

May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 8 — 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 9

8:00 AM † Hazy Family by Jim Hazy & Family

Tuesday, May 10

No Mass

Wednesday, May 11

No Mass

Thursday, May 12

8:00 AM † Julie Amendola by Carolyn Bradley

Friday, May 13

No Mass

Saturday, May 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ted Zelinsky & Bill Hopkins by Wives,
Jackie Zelinsky & Andrea Hopkins

Sunday, May 15—5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Deceased members of the Harhai & Walker
Families by Harhai Family

10:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Children

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — May 14 & 15

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Elias	M. Guiliford J. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	N. Mazzie	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Byron	T. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, May 9 — Team #6—M. Smith

Good Shepherd Sunday



The Fourth Sunday of Easter has always been referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The image of the Shepherd is one of intimacy; of listening and being attentive to those that are being watched over: “My sheep hear my voice...and they follow me.”

When one considers the prevalence of sheep and shepherd images in Scripture we can understand why this is such a powerful image. Sheep are the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible with about 400 references. The figure of a shepherd gets the honor of about 100 references. In this nomadic and agricultural culture, sheep gained a reputation as symbols of spiritual realities. Shepherds were tenders of flocks and therefore seen as leaders and providers. It was the task of a shepherd to lead his sheep at night away from predators into a safe sheepfold where they could graze, water and sleep. The shepherds never left their flocks for without them, the sheep would die. Shepherds often symbolized moral innocence and their piety was often idealized. It was no accident that the shepherds were the ones to first announce the birth of Jesus.

Although this was a vital and important image for the early Christians, it certainly doesn’t have the same impact on people living in this modern world. In fact, people are often insulted when they are referred to as sheep. People often see sheep as being dirty and stupid. When we get right down to it, how many people living in our mostly urban society have ever seen sheep? One can spend a whole lifetime and never even see live sheep.

If we are to believe polls, Christian people do not see their religious leaders as “shepherds” today. We often see those pictures and statues of the Good Shepherd with a cute little lamb draped over his shoulder which may mislead us into thinking that following Jesus is a sweet, pious and easy venture. But Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb who was slain. Encountering Jesus as the shepherd opens us to his care and love for us; encountering Jesus as the Lamb who was slain open us to the cost of following Jesus. While following the Good Shepherd leads us to “eternal life,” the way of discipleship is not easy. As the first reading reminds us, discipleship always takes us through suffering, rejection and persecution. However, no matter what the cost of following Jesus we are not alone nor are we abandoned to our own resources. The risen Jesus is always present within us. No matter what we might encounter in following Jesus, nothing or no one can take us out of his care. This is, indeed Easter Good News.

Longing for wholeness and goodness is at the very center of who we are. However, how we go about finding this is up to us. Some people choose to focus on themselves, amassing as much money or wealth as they can since these seem to promise security and pleasure. Some people control other people, thinking power can make them whole. Others try to be “goody, goody two shoes,” attracting others to a false image of themselves that cannot last. Still others withdraw within themselves trying to shut out the evil and sadness and loss of hope which is around us.

And then there are those who get it right: the only true way to wholeness and goodness is to follow Jesus along the path of self-sacrifice, willing to be a lamb for the sake of others. This is what Good Shepherd Sunday is all about; it’s about a God who so deeply cares for us that the only Son became the lamb and was slain. We will ultimately be saved not by power, but by pastoral caring and gentleness.

May Crowning

Epiphany Ladies will host a May Crowning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. All are welcome. The regular monthly Meeting will be held in the church hall immediately following at 7:00 p.m. All women are invited to join us.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of DAMIEN LUTI, ELEANOR DASTOLFO, AND FRANK DOLESSANDRO, JR.. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

DLA

A second letter was sent last week to all of our households who have not yet responded to the DLA for this year. To date we have only heard from **188 or 24.5%** of our parish. From these people we have collected \$45,098 which is above our diocesan goal of \$43,854. Everything that we collect from this point on will stay 100% in our parish. Please, if you have not yet responded, won't you consider doing so? The money we receive above our goal will help to pay for the trees that had to be removed from the cemetery.

I do thank everyone who has thus far participated and ask the rest of our families to please consider doing so.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) on **May 14 - 15**. By generously supporting this collection, you are **spreading the Gospel**. Half of all the proceeds from this collection stay here in the Diocese of Greensburg to support our local communications efforts. The remaining half of the proceeds from the collection support communications projects around the world. Because of you, people can hear radio programs that deepen their faith. It is only through your generosity that this project, and others like it, can spread the Gospel around the world.

Pierogi Time

We will start our festival pierogi making on **Tuesday, May 10**. We will begin at 7:00 a.m. for each session.

Other dates:

Monday, May 23

Monday, June 6

Monday, June 20

This is a big draw for our festival. We can certainly use your help.

Weekly Collection May 1

Votive Candles:	195
Utility & Energy:	376
Accent:	3
Easter:	485
Ascension:	50
Children & Adult	
Collection:	7,547
Online Collection:	843
Total Collection:	\$9,499
Comm. /Media:	43
Total Collection:	\$9,542

Monthly Overview

Each month we will be listing what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. Below is the report for April, 2022

March Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$612.36	April 4	\$7,776.64
Phone	\$646.97	April 11	\$8,104.02
Utilities	\$1,204.51	April 19	\$16,328.00
Misc. Office	\$456.09	April 23	\$7,457.10
Church/Liturgy	\$1,126.23		
Payroll	\$16,796.25		
Rectory	\$124.29		
Diocesan	\$14,034.98		
(breakdown)			
Accent	\$985.76		
Ed. Assessment	\$6,672.74		
Diocesan			
Assessment	\$3,772.48		
Insurance	\$2,579.00		
Email	\$25.00		
Total Expenses:	\$35,001.68	Total Income:	\$39,662.76

Faith

Graduation Mass

We will be honoring this year's high school graduates at Mass on **Sunday, the 22nd of May**. We are asking that all of our graduates meet, wearing caps and gown, for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There will be a brunch served immediately following for the graduates and their family. Letters were sent out to the graduates. If you did not receive one, please call the office.

Happy Mother's Day!

Today we pause to remember our Mom's. If you are lucky enough to have your mom with you, make this a special day for her by showing how much she is loved and appreciated. If your mom is no longer with you, she is in your heart so remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

To all of our Mothers we wish you a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!



Parish Picnic

We're excited to be planning our Parish Picnic scheduled for **Sunday, June 12** beginning with Mass at **1:00 pm**. At Cedar Creek **Pavilion #1**. To make this fun for everyone, I'm asking that you think about what you would like to see at the picnic and asking your help in making it happen. We need someone, or better yet, several someones, to take charge of **yard games**.



If anyone is interested in working with **children's games or activities** we could certainly use your help. Please see me or call the office. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, mark your calendars for June 12!

T-Shirt Time

We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're going with a relaxed beach-y vibe. We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is May 15 for us to have them in before the Parish Picnic. Orders will also be taken at that time. The shirts are \$20.00 each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 2x (per the company). Order size based on previous t-shirts. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.



T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$20.00 per shirt ordered.

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Size & Quantity: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2x

Amount Enclosed: _____