

# April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

 <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> <b>April 20 – April 27, 2024</b>		
20 Sat	8:30 am	Miriam & Joseph Welty
20 Sat	4:30 pm	Francis & Marie Myers The Wantz and McNair Families
21 Sun	8:00 am	Rick Topper and Tommy Penn
21 Sun	10:30 am	Larry Maruskin and Linda Shields
22 Mon	8:30 am	Sonny Hamburg and All of Our Parishioners
23 Tues	8:30 am	Bob Brown and for the Intentions of Don Briggs
24 Weds	8:30 am	Ricky Sahm and Charles Meyer
25 Thurs	8:30 am	Miriam & Joseph Welty Intentions of Don Briggs
26 Friday	8:30 am	Intentions of Veronique Lieber
27 Sat	8:30 am	Lisa Krom and the Intentions of the Women's Adoration Group Intentions
27 Sat	4:30 pm	Braxton & Jordan and Rebecca Carr
28 Sun	8:00 am	Miriam & Joseph Welty and Rick Topper
28 Sun	10:30 am	Carol Swam and Nancy & Pat Boyle

## “World Day of Prayer for Vocations”

### REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**Please pray for:** Don Briggs, Tony Saavedra, Seton (Joe) Cool, Tom Wivell, Pat Weaver, Brett Marshall, Luellen Maskeny, Maria Lewis, Audrey Watts, Angie Finneyfrock, Mick Major, Raymond Baker, Mike Shorb, Chris Cool, Theresa Ward, Patricia Weaver, Helen Reaver, Monroe Hewitt, Andrea Carter, Gloria Bauerline, John and Esther Hayes, Donna Toms, Teresa Meem, Jane Gjerde, Bob Seidel, Tom Miller, Rex Davis, Julie Fry, Fr. Marty McGeough, C.M., Connie Price, Fred Hoff, Jr., Joanne Kirby, Julie Sweeney, Ronnie Topper, Mark Cotton, II, Cecelia Dillman, Emily Lingg, Bob Rosensteel, Elaine Schmidt, Ross McIntire, Susan Murphy, Shawn Mort, Veronique Lieber, Joanne Mentz, Emily Mensch, Danielle Fink, Sandra Sjoberg, MaryAnn Fila, Jeanie Paschall, Tina Heffner, Nicholas Wivell, Callan Wivell, Don Upchurch, Pat Cairo, David Benjamin, Joseph Krenitsky, Sandy-Wivell-Paparo, Mary Louise Hoban, Ann Graupensberger, and for the Homebound and Caregivers. Pray for the men and women who serve in the Military throughout the world, for those who suffer in silence, and for the unborn babies and their mothers.

**Please notify the Parish Office if a parishioner is in the hospital wants to see a priest, or if they cannot attend Church anymore but wishes to receive Holy Communion, or the Sacrament of the Sick.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

In past posts, I referred to the need to pray for vocations and the desire that our community may become a place where our young may find the support, they need to discern this call appropriately.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the annual day of prayer for vocations, I would like to point out some truths that should guide our discernment and support of vocations.

These truths are:

-The good Shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep know him. How wonderful and consoling it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that for him we are not anonymous persons, that our name is known to him! For Jesus, we are not a "mass," a "multitude"! We are individual "persons" with eternal value, both as creatures and as redeemed persons! He knows us! He knows me and loves me and gave himself for me! (Gal 2:20);

- The Good Shepherd feeds his sheep and leads them to abundant fresh pastures. Jesus came to bring life to souls and give it in superabundance. A soul's life consists of three supreme realities: truth, grace, and glory. Jesus is the truth because he is the Word incarnate. He is the "head of the corner", as St. Peter said to the rulers of the people and elders, the stone on which alone it is possible to construct the family, social, and political edifice: "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12)

Jesus gives us "grace," that is, divine life, through Baptism and the other sacraments. Through "grace," we become participants in God's very Trinitarian nature—an immense mystery but of inexpressible joy and consolation!

Jesus, finally, will give us the glory of Paradise, complete and eternal glory, where we will be loved and will love, participants in God's happiness, which is Infinite even in joy! " It does not yet appear what we shall be", St. John comments, "but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 Jn 3:3)

- The Good Shepherd defends his sheep; he is not like the mercenary who flees when the wolf arrives because he does not care about the sheep. Jesus, with the light of his divine Word and the strength of his sacramental and ecclesial presence, forms our mind, strengthens the will, purifies sentiments, and thus defends and saves us from so many painful and dramatic experiences.

- The Shepherd even offers his life for his sheep. Jesus realized the project of divine Love using his death on the cross! He offered himself on the cross to redeem every individual man created by Love for the eternity of Love!

Finally, the Shepherd desires to increase his flock. Jesus clearly affirms his universal concern: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16). Jesus wants all men to know him, love him, and follow him. That is why the Good Shepherd keeps calling generous souls to contribute to His plan of salvation.

