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**John 10:11**



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## SAT-SUN, APR 25-26, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adult.....	\$3,075.00
Loose.....	53.00
Maintenance.....	62.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,190.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$137.00
Lenten Self-Denial.....	\$40.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$10.00
Holy Thursday .....	\$60.00
Good Friday/Holy Land .....	\$55.00
Easter .....	\$490.00



#### ST. ALOYSIUS

Adult.....	\$1,841.00
Parish Improvements.....	35.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,876.00</b>

Accent.....	\$58.00
Holy Thursday .....	\$15.00
Easter .....	\$175.00



#### ST. JOHN

Adult.....	\$2,782.00
Maintenance .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,792.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$41.00
Holy Trinity .....	\$25.00
Lenten Self-Denial.....	\$40.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$2.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$5.00
Holy Thursday .....	\$60.00
Good Friday/Holy Land .....	\$60.00
Easter .....	\$734.00
Accent.....	\$2.00



#### ST. RITA

Adult.....	\$3,415.00
Loose.....	75.00
Maintenance .....	151.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,641.00</b>

Cemetery .....	\$26.00
Lenten Self-Denial.....	\$15.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$10.00
Holy Thursday .....	\$37.00
Good Friday/Holy Land .....	\$37.00
Easter .....	\$535.00
Accent.....	\$10.00

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ESPECIALLY IN THESE TRYING TIMES.

## 4TH SUN OF EASTER



MAY 3, 2020

### 1 Peter 2:20b-25 DOING GOOD, FEELING GOOD

Doing the right thing does not always feel good. You might take a stand for what you believe. Or you go out of your way to assist someone in need. But even in these circumstances, something can still go wrong. Others do not appreciate your sacrifice. You suffer ridicule. You experience loss. You know it is right to do good, but unfairly you do not always feel good.

The First Letter of Peter says, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called."

The good we do is already a sign of our progress in the spiritual life, even if it does not feel that way. In the past, we may have avoided what is good if it seemed to threaten peace. We might have kept quiet about injustice in the workplace, the offenses of a neighbor, or the inappropriateness of derisive humor. Our silence gave consent. We were like sheep going astray.

But in Christ we know better. We do what is right even if it is unpopular. We speak up for the oppressed. We take time to defend human rights. We act with boldness we did not know before. We obtain this strength for doing good from the Shepherd of sheep, who guides and protects the flock.

Faith in Christ brings comfort and courage. It makes us feel loved, confident, and strong to suffer for doing what is good, even when it is unpopular.

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the repose of the souls of MICHAEL GALIARDI and MARK LEPERA, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
TUE:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
WED:	Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
THU:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
FRI:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
SAT:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
SUN:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Many thanks for all the delicious sweet treats and candy dropped off for the priests and office staff. Your thoughtful care for us is always so appreciated!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JULIUS,  
who celebrated his  
14th Ordination anniversary on APR 24.  
We are blessed indeed  
by his ministry among us!**

*With Sincere Thanks  
for Your Priestly Ministry*



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**THE MASS INTENTIONS LISTED BELOW WILL BE CELEBRATED AT A PRIVATE MASS ON THAT DAY  
BY ONE OF OUR PRIESTS. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR INTENTION IS BEING FULFILLED.**

### SAT, MAY 2 ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- SR The Faynor Family (Dolores Hiles)
- SA Mrs. John Tomaro (Daughter)
- IC Pro Populo

### SUN, MAY 3 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- SR John & Vicky Polakovsky (Daughter, Lou Ann & Kevin Laufer)
- SA Dorothy, Jackie & James Farris (Leonard)
- IC Carmine, Sr., Anna & Anthony Molinaro (Robert & Barbara Karp)
- SJ Ann Peshko (Daughters, Dolly & Marie)

### MON, MAY 4 EASTER WEEKDAY

- SR Marie "Carmie" Rozell (Bob & Cookie Flockvich)
- SA Angelo Crocetti (Regina Hughes)

