*Women's Bible Study*)

Thursday 4/25

8:00 AM † Ralph Thompson (*Keyes Family*)

10:00 AM † William O'Connor (*Martha O'Connor*)

11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 4/26

8:00 AM † Joseph Hoppel (*Jerry & Marty Burgman*)

Saturday 4/27

9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM † Joseph McCormick (*wife Betty*)

Sunday 4/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM † Michael & Joey Goda (*Donahoe Family*)

9:30 AM *Lee & Barbara Taddonio*
60th Wedding Anniversary

11:30 AM † Deceased members of the Smolenski &
DiBagno Families (*Anita & Chet Smolenski*)

6:00 PM † Paula & Bradley Bruce
(*Mary Lynn & Dan Bruce*)

DLA - THANKS!



A BIG thank you to the 574 MOS families who have made a pledge or gift to this year's DLA campaign.

Your generosity of \$315,186 has helped to put us over our diocesan and parish goals!

This is GREAT NEWS, as it means that any pledges and gifts that are now made will be returned 100% to the parish.

As we celebrate the risen Lord and reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for us, consider how you might make a sacrificial gift to help our parish. Online pledges and gifts can be made at:

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/sharingourgifts.

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS

April 13 and 14

Attendance 1,805
Offertory \$ 32,781.66
Outreach \$ 2,970.00



Diocesan Assessments for The Accent and Technology, Catholic Education, Pastoral Healthcare, Property Insurance and Diocesan Support: \$ 30,660.00



Consider making your offertory donations online through WeShare. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. Visit our website at motherofsorrowchurch.org, click on 'Giving.' and then click on the 'WeShare' link. Thank you!

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday April 21

- 8:30 AM Faith Formation for those with special needs
- 4:30 PM Middle School Youth Ministry, Social Hall
- 7:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, Lower Narthex

Monday April 22

- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts, Social Hall

Tuesday April 23

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room
- 5:00 PM CGS, CGS Rooms
- 6:30 PM Bereavement Group, Ave Maria Room
- 6:30 PM Spiritual Direction, Madonna Room

Wednesday April 24

- 9:30 AM Bible Study, Social Hall
- 1:00 PM Bereavement Group, Ave Maria Room
- 6:30 PM Bible Study, Social Hall

Thursday April 25

- 2:00 PM DeSales Group, Madonna Room
- 5:00 PM CGS, CGS Rooms

Friday April 26

- 9:00 AM Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
- 9:00 AM Centering Prayer, Madonna Room

Saturday April 27

- 9:00 AM Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room

Sunday April 28

- 8:30 AM Faith Formation for those with special needs
- 7:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, Lower Narthex

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who received First Holy Communion last weekend. May the love of God fill your heart always.



4:00 PM:
*Paige Berenger,
 Connor Bordone,
 Elena Caliarì,
 Emilia Grove,
 Kennedy Schaus,
 Emily Van Soest*

11:30 AM:
*Gabriel DeCarlo,
 James Dunmyre,
 Cameron Keough,
 Lillianne Likar,
 Sophie Lodovico,
 Jacob Rurak,
 Pippa Sacca,
 Claire Stevens*

6:00 PM:
*Connor Jackson,
 Ryan Kochis,
 Lucca Tortorice*

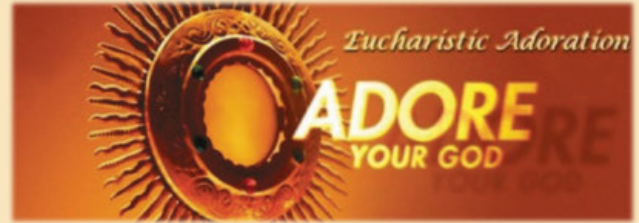
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Sekely Family on the Baptism of Henry James. May he grow in his faith and always know that he is a beloved child of God.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, Vacation Bible School will be hosted by St. Barbara Parish. Scan the QR code to the right to register.



Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. With so many Popes and Saints inviting us to experience Christ’s mercy, love and peace through the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, why not accept the invitation?

