



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **Vol. 38 No. 17** **April 28, 2024**



John 15:1-8 *We tend to droop into easy chairs
and nod off during sermons.
We are not all high achievers.
And still you love us. A patient lover, Lord.*

Question of the Week *The question of the week invites the parish community to share faith by reflecting on and discussing Sunday's throughout the week.*

Adults: When have you been 'pruned' by your experiences in a way that leads to greater abundance?

Kids: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

Mass Intentions for April 27th – May 5th

Saturday-----5:00 p.m. – Arne Morgensen †
 Sunday -----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family by Fr. Jozef
 Sunday-----10:30 a.m. – Ryan Russell †
 Monday -----8:30 a.m. – Ukrainian Civilians killed in the war †
 Tuesday-----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family
 Wednesday-----8:30 a.m. – Ukrainians & Russians killed in the war †
 Thursday-----8:30 a.m. – Intentions of Varricchione Family
 Friday-----12:00 p.m. – For the Parish Family
 Saturday-----5:00 p.m. – Allen Tenneson †
 Sunday -----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family by Fr. Jozef
 Sunday-----10:30 a.m. – Cornelia Englemohrl †

‡ **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. ‡**
Location: The Word of God Chapel

If you would like to have MASS celebrated for special intentions or for the deceased members of your family or friends please stop by or call the parish office.

Liturgical Minister Schedule
 May 4th & 5th

<u>Mass Date & Time</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>	<u>Cross Bearer</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister Cup</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister Bread</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Sat. 5/4/24 @5:00 pm	Lynch,Jack Lynch,Nathaniel	NOT FILLED	1-Lynch,Stephen 2-Lynch,Rebecca 3-Bloom,Thomas 4-Wright, Jaimie	1-Switalski,Crystal 2-Lopinsky,Joanne 3-Deacon Jack	Veltri,Ben Krieger,Dana Esposito,Jackie	Fura
Sun. 5/5/24 @8:30 am	Flickinger,Chase Combs,Christian	Griffiths,Dominic	1-Fralick,Desiree 2-Moorman,Gary 3-Combs,Christina 4-Rodgers,Karen	1-Seyler,Gretchen 2- Orlandi,Colette	Kifer,Greg Hendricks,Autumn Swistock, Pete	Miller, Hoover
Sun. 5/5/24 @ 10:30 am	Hair,Evelyn Hessler,Noah	Siggins,Kim	1-Richardson,Traci 2-Wurster, Doris 3-Wurster,Clifford 4-Pouliot,Caroline	1-Cahill, Joanne 2-McGinnis, Jerry	Hendrickson,Robert Nolan,James Duomon,Nutifafa	Goulet, Hughes, Hoy

The Pastor Page



I, Deacon Jack and the entire parish staff at the Church of the Good Shepherd sincerely invite you to every mass, but especially weekend, as we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist to grow in our relationship with the Lord and one another.



THOUGH MANY, ALL ARE ONE IN CHRIST

... let us love not in word and speech but in deed and truth. *1 John 3: 18*

The tremendous vitality and growth of the early Church happened because of the deep and committed faith of the followers of Jesus Christ. They remained in him and he in them; they were all one. In what way do we profess our faith in Jesus? Certainly by words, but more importantly by our actions that reflect the joy of the Gospel lived courageously and consistently. To accomplish that we need to stay connected to Christ who is the vine and we are the branches. This is the image Jesus himself uses to help us understand that only if we stay connected to him, we can love and bear good fruit that lasts. In what areas of our life do we need to strengthen our connection with Jesus? What are the fruits of our lives? Like the branches on the vine are we willing to be pruned to increase our fruit-bearing?

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS to our boys and girls who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time, this weekend. They are: Christian Combs, Emily Fisher, Kate Gutting, Nathaniel Heron, Avery Kopac, Olivia McClafferty, Camden Morris, Ashton Oddie, Emma Petersen, Alaric Torres, and Freya Torres.

A special **“THANK YOU”** goes to their parents, teachers and catechists for their prayers and guidance during their preparation process. Please pray for these children that they may continue to know Jesus and grow in their relationship with him so they can become the persons God intends them to be.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

Love is the strongest force the world possesses, yet it is the humblest imaginable.