### TUE, MAY 5 EASTER WEEKDAY

- SJ Son, Matthew Shmigalsky (Mike & Donna Shmigalsky)
- SA Ted Martin (Don & Eileen Gmitter)

### WED, MAY 6 EASTER WEEKDAY

- SR Phillip Appolonia (Ted & Phyllis Kovall)

### THU, MAY 7 EASTER WEEKDAY

- IC Robert E. Rugg (Wife, Helen Rugg)
- SA Genevieve Logan (Kathy & Joe Andolino)

### FRI, MAY 8 EASTER WEEKDAY

- SR Barbara Masciarelli (Husband, Emidio & Children)
- SA John & Vicky Polakovsky (Daughter, Lou Ann & Kevin Laufer)

### SAT, MAY 9 EASTER WEEKDAY

- SR All Mothers, Living & Deceased
- SA All Mothers, Living & Deceased
- IC All Mothers, Living & Deceased

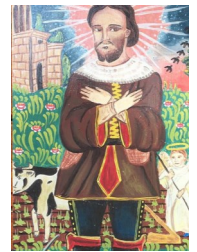
### SUN, MAY 10 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- SR All Mothers, Living & Deceased
- SA All Mothers, Living & Deceased
- IC All Mothers, Living & Deceased
- SJ All Mothers, Living & Deceased

**Go to [youghcatholic.org/stream](http://youghcatholic.org/stream)  
for the live-streaming of Mass each SUN at 10am.**

## ROGATION DAYS

Among farmers and herders and fruit-growers, there is a natural anxiety at this time of year. Crops are planted. Trees bloom. A new generation of animals is born. What if it hails? What if there's a drought or a flood? A cold snap can kill newly emerged plants and new-born animals.



In the 5th century, Bishop Mamertus of Vinne in Gaul (now France), held processions on the three days before Ascension Day. People marched through the fields and sang psalms. Farmers asked God to protect the crops and orchards and flocks.

These days were called rogation days on the old Roman calendar (another one falls on April 5, the Feast of St. Mark). The word "rogation" comes from the Latin word rogare, which means "to ask".

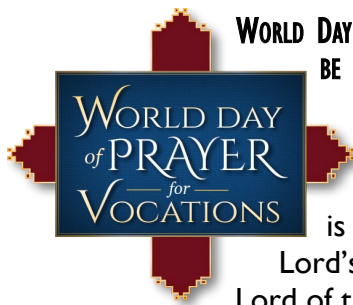
In 1969 the calendar was changed. Instead of all Roman Catholics keeping the rogation days on the three days before the Ascension, the bishops of each country now choose the most appropriate times of the year for keeping days of prayer. When there is a need, the bishops ask people to keep a rogation day.

In the United States, the memorial of St. Isidore, the farmer, is kept on May 15. In many places it has become a kind of rogation day. The Catholic Rural Life Conference sponsors the blessing of farmers and farmlands on this day.

**Congratulations to  
St. Rita parishioner,  
MARY FRAZIER,  
who celebrated her  
100th birthday on  
APR 23.**







**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS WILL BE OBSERVED TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3, WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY".**

The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38, Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and

religious life?

- ♦ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ♦ Pray also for our seminarians: Deacon Mark Dunmire, Christopher Pujol, Andrew Hamilton, David Slusarick, Craig Alexander, Aidan Kerlin, Jeremy Zawelensky, and Zachary Lentz.
- ♦ Encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- ♦ Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**For those who are interested in a vocation to the priesthood, or those who have questions, please go to the Diocesan Vocation website ([gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org)) for further information.**

### **PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father,

Your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey.

Thank you for the many gifts You have given us.

We ask that You continue to call sons and daughters from our families and parishes to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Send Your Spirit upon us so that many will respond with great love to Your call to service and leadership in Your Church.