It deepens our experience receiving Holy Communion and gives hope to those who suffer. It helps us to be transformed by Jesus and to humble ourselves. It brings us joy and strengthens us! All are invited on **Thursday, April 25** from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Know Jesus is waiting for **YOU. Children and families are welcome.**



To become a weekly committed adorer, sign up by using the QR code or go to <https://adorationpro.org/mosmurrysville>.

OPEN HOUSE

Women’s Choice Network will be celebrating its 39th birthday with an open house on **May 9** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at each one of its pregnancy resource centers: North Side, Oakland, and Monroeville. This is a great opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the staff, and learn more about how Women’s Choice Network is making Pittsburgh a Sanctuary City for Life.

The Monroeville facility is located at 4075 Monroeville Blvd Bldg 2, Suite100. The North Side facility is located at 425 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, and the Oakland facility is located at 4615 Fifth Avenue.



\$150
PER
PERSON

CAMP VIRTUE!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

Join and have fun with us at the 2024 Camp Virtue where faith meets fun for middle school students. Scholarships are available, talk to your Youth Minister about it!



JULY 8 - 12TH
8:30AM-5:30PM



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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Sunday in High School Youth Ministry we welcomed guest speaker Father Michael Ruffalo, Co-director of the Shrines of Pittsburgh, who talked with us about Sacred Art. He began by quoting G.K. Chesterton, who said that "Art is the signature of man." In other words, one of the major differences between humans and animals comes from man's ability to produce works of art. Father Ruffalo then outlined the changes in sacred art and architecture throughout history, and reflected on how these changes were affected by the politics, culture, and philosophy of the times.

Each small group was then given a different painting of the Annunciation and was asked to answer two questions about it: What is the artist trying to tell you by the details in his painting, and how can studying the painting help you to pray? Each group came forward to discuss its painting, and Father Ruffalo added his insights to the discourse. It was an interesting and informative evening!

On **Sunday, April 21**, we will continue our study of the Sacraments with Monsignor Michael, who will talk with us about the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. What is it, who can administer it, when can you receive it, and what graces are conferred by it? These questions and more will be our focus, along with Monsignor's vocation story and a few more surprises. Please join us from **7:00 until 9 PM** in the lower narthex.

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will welcome Darren Miller, parishioner and world record-holding endurance athlete, who will share how his faith motivates and inspires him. This will be a Youth Ministry field trip at a new time and a new location TBA, so watch for details to follow. You won't want to miss this!

Last week we sent out 23 college care packages to our university students preparing for finals. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Patron Saint of test-takers, pray for them!





KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

“The kerygma is the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ’s death and resurrection.”

— Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 213

Weekend Retreat

Presented by Diocesan Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship

Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Friday, May 17

11:00 AM — 9:00 PM

Saturday, May 18

9:00 AM — 9:00 PM

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM — 5:00 PM

The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is:

- A powerful proclamation of the Gospel.
- Rooted in the Sacraments.
- An invitation to form a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A model for us to live our faith in a modern world through prayer and community.



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website [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/Kerygma)

LIFE LINE SCREENING

A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. Mother of Sorrows Parish will be hosting Life Line Screening on **Monday, May 6.**

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. The Stroke Risk, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package screens for stroke and cardiovascular disease risk with the goal of generating peace of mind early detection.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-844-591-7160 or visit <https://llsa.social/HC>.

CATHOLIC BASED OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOR MEN

Into the Wild outdoor retreat will take place **May 16 to 19, 2024** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Camp, Volant PA. The retreat orients men and sons, ages 11+, in orienteering, topography, self-defense, survival skills, outdoor construction, fishing, wild game food preparation, and more. Early mornings consist of prayer, Mass, and faith-based talks linked to the daily masculine archetype we are striving to develop. Mid-mornings are dedicated to skill acquisition, and the afternoon to fun team competition and/or challenge simulations. Evenings provide time for rest, relaxation, prayer, and fellowship around campfires.

Sleeping arrangements consist of rustic accommodations, and 9 meals including wild game feast. For more information including registration, visit www.intothewildweekend.com or contact project leader Jim Pencola at jim.pencola@gmail.com or (724) 541-7556.

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MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



DISCOVERING HISTORY



History always means more if you can experience it first-hand! Fifth grade students recently visited Fort Ligonier to enhance their understanding.



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