



Community News



Volume 18, Issue 2 **FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER** **Apr 19, 2024**

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:
Our faith in the resurrection of Christ brings us to shepherd His people with self-giving sacrifice.

WORD:
As Easter people, belief in the resurrection of Christ is the core of our faith.

PROMISE:
"...they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd". (Jn 10:16b)

ORDER:
"The Good Shepherd.. Must lead" (Jn10:14-16)

DIRECTION:
Pray for guidance to do what is right and be a good witness to everyone.

"As Easter people, belief in the resurrection of Christ is the core of our faith"

In the Gospel, Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, I know mine and mine knows me."

Jesus compares himself to a hired shepherd who runs and abandons the sheep when there is danger, this is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. Unlike him, the good shepherd who lays down his life to protect his sheep. He is our Shepherd, and we are the sheep. Jesus personally provides, guides, protects and cares for us. He knows us individually and calls us by our names and each sheep knew it's shepherd and his voice. He speaks to us at every mass, through the Bible, through our priests, through our parents, family and friends. He gives us eternal life through baptism. He strengthens our faith by giving us



the Holy Spirit in confirmation. He supplies food for our soul by the Holy Eucharist and by the Divine words of the Holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the sacraments of matrimony and priesthood. He protects us, his sheep by placing us in the living hands of his Almighty Father. Jesus heals our souls by the sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and old age by the sacrament of Holy Anointing. The celebration of Christ, the Good Shepherd reminds us that we are Shepherds, as well as flocks, this is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. Our Theme says "Our faith in the resurrection of Christ brings us to shepherd His people with self-giving sacrifice."

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EASTER

Feast commemorating Christ's Resurrection from the dead. After the introduction of Christianity among Germanic nations the name Easter, denoting spring, was retained to designate the festival of the Resurrection. With other nations the term commonly used is the Greco-Latin word *pascha*, derived from the Hebrew *pasch* (passover). The Christian feast is linked with the ancient Hebrew festival of the Passover. The Church regarded Easter as the greatest of her festivals. All the movable feasts, from that of the Prayer of Jesus in the Garden (Tuesday after Septuagesima) to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi), as also the order of Sundays from Septuagesima to the last Sunday after Pentecost, are made to depend upon the Easter date. Its celebration is preceded by 40 days of prayer and fasting and followed till Trinity Sunday by some 50 days of festivity. Up to the 12th century, every day within the Easter octave (the eight days immediately following the feast) was a holy day of obligation. Today, however, in most countries even Easter Monday and Tuesday as days of obligation have been abolished.



Source: <https://catholicsaints.info/easter/>

Teaching Calendar

April 18 Thurs 8pm Supplemental Teaching via Zoom - BLD Covenant Pledge #4 . Check email for link.

Apr 28 Mon 2pm Shepherd's Refresher Course via Zoom. Link to follow.

COMMUNITY EVENT

MAY 3 (7pm) Flower Offering before HEALING MASS by kids/youth (ages 4-17) to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Holy Eucharist Parish. Contact Dennis or Kathleen Cardente and Angie Supan for details.

MAY 31– JUNE 2 Fri - Sun LSS 18 at the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall. Please invite candidates for this seminar.

JUNE 22 Sat 12-6pm BLD Camden Community Day, POTLUCK at Washington Township Park.

JULY 13 Sat 6-10:30 pm BLD Camden EXTRA-DANZA 2024 Marco's Indian Springs Country Club, Marlton, NJ. Contact Mila Co or Mila Carandang for Tickets.

July 27 Sat 10am – 4pm Praise Meeting & Worship Leader's Forum, Holy Eucharist Annex

Healing Mass every First Friday of the month.

Lectors

May 3 N. Juliano M. Co E. Robin
May 10 D. Bridgeman M. Ayon A. Supan
May 17 J. Gracia R. Dizon P. Cruz
May 24 D. Cardente K. Cardente N. de Castro

Lord's Provisions

Mar 15 2024 Praise & Worship \$438.00
Mar 22 Praise & Worship \$324.00
Apr 5 HEALING MASS \$323.00

Rev. Michael A. de Leon Fundraising Invitation

for his Parish, St. Simon Stock

Jun 22 Sat 6pm Auletto Caterers, Almonesson , NJ

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Being a shepherd, takes responsibility, a long and lasting commitment, dedication, sacrifice just as we do when we shepherd our lambs during our LSS. It requires a good interactive and continues relationship to have a successful result.

In the final part of the gospel, Jesus invites those who are touched and saved by the love of the shepherd, to shepherd and care for others. He said there are other sheep that are not of this fold and these I have to lead as well. Though Jesus cares for his own, he loves all of us and takes responsibility for all of us without exception for God has created all of us and loves us all. Jesus dies because he cares for all people. His desire is for all of us to hear his voice and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Rosary Leaders

May 3 Kids/Youth
May 10 Dennis Cardente
May 17 Mila Carandang
May 24 Annabelle Macherrone

Prayer Warriors

May 3 HEALING MASS
May 10 N. de Castro/P. Cruz R. Maranan/D. Pabatao
May 17 L/P. Padolina L/N. Juliano
May 24 Corporate Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory Prayer

May 3 HEALING MASS May 10 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)
May 17 GRP 2 (J. Gracia)
May 24 Corporate Intercessory Prayers

GOD'S BLESSING

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

9 Daisy Pabatao 23 Julia Gracia
9 Janice Tabungar 25 Lisa Arrojo
10 Cecilia Gallo 26 Lina Santos
11 Ruben Maranan 26 Wilbur Bobila
17 Sylvia Magbalon 28 Rico Fontanilla
21 Philip Bridgeman

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Bernard & Margie Evidente

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In the First Reading, the power of the Holy Spirit was available for Peter to bear a renewed Easter witness to the risen Lord. Peter made it clear that he operated the healing of a cripple in the name of Jesus who they rejected, but whom God chose to make a Cornerstone. Peter's healing of the cripple was not just because he had the Holy Spirit in him, he acted as a Good Shepherd who care for his wounded sheep.

The Second Reading, presents us with one essential attribute of Christ, that is love. God revealed his love for us by calling us the children of God. Christ demonstrated this love for us by offering his life as a sacrifice and ransom for our salvation. John reminds us that it is our privilege to be called the children of God. The more we know and love the God we believe in, the more we will strive to act and live as God's children. When Christ appears, for only then will we see him as he really is, and we shall be like him.

The church celebrates the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd. Christ the good Shepherd is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him and follow him, He will lead us safely to our destination in heaven.

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