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 11/29/21

We welcome all visitors and new parishioners to our parish family. Frequent part-time attendees are encouraged to register. Registration forms are located in the narthex.

Mass Intentions This Week



Saturday & Sunday
 Parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Weeks Readings

5th Sunday of Easter
 Reading I: Acts 9:26-31
 Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
 Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Weekday Masses:
 TUE. - FRI.: 9:00 AM
SATURDAY: 5:30PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM
 Holy Days - As Announced.

ADORATION/BENEDICTION and ROSARY: First Thursday of the month, after 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: First Saturday of the Month at 4:30 p.m., and by appointment.

Blessing of the Sick:
 Last Tuesday of the month, after 9:00am Mass.

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4th Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases:

Good Shepherd, lays down his life, lay down my life, hear my voice, one flock, Father loves, lay it down, command I have received

To the point: What is the command Jesus received from his Father? That he be the Good Shepherd by laying down his life for his sheep. That he gather all people into one flock by laying down his life for his sheep. We, Jesus' disciples, receive the same

command from him. We are not to be "hired" hands but good shepherds who, by listening to his voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father's love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So are we to be.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: Because "the Father has bestowed on us" great love, we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.

... to experience: As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us.

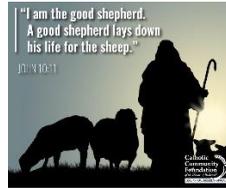
Calendar of Events & Special Announcements



Thank you to everyone who gave food items to the St Peter Justice and Peace Committee's recent Lenten Food drive. **Because of your generosity, 637.4 pounds of food were distributed to 6 area Food Pantries in VA and NC.**

A special thanks to the following Justice and Peace committee members: Linda Adamos, Mary Jo Bankard, Mary Ann Daly, and Bernice Jiano, as well as, the following members of the parish: Donna Boisot, Natalie Carlson, Bob Hathaway, Elizabeth Martin, Carlos and Anna Mendez, Pat Moyles, and Joanne Tomazik, who made sure the notices got into the bulletin and Mass announcements, helped set up the collection boxes and posters in the Narthex, sat out in the cold collecting items during the fish fry nights, sorted the food items, filled the boxes to go to the food pantries and/or distributed those filled boxes. An extra thanks to Donna Boisot, whose business donated rolls of toilet paper and toothbrushes to the drive.

Thank you all again and God Bless,
Susan Hathaway
St. Peter the Apostle
Justice and Peace Chairperson



If a kid asks her parents for a dog, she might hear this response: "If you take care of it." The logic is simple: human beings respond to responsibility. We tend to treat things better when they belong to us.

Jesus knows this, and shows us in today's Gospel that His love is not the love of a hireling, who runs away when faced with trouble. Instead, He loves like the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep, precisely because they are His sheep. When we have a stake in something, we tend to invest in it.

God has entrusted each of us with this parish community. We are all truly members of it, and we all have a stake in it. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is a great way to imitate the Good Shepherd by caring for what belongs to us, as opposed to merely using it like a hireling.

Do we really believe that our parish is ours, that it's been entrusted to us as a gift from God? If so, what should our commitment through the Annual Diocesan Appeal look like? And if not, why not? God wants us to be a part of the fold, because He knows that responsibility and relationship are the only ways to grow in love. Please consider making a gift as a response to Christ's call to be a good steward.

Who Cares?

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, "who has no concern." He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others.

We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying.

What would happen if all of us cared, really cared, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

No one is permitted to disregard the plight of his brothers living in dire poverty, enmeshed in ignorance and tormented by insecurity.

Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, 1967:74

No one may claim the name Christian and be comfortable in the face of the hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice found in this country and the world.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: #27 (p.6).

Gerald Darring

https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/4EasterB042521/reflections_justice.html

Next Week's MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 1st

Ushers: Bettie Berndt
Bobby Berndt
Lectors: John Husson
Mark Fracassa

Counter: Carmie Chini
Altar: Pat Moyles
Server: Dan Moyles
May 2nd

Ushers: Nancy Arena
Paul Arena
Lectors: George McCall
Keith Percic

Counter: Anne O'Neill
Altar: Mary Ann Daly
Server: Tom O'Neill

Weekly Offerings

April 18th

Offertory: **\$1727**
Catholic Relief Services: **\$10**
Respect Life: **\$5**
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Mass Attendance:	
Saturday-04/17	44
Sunday-04/18	77



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- Elizabeth Howe**
- 11 Douglas Kolb**
- 12 Donna Boisot**
- Chuck Youse**
- 17 Michael McFadden**
- 19 Marge Youse**
- 20 Ben Whitaker**
- 21 Jeanne Kurilla**
- 22 Richard Rumpalik**
- 26 Anne Hagen**
- 27 Alvina Weathered**
- 28 David Vaughn**
- 29 Kevin Caine**
- Kyle Pelletier**
- Haley Vermeulen**
- Marc Burns**



- Maureen & Charles Hockey**
4-1-1951
- Dee & Brian Quigley**
4-6-1968
- Carol & Jay Warfel**
4-8-1967
- Teresa & Keith Percic**
4-12-1980
- Sue & Bob Hathaway**
4-15-1978
- Kay & David Berlin**
4-20-1985



People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. After that time, if you would like your love one to go back on the list for the following month, please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need.

Rose Gongla, Bernie Haefner, Suzanne & George McCall, David & Katie Berlin, Zony & Bob Warwick, Paula Freeze, Caleb Lentz, Erika Billera, Joe Dart, Richard McGovern, Mike McFadden, Karen White, Lynn Martin, Tamara Burns, Kyle Pelletier, Jack Reilly, Eileen Wurzer, Lexie Burns, Pat Hamlet, Josh, Judy, & Emma Pelletier, Greg Serangeli, Diane McKillips, David Finds, Ann Mogilnicki, Dave Radford, Tom Eddy, Susan Turner, Kathy Karpinski, Jessie Ginsberg, Mary Marshall, Jeff Johnson, Rose Marie Bates, Mary Purdy, Fred Gasko, Nicole Matteson, Mary Jo Bankard, Madison Reid, Megan Sullivan, Peg Myers, Roger Pruhs, MaryAnn Newmyer, Emma Williamson, Jack Fioriti, Peter J. Hamilton, Linda & Steve Miller, Jo Anne Sprouse, Carol Haefner

Please contact the office to update the Parish Sick List. Office.....434-636-6277

Please contact Father Jong or Mary Ann Daly if you need to receive Holy Communion at home Mary Ann Daly....434-577-2660 & 434-532-5896