Give to those You have chosen the faith of the apostle, the vision of the prophet, and the courage of the martyr.

Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, help us to be faithful disciples of Your Son by following the example of Mary.

Make us generous in sharing ourselves and our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on Earth.

We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.

*Imprimatur*  
The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD  
Bishop of Greensburg - August 15, 2004



**TODAY IS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ALSO KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.**

Psalm 23 begins, "The Lord is my shepherd."

This psalm is much loved, especially by people who are grieving or in trouble. Most people have never met a shepherd and they rarely see sheep. And yet the image of God as our shepherd is strong and lasting. Springtime is the season lambs are born and grow strong. Perhaps that is why every Easter season brings us renewed acquaintance with our Good Shepherd.

The communion song for the 4th Sunday of Easter gets right to the point: "The Good Shepherd is risen, alleluia!" The prophet Ezekiel said that bad shepherds let wolves catch the sheep. Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

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#### **Psalm 46:1**

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*

By definition, a refuge is a safe place. When the Bible describes God as our refuge, it is saying that God is our safe place when we need protection from something. Knowing God is our refuge enables us to trust Him more freely. There is no situation we will ever face that is out of God's control, so the best place to be, always, is right with Him.

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**We will continue to post updates and videos during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**[youghcatholic.org](http://youghcatholic.org)**

**Here you can access past live-streams of our liturgies, download worship aids and donate online to our church collections.**

**[youghcatholic.org/stream](http://youghcatholic.org/stream)**

**Access Mass live-stream on SUNs at 10am.**



Sometimes when our daily routine is broken and we lose track of days and times, we forget some of our most precious events that we gather to celebrate. One of these in our local community is the St. Anthony Novena, which we would normally be gathering for on Tuesday evenings at St. Rita at 6:30pm. As I previously announced, we are praying a “virtual novena” every Tuesday from Tuesday, April 21 through June 9, at 6:30pm. This will be offered as a pre-recorded live-stream on the St. Rita Parish Festival Facebook page, much like we did for the virtual Tenebrae. We are utilizing the format of:

1. Rosary
2. Novena Prayers
3. Litany of St. Anthony
4. Hymn (Si Queris Miracula)

You may view it on St. Rita’s Parish Festival Facebook page or the parish website, [www.youghcatholic.org](http://www.youghcatholic.org).

I do thank Chris Mickey for making this possible. I invite all who are accustomed to praying the St. Anthony Novena and those who wish to start a new tradition, to make use of this opportunity. *Fr. Paul*



Dear parishioners, please remember to return your DLA pledge card to your parish office ASAP. Please mark the outside of your envelope with your parish name, as it helps us in the office. You can also make your pledge online at [donatediocesefgreensburg.org](http://donatediocesefgreensburg.org).

Thank you for your generosity. *Fr. Paul*

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<u>DLA Goal</u>	<u>DLA Goal</u>	<u>DLA Goal</u>	<u>DLA Goal</u>
\$38,133	\$26,715	\$18,319	\$34,301
<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Pledged</u>
\$42,815 (112.2%)	\$20,432 (76.4%)	\$16,275 (88.8%)	\$41,626 (121.3%)
163 gifts	103 gifts	75 gifts	171 gifts

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. RITA AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FOR SURPASSING THEIR DLA GOALS!

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering,

persecution, or rejection deter Him from caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is. Reflect

today on how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in his perfect love for you.

**MOTHER’S DAY IS NEXT SUN, MAY 10, AND WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.** This is a great opportunity for us to express our love for those special women in our lives who gave us life and nourished that life with their own love and life.

It is also the time to thank Mary, Mother of Jesus, for being our Spiritual Mother in Christ.



This year Mother’s Day will be different for many because of the pandemic. Please take time to plan how we will honor our mothers, if we are lucky enough to have them with us on this earth, or if we have had our mothers called home by God.

May we keep them in our prayers always.

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.”