Mahatma Gandhi

Good Shepherd's Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending April 21st

Non-BF Receipts:	
RR - Sunday Offerings (envelopes)	\$2,474
RR - Autodraft/Online Donations	\$7,753
Rent/Facility Use	\$45
FR - Grocery Card Sales (amt. = 5% profit)	\$68
FR - Calendar Lottery (less est. payouts \$500)	\$2,140
FR - Northern Deanery Raffle (amt. = 50% Profit)	\$100
Non-Building Fund Receipts-Total	<u>\$12,580</u>
Non-Building Fund Receipts-Goal	<u>\$17,000</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,420)</u>
Building Fund Receipts:	
BF Receipts-Total	<u>\$4,484</u>
BF Receipts-Goal	<u>\$6,478</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$1,994)</u>
Other Receipts (not retained by Parish):	
Diocesan Collections	\$80
Families in Need	<u>\$50</u>
Other Receipts-Total	<u>\$130</u>

Summary of Non-BF Receipts & BF Receipts as of 4/21/24 (Week 43)

Total All Receipts (Non-BF & Building Fund):		
	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$17,064</u>	<u>\$883,205</u>
Goal	<u>\$23,478</u>	<u>\$1,009,554</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$6,414)</u>	<u>(\$126,349)</u>
Non-Building Fund Receipts:		
	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$12,580</u>	<u>\$571,988</u>
Goal	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$731,000</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,420)</u>	<u>(\$159,012)</u>
Building Fund Receipts:		
	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$4,484</u>	<u>\$311,217</u>
Goal	<u>\$6,478</u>	<u>\$278,554</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$1,994)</u>	<u>\$32,663</u>

Note: RR = Regular Receipts
 BF = Building Fund
 FR = Fund Raisers (shown net of related expenses)
 FF = Faith Formation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give. ***We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.***

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk"? Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to you parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late start!

Parish Events

SALE LOCATION CHANGE

Grocery cards and Northern Deanery Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Fund Raising Table in Agape Hall this weekend. This is the last weekend raffle tickets will be sold after the Masses. They will then be available in the office during weekday business hours.

PROFIT FROM LENTEN DINNERS

All the associated bills for our Lenten Dinners have been paid, leaving a net profit of \$14,564 for the parish. Thanks so much to ALL involved in making the dinners a success!

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

On Sunday, May 5th, Gathering in the Spirit, our Women's Faith Sharing Initiative, will meet in The Warehouse after the 8:30 a.m. mass. This is the last scheduled meeting until the fall. Please join us for coffee and conversation.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING THEME 3- RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society. "It frequently becomes clear that, in practice, human rights are not equal for all. Respect for those rights 'is the preliminary condition for a country's social and economic development. When the dignity of the human person is respected, and his or her rights recognized and guaranteed, creativity and interdependence thrive, and the creativity of the human personality is released through actions that further the common good.' Yet, 'by closely observing our contemporary societies, we see numerous contradictions that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings, ... is truly recognized, respected, protected and promoted in every situation.

...While one part of humanity lives in opulence, another part sees its own dignity denied, scorned or trampled upon, and its fundamental rights discarded or violated.' What does this tell us about the equality of rights grounded in innate human dignity?" (Pope Francis, *On Fraternity and Social Friendship* [Fratelli Tutti], no. 22)

"Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. ...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. . . . Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded." (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [LaudatoSi'], no.25)

"In human society one man's natural right gives rise to a corresponding duty in other men; the duty, that is, of recognizing and respecting that right. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other." (St. John XXIII, *Peace on Earth* [Pacem in Terris], no. 30) Watch a short video on Rights and Responsibilities at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPB6sXj6Fw0&list=PLt5PsPjJAK-0b9BYRHUAXnIKMlv7qyZca&index=5>

- Where do you see or hear about rights being violated in your community or around the world?
- Whose responsibility is it to ensure those rights are protected or fulfilled?

MOTHER'S DAY CALENDAR LOTTERY

All registered households were mailed a Lottery Ticket which will be based on the PA Daily Number's PICK 3 Evening Drawing for the month of May. In addition to playing yourself, these make great gifts for graduations, birthdays, and Mom! Thanks and good luck!

MOTHER'S DAY WINE BASKET RAFFLE

Good Shepherd's newly formed chapter of Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a Mother's Day Wine Basket Raffle with all proceeds going to the Dec 12, 2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00, on sale in the Gathering Space through May 12th – the drawing will be May 14th at the CDA Monthly meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMING FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Last December Melissa Yahner did an amazing job planning and organizing the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass. This year the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are proud to support the planning and organizing of this Mass with Melissa as the leader. If you (female or male, Catholic Daughter or not) would be interested in being a parting of the planning and organizing we welcome you to reach out and join us. This is a big undertaking, but it is also a beautiful Mass and celebration for our church and community. Please contact Melissa Yahner at mapalacios@msn.com to volunteer.

