4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” - Jn 10:27-28b

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Bless all mothers this day.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17).

Sometimes it seems nothing is ever easy. There is always some catch, some wrinkle, some unforeseen difficulty, even when we try to do the right thing. Paul and Barnabas sought to spread the good news that the long-awaited Messiah had finally come to the Jewish people and to all the people of the world. In preaching the word of God, they attracted many followers. Yet, those who did not want their world to be rocked by this good news persecuted and then expelled them from the territory they were in.

Today, as in every era and wherever Christianity is preached, many Christians have “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14b) by giving their lives as martyrs for Christ. Yet Jesus, our good shepherd, gives them and others who believe in him eternal life (John 10:28). So, despite adversities, we disciples can be “filled with joy and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 13:52). Still, we pray for all those persecuted for their Christian faith, and do what we can to alleviate their distress and win justice and peace for them.

This Mother’s Day weekend we honor all mothers and all women who have acted in any kind of maternal role, such as foster mothers and godmothers. The unconditional love that is a hallmark of mothers reflects the unconditional love of God for each one of us. Mothers are human and therefore not perfect, which is all the more reason to thank God for the love they show us and to ask God to bless them in this life and in the next life.

We thank all who made their pledges or payments for the Diocesan Appeal last weekend, our kickoff weekend for the Diocesan Appeal this year. If you have not made a pledge, please do so sometime in the coming weekends. As our biggest appeal of the year, and the one that affects the parishes the most, we will continue to ask for pledges and donations until we meet our targets. May God bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis

Respect Life Corner

Word Of Life

For parents placing their children for adoption: May they encounter the Father’s love through our words and actions; We pray to the Lord.

St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets monthly in Hanover at St. John’s church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the church hall at The Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth.

Stewardship Report

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HELP PREGNANT SINGLE MOTHERS

Make it easier for them to choose life!!!

Leave new or slightly used items for babies and young children in the cradle. Located in the vestibule. Cash donations accepted too. Place the money in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus in the Sunday collection.

On May 11th & 12th, your Knights of Columbus ask our Mothers to register so that a rosary may be said in their Honor by a Knight. You may sign up before or after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. A momento will be given.

Weekend:
Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ)  6:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 8:30am (SM)  10:15am (SJ)

First Thursday 8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)
First Friday 8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)
* Subject to change due to holy days

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9:00-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45pm (SJ) or by appointment. Contact St. Mary's office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism
Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized
Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?
There are alternatives to abortion!
If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John  *  (SM)-St. Mary