**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL:  
THIRSTING FOR TRUTH**

Someone asked C.S. Lewis, “Why do the righteous suffer?” “Why not?” he replied. “They’re the only ones who can take it.”

Unjust suffering. Doesn’t sound fun, does it? Like it or NOT; to endure unjust suffering is part of the Christian call. Whether the source of our suffering

is our own sin, the sin of others, a direct attack of the devil, or simply the result of living in a fallen world, the promise that we will suffer in this life is ever present.

Yet Christians are given this promise as well – God is sovereign over it all. That means our suffering is never useless. It’s never pointless. Whether we see it now or not, God will use everything in our lives - including unjust suffering - **for our good and for His glory**. To “endure” unjust suffering does not mean to grin and bear it; to grumble under our breath against God and others until something changes. That word “endure” means, in the middle of the suffering, with no change to the situation, *you patiently, continuously trust in God*.

Followers of Jesus, follow Jesus. It’s what we do. We follow His example. Look to Him and follow in His ways – not just in telling others about Him, but in living our lives to reflect Him. And in our suffering, we look to Jesus and remember what and how He endured for us:

- ♦ Jesus was betrayed by Judas - one of his own disciples.
- ♦ Jesus was abandoned by all his friends.

- ♦ Jesus was falsely accused by the religious leaders.
- ♦ Jesus was interrogated and arrested by the government, who mocked him, spit upon him, slapped him, plucked out his beard, and beat him beyond recognition.
- ♦ They shoved thorns into his head and hammered nails into his hands and feet. They stripped him naked and humiliated him and nailed him to a criminal’s cross. He hung there for 6 hours, bleeding and gasping for breath, and dying a slow, painful agonizing death.

And with all the unjust suffering that Jesus endured, *“he returned no insult; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.”* Jesus endured unjust suffering without sinning because Jesus **continued to entrust Himself to the Father**; knowing the Father judges justly, knowing that the Father would sustain Him, knowing the Father is faithful, knowing that the Father sent the Son on a mission to save the world and that mission would be fulfilled.

He endured unjust suffering by entrusting Himself to the Father. And by His example, we know that we endure unjust suffering by entrusting ourselves to God as well. We endure when we entrust. We can endure our trials only when we entrust ourselves to God.

Hear God’s assurance to you today: You can endure. You can face this trial, this suffering, this injustice, knowing that Christ has faced it first. He is your living example. And because you are His, and your life is surrendered to Him...you are filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus sent. He is your source of strength and hope. Jesus will sustain you in your trial.

In happiness or in pain, in triumph or in trial, in life or in death; entrust yourself to the one who loves you and died for you, and you will find that He is enough.

Christ’s peace  
and our Mother Mary’s love,  
*Mary Sampey*

**If you are in need of assistance with food at this time please contact Connellsville Community Ministries at 626-1120. If you are not a resident of Connellsville, please call the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank at 437-6050. If you are a resident of Westmoreland County, please contact the Westmoreland County Food Bank at 468-8660 x10.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:**

Barb Check, Mason Collins, Joe Connell, Jim Garstecki, Doug Pirl, Karla and Kevin Tressler, John Emanuel, Joanne Fox, Robert Ruck, Eugene Onusko, Patrick and Joan Frazier, Esther Ziska, Mario Scotto-DiMarco, Joe Maiese, Lora Rulli, Margaret Molinaro, Marsha and Barry Huey, Stephanie Tripoli, David Bixel & Family, Ruth Ann Denard.







Have you ever had a hard time choosing the right movie on Netflix? I find that if I sit down to watch a movie and have three choices it's relatively easy to select one. But

when I go onto Netflix and have access to thousands of movies, it's much harder to make a decision. If you're anything like me, I tend to browse and browse, looking for the "right" movie. Often I never find it and then settle on something I find mediocre or merely suitable.