ECLIPSE GLASSES CAN BE REUSED

If you still have your solar eclipse glasses, we are participating in **The Eclipse Give Back Program** which takes used glasses that do not have any scratches, punctures, tears, or other damage. The eclipse glasses will be sent to schools in Latin America so that children will be able to view the October 2024 annular eclipse. There will be a designated box in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact the following parishioners with any prayer intentions:

Ellen Jankowski – 814-231-0213; or Mary Petersen – 814-238-2209; or Marge Carline – 814-574-2983.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED

As a family of believers, we pray for all who are suffering, but especially our sick & homebound family members and friends:

Tydan Campell, Don Cook, Danielle Fantaskey, Jan & Frank Henson, Marie James, Susan Johnson, Tom Kearney, Eli Keim, Gail Kelley, Clair Kester, Richard Kustin, Doug Laplante, Betty Ann Marroni, Robert Martin, Richard & Marie Mollo, Deacon Mike Ondik, Selena Ortiz, Annmarie Rodriguez, Mary Ann Sabolsice, Greg Salokangas, John Steimer, Naomi Tavera, Connie Trybus, Donna Williams, Mary Ziobro.

♦ *Please let us know if you'd like a name added or removed from the list.*

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

Two tickets were mailed to each household in the Parish. We hope you will support this fund raising effort. Tickets are \$10/each - \$5 goes to the Deanery and the parishes that put in the upfront money for prizes, and \$5 stays at Church of the Good Shepherd. *Ticket sales have now started after weekend Masses. You may also purchase tickets from the Office during business hours.* There is a poster in the Gathering Space describing the prizes.



FAMILY CORNER

Our congratulations to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this week:

Chris & Lisa Keller	Apr 28
Robert & Debra Fogarty	Apr 29
Nicholas & Amy Caputo	Apr 30
Claude & Theresa Grant	Apr 30
Thomas & Diann Dunham	May 01
Don & Carol Gaetano	May 01
Dante & Nikki DiOrio	May 02

COMMUNION AND VISITS OUTSIDE MASS

If you know anyone in the hospital, an assisted care facility, or a nursing home who is not receiving Communion but would like to receive, please notify the church office at 814-238-2110. Arrangements can be made with the Homebound Committee for Communion or for a visit. Remember, HIPPA laws and facility policies hinder them in contacting the parish office. Notification and request is best made to the church office by a family member or a friend.

PRAYER SHAWLS

To request a Prayer Shawl or for more information, please contact Lynne DeLuca at 814-234-4654. The weekly Prayer Shawl Meeting takes place in the Gathering Space from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

To request a Prayer Quilt or for more information please contact either Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net, 814-883-4588 or Michelle Spiering at mms36@psu.edu, 814-235-1282.



You are welcome to join
us for our first
GriefShare Group
Gathering

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
@6:00 p.m. in the
Warehouse

Refreshments will be
provided

Please RSVP by sending an
email message
to mfickes@dioceseaj.org

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS AND DONUT PICKUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospitality Ministers greet Mass attendees, facilitate the Presentation of the Gifts, serve refreshments after the Sunday Masses, and assist the congregation with miscellaneous needs such as seating, logistics, and rest-room location. The goal of the ministry is to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere that facilitates both worship and fellowship. This ministry is a wonderful way to involve children in an important dimension of parish life, and you do not have to be Catholic to be a Hospitality Minister. All Masses are in need of additional volunteers, and you do not have to perform all duties to be a part of the ministry. We are happy to provide opportunities within your comfort zone, so introverts are most welcome! Rest assured that there is plenty to do behind the scenes.

The Hospitality Ministry is also trying to assemble a group of volunteers that are willing to pick up donuts from the North Atherton Giant on either Saturday afternoon, or before 8:30 Mass on Sunday. You do not have to be a Hospitality Minister to support this endeavor.

If you would like more information about being a Hospitality Minister, or a donut pickup volunteer, please contact Vince Bojan at 814-380-4619, or vjb2@psu.edu.

MOE'S POPUP FUNDRAISER

How about a night off from cooking dinner while supporting Good Shepherd? We are hosting a Moe's Popup Fundraiser on Thursday, May 2nd, for Church of the Good Shepherd. Purchase Take-Home Family Taco Kits which are ready to eat when you get home, making your night easier! **Plus for every kit sold, 25% will be donated to Church of the Good Shepherd...that's \$10.75 per kit!!! (See the flyers on the doors and Gathering Space tables.)**

How to Order:

1. **Please place your order by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st.**
2. Fill out this form to submit your order (copy and paste into your Web Browser): <https://form.jotform.com/223207315419147>
3. Pick up will be at Moe's Southwest Grill, 211 Patriot Ln, State College, PA 16803 between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2nd.
4. Can't make it? Order a KIT CREDIT, Church of the Good Shepherd will receive the \$10.75, and you can grab your kit where and when it works best for you!



