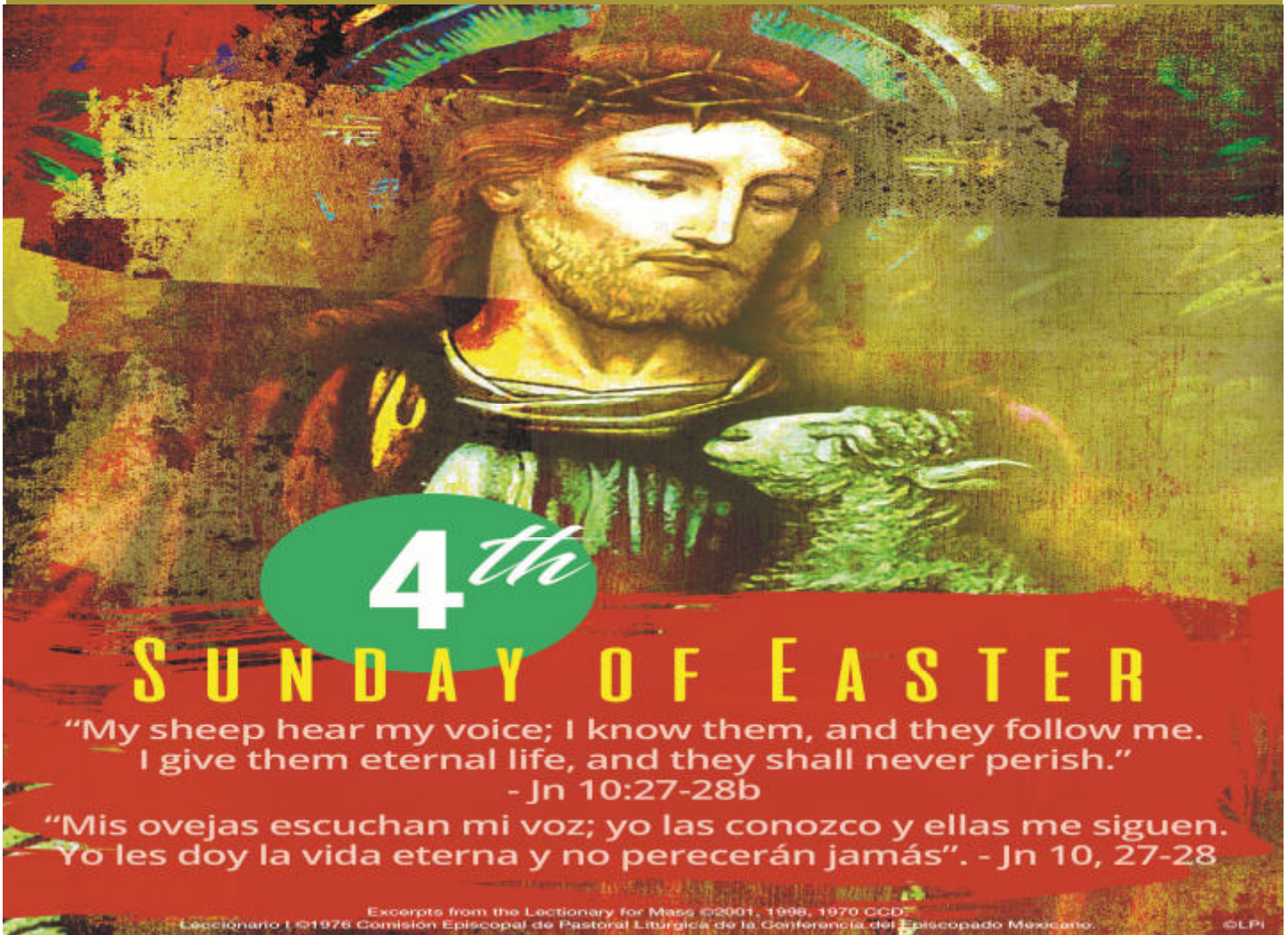


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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

"Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen.
Yo les doy la vida eterna y no perecerán jamás". - Jn 10, 27-28

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. KEEP IN CONTACT If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

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Mass Intentions Intenciones de la Santa Misa

Saturday/ Sábado, May 11, 5:00 pm

† Rosemarie Brousseau,

R/B Family

† Harold Peterson, 3rd Anniversary

R/B Family

Sunday/Domingo , May 12,

9:00 am (English):

† Russell & Carolyn Kennedy,

R/B Fr. Russell Kennedy

12 noon (Spanish):

† María Elena Sánchez Rico,

R/B Sergio Mijares, (Hermano)

Carmen Rosa, Dubi, Lidia, Adela &

Primitiva, Las Hermanas Quiñones,

R/B Lidia Perez

† María Teresa Jauregue Oré,

R/B Juana Camasca

† Heidi Velita Curi, R/B Lady Navarro

Monday/Lunes, May 13, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday /Martes, May 14, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday/Miércoles, May 15, 5:00 pm

Thursday/ Jueves, May 16, 5:00 pm

† Ann Shugrue, R/B Betty Tichy

Friday/Viernes, May 17, No 5pm Mass

Saturday/ Sábado, May 18, 5:00 pm (E)

Sunday/Domingo, May 19,

9:00 am (English)

12 noon (Spanish)

**HOLY HOUR IS THIS SUNDAY STARTING
AT 10:30 AM.**



Ofrenda Semanal

May 04/05, 2019 = \$4,117.75

May 06/07, 2018 = \$ 3,121.00

Year To Date

Fiscal Yr. '17- '18: \$162,099.40

Fiscal Yr. '18-'19: \$158,053.27



Pray For...

RECUERDE

ORAR POR:

Rick Csuhata, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Sue D'Antonio, Tatiana Johnson, Ron Sirles, , Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo, Mary Birdsey, Dorothy Kunze, Jack Conklin, David Lachance, Juan Navarrete.

ATTENDANCE May 04/05,2019



Sat. 8:00 pm = 50

Sun. 9:00 am = 86

Sun. 12 noon = 115

TOTAL = 251

Cereal Donation: 54 lbs

Capital Improvment



Congratulations to the children who made their First Communion. Thanks to the catechists Carol, Mary, lolani and Abraham who with so much love fulfilled their mission.

We are also happy for the parents who persevered in the formation every Sunday. We invite you to remain faithful by participating every Sunday in the Eucharist and in all that the Church offers you. You will make our community grow and be active.

HINKA'S CUPBOARD NEWS:

Our last food pantry served well over 100 families and 90 seniors.

We just held a successful Sit and Beg. We could have done better if we had more volunteers.

We are in search of shelving. Anyone have some to donate?

Nuestra última despensa de comida sirviimo a más de 100 familias y 90 adultos mayores.

Acabamos de celebrar una recaudación. Podríamos haberlo hecho mejor si hubiéramos tenido más voluntarios.

Estamos en busca de estanterías. ¿Alguien tiene algo para donar?



**IN THE
HAND
OF GOD**

4th Sunday of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.



COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

"Yo soy el buen Pastor", este es el mensaje que nos da Jesús en este domingo, que la iglesia denomina el DOMINGO DEL BUEN PASTOR. Jesús propone una imagen conocida en el mundo en que vive: el cuidado de las ovejas. La oveja ofrece muchos beneficios para el ser humano para la alimentación y el vestido, se adapta a los territorios y el clima de Israel, pero es un animal muy vulnerable, al ser tan dócil es presa de lobos y también de ladrones. Por esta razón, la atención que hay que brindarles es permanente. Todas deben estar resguardadas en un redil o corral. Hay una puerta por la que el pastor de las ovejas las va sacando una por una y a veces hasta por su nombre. La voz del pastor es el signo que las guía, ya que éste las lleva a pastar cerca de los arroyos y las ovejas luego de pasar el día, vuelven con el pastor que las cuenta una por