Every time one undertakes the demanding vocation discernment process, one must consider that he is entrusting himself to this Shepherd, to the Shepherd who knows him perfectly, who gave his life for him, who protects him from every evil, and who has an eternal reward of glory in store for him.

I live you with St. John Paul II's prayer for vocations. Please pray it at home with your family.

*We turn to you, Lord, in trust! Son of God, sent by the Father to the men and women of every time and of every part of the earth!*

We call upon you through Mary, your Mother and ours: may the Church not lack in vocations, especially those dedicated uniquely to your Kingdom.

Jesus, the only Savior of humanity! We pray to you for our brothers and sisters who have answered "yes" to your call to the priesthood, to the consecrated life and to the missions.

May their lives be renewed daily to become a living Gospel.

Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new laborers into the harvest of your Kingdom!

Assist those whom you call to follow you in our day; contemplating your face, may they respond with joy to the wondrous mission that you entrust to them for the good of your People and of all men and women.

You who are God and live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy Sunday!

Fr. Mariano



## Congratulations to Our First Communicants

Rowan Burns, Caroline Chism,  
Lyla Doll, Elizabeth Gomba,  
Quinlynn Hobbs, Mason Miller,  
Grant Satterlee, Zachary Weatherly,  
Zoey Weatherly, Jacob Adcock,  
Riley Woodward

### Confirmation May 3, at 5:30 pm St. Anthonys Shrine Parish

**Note:** Mandatory Rehearsal for Confirmation is April 23 at 6:30 pm. Please meet in St. Anthonys Parish Hall.

Last day for Faith Formation is May 5th. We will end with the May procession.

### Mark your Calendars....

Vacation Bible School begins June 17 thru  
June 21st..... Watch for details!



### Upcoming Events: April & May 2024 (Parish Hall and Church)

**Coffee & Donuts : Sunday, May 5** after 10:30 am  
(\*\*\*\*Looking for a volunteer to host\*\*\*\*)

**Faith Formation Every Sunday:** 9:00 am Parish Hall

**\*\*\*Every Thursday-Holy Hour Adoration** 7:00-8:00 pm

**First Friday Adoration: May 3,** 9:00-am -7:00 pm

**First Saturday Adoration: May 4,** 9:15-10:15 am with confession opportunity.

**Women's Night of Mercy and Adoration:** 7-8:00 pm  
St. Joseph's Church; April 29

**Legion of Mary:** 10:00-11:30 -Saturdays (Parish Hall)

**Parish Council Meeting: May 7,** 7:00 pm

**St. Vincent DePaul/ Our Lady of Grace:**  
**May 15,** at 7:00 pm

**Ladies Sodality Meeting: April 22,** 6:00 pm

### Everyone is Welcome to attend! The IVE Third Order Social Gathering and Potluck Dinner

**May 19,** 5:45-7:30 pm Parish Hall  
Contact person: Sister Peace (240)-357-7582  
c.ourladyofourdes@servidoras.org

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT April 13 & 14, 2024

First Collection: **(Envelopes & Loose)** \$ 5,887.00  
On-line Giving: **No report at this time** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Collection: \$ 5,887. 00  
Second Collection: **The Poor** \$ 2,001 .00

Thank you for your continued generosity! It is recommended that each household contribute to the first collection an equal amount to one hour's wage from each wage earner.

Please give what you are able to give, no gift is too small, but we do need your support.

### Community Blood Drive

**Date:** May 1st

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Location:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center  
103 N Church Street Thurmont , MD 21788

**Contact Information:** Dan Glancey 301-471-1489

**Sponsored by:** The American Legion Post #168  
and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church



### Pig Roast and Auction

The Haiti Committee is hosting a Silent Auction and Pig Roast on Saturday, April 27 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Mt Carmel Parish Hall. The price is \$25 for adults, students 12 and up \$15, kids are \$5.

All Proceeds are given to our Sister Parish's School to feed the children of Haiti. Please email cathybodin34@gmail or 301-447-2690 for more information.

**Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church presents...**A unique presentation, " Invisible Systems" an experience of Privilege & Racism through Story and Song on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm at 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick MD.

Great reviews, Thought Provoking."

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### Archdiocese of Baltimore News

**Seek News Coverage** – Please read the Catholic Review for the latest information on, "Seek the City", a proposal of merging certain churches. <https://catholicreview.org/still-listening-seek-the-city-proposal-needs-final-feedback/> or Archdiocese of Baltimore website [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org)

### United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland

**In re: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore**  
**Case NO 23-16969**

**Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Others with Claims Against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore**

If you were sexually abused by any person or entity connected with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore (also known as the Archdiocese of Baltimore), a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, you must file a claim by **May 31, 2024**. If you fail to file a timely claim, you may lose the right to assert a claim at a later date. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland information, visit: <http://www.mdb.uscourts.gov/> For more Diocesan information, visit: <https://www.archbalt.org/> or <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCABaltimore.db.uscourts.gov/>