Faith Formation News

UPCOMING Faith Formation Schedule:

High School Classes ~ April 28th, and May 12th (LAST CLASS for 9th & 10th Grade ONLY)



FIRST COMMUNION LITURGY: April 27th - 5:00 p.m.

Rite of Sending Liturgy for 11th Grade

Confirmation Candidates: April 28th at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(10th Grade will host Reception for parishioners in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.) *This is the last session for 11th Grade.*



Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory May 13th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

LAMBS' LITURGY -MAY 19TH AT THE 10:30 A.M. MASS



Vacation Bible School
June 17th thru June 21st, 2024
at
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
867 Grays Woods Blvd.
Port Matilda

For children Pre-K to 5th grade
(in the fall) -
Children of ALL Faiths Welcome!
Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space at Good Shepherd or on the Good Shepherd Catholic Church website
www.goodshepherd-sc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
We are in need of both ADULT and TEEN (9th-12th grade) volunteers for the week. Volunteer forms can be found in the gathering space or online. Contact the office at 814-238-2110 for more information.

**VBS REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
APRIL 30TH, 2024**

Diocesan Events

JOB OPENING - The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Priest Care Coordinator to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of St. Leonard's Retirement Home while managing day -to-day operations. To view a full listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may also be sent to Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

OPEN HOUSE – Anawim Ministries (Young People Who Care) invites you to their Open House on Sunday, April 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. or on Monday, April 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 814-263-4844. Anawim Ministries (YPWC) is inviting youth students 14 years of age and older to join us for our Youth Service Week in July. Connect with others while serving the community. For more information call 814-263-4177 or email Sr. Suzanne at srSuzanne@anawimministries.org

HEALING MASS – Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

UPCOMING RETREATS AT BETHANY RETREAT CENTER – Poetry Retreat, May 16th – 19th; Forest Therapy, May 16th; Intro to Centering Prayer with Sr. Ruth Ann Madera, May 31st – June 2nd; Boundless Compassion 3-Day Retreat, June 21st – 23rd.

GALLITZIN INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*God of mercy and love, your faithful servant, Father Demetrius A. Gallitzin,
gave up everything to sow the seeds of faith among the people of the Allegheny Mountains.
Please listen to his intercession for us in our day, even as we ask that we be allowed
to invoke him publicly as our patron with you.*

*Pour out your kindness and mercy upon us and listen to our prayer,
as we humbly beseech you to grant us the favor of (name your intention.)*

*Give us the humble courage of Servant of God Demetrius, so that we may praise and bless you
through service to our neighbor and through witness to the Gospel of your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

Kindly send word of any potential miracles or favors received to:

**The Cause for Canonization
Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin
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814-695-5579
www.dioceseaj.org/Gallitzin**

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General Information

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Office Phone: (814) 238-2110 -- Office of Faith Formation: (814) 238-0649

Visits to the Sick and Homebound:

If you, your family member or a friend who is a parishioner of Good Shepherd Church is admitted to Mount Nittany Medical Center and wishes to be visited by Father Jozef or Deacon Jack and receive the Sacrament of the Anointing, Reconciliation, or Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office to let us know. Due to personal privacy laws the hospital does not contact us.

Those who are homebound and would like to receive communion at home should also call the Parish Office. Social visits, either at the hospital or in your home, can also be arranged through our Visitation Committee.

Baptism:

Parents may prepare for the baptism of their new baby before he or she is born by attending our Baptism Preparation Session. For more information or to register for this program, please call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation:

Confessions are scheduled on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel or by appointment.

Marriage:

Call the Parish Office at least 9 months in advance of your scheduled wedding date.

Funerals:

The parish is here to support the family in a time of loss. Please call the Parish Office.

Papal Blessings:

Fr. Jozef will present a Papal Blessing to those celebrating a special wedding anniversary or birthday. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Bulletin:

Bulletin articles are due in the Parish Office by Thursday at noon, unless otherwise noted. Most articles may run for up to three consecutive weeks. Inserts are limited.

Moving or changing your phone number or e-mail?

Please remember to inform the Parish Office of the changes to your contact information.

Parish Registration:

We would like to meet you! You may drop by or call the Parish Office to begin the registration process. Even if your stay in State College will be relatively short, you should register as a member of one of the two local parishes or with the Penn State Catholic Center. Parish membership has a special importance for Baptism and Marriage.

Hearing Impaired?

Pocket-sized units (with earphones) offering a direct link to the sound system in the church are available for your use. The units can be picked up in the sacristy before mass.

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