Research has shown that this is a psychological effect – it is called "choice paralysis". When we have too many choices, we are not only slower to make a decision but we are actually often less pleased with our final decisions. This is why we find channel

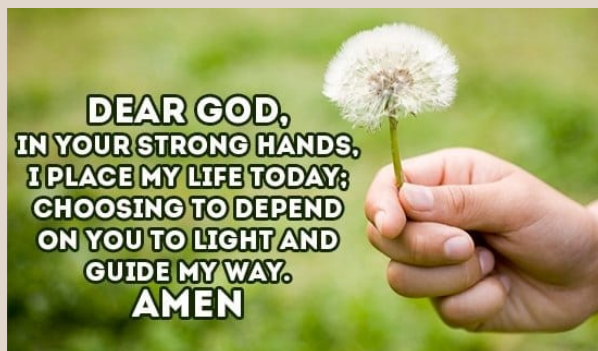
surfing on TV so unsatisfying – there's "nothing on TV" despite the hundreds of options. In our consumerist mentality our job is to find the "right" option that is somewhere out there waiting for us.

This has an effect on young people when it comes to making big life decisions. How can we choose the right spouse when there are over 9,800,000 paying, active users on Match.com? And how can a young man or woman aspiring to religious life choose the right religious community when there are hundreds of them across the country? Fear of making the wrong decision has led many to a paralysis, postponing these big decisions indefinitely.

In my opinion, the cure for this hesitancy in making life choices is an increased awareness of vocation. Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, when we pray that all those who are living the single life may discern well whether God is calling them to one of the four capital-V vocations

– marriage, priesthood, religious life, and dedicated single life. Each of these vocations requires entering into a life-long commitment, so it's no wonder so many have decided to keep their options open and wait indefinitely to make the right promise. We become paralyzed by our consumeristic minds. How can we possibly be sure that we're choosing correctly?

The awareness that we have a vocation is meant to break us out of this paralysis. God made each of us the way we are in order that we might build up his kingdom in a particular way. God is constantly trying to prepare His way for us, revealing it and making it attractive. Furthermore, God's way is what will bring us the greatest and truest joy in this life. The answer to the question "What do I want?" is always the same as the answer to the question "What did God choose for me from the foundation of the world?" (Eph 1:4)



In this way, our instinct is correct – there is a right choice out there. What is wrong is how we often go about finding it. We aren't supposed to browse indefinitely until we find the right answer. Instead we need to live our lives fully, stay close to God, and trust that He will reveal the right choice to us in time. This process can take an heroic amount of patience and trust. This is why we need to pray so much for those who are living it!

After telling his disciples that they must take up their cross, Jesus tells them, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When we

keep as many options in front of us just in case the "right" thing comes along, it feels like we're saving our life. But in reality, this can be how we end up losing it. It also feels like we lose our lives when we make a life-long commitment. And, indeed we do. By choosing priesthood I gave up the joys of family life, just as someone who gets married gives up the joys of priesthood and religious life. Choosing one good always means giving up another. This is what it means to be mortal beings – we only have so much time in this life. And that is precisely what makes it carry so much meaning to dedicate our life in this way. We don't get any do-overs. We are offering the one life we have for our spouse and children, for our diocese and parish, or for our religious community and apostolate. We lose everything else. And in doing so, we gain so much more.

Many of my younger seminary friends told me that their parents were uncertain about their decision to become priests. They had a hard time imagining their sons finding joy because they were giving up so much. But as they saw their children flourishing and genuinely happy, they became more supportive and encouraging. Perhaps the apparent joy of men and women who celebrate golden anniversaries of their weddings, ordinations and vows shows what I mean most fully. By losing our life in the way God plans for us, we actually save it and find true happiness.

Today we as a Church are called to pray for all people who are living the single life. May they open themselves and their unique gifts and talents to God's call, trusting in His plan for them. May they be patient and persistent in waiting for God to make this plan known to them. And when they do recognize it as being right, may they be bold in offering their lives so that they can find true life in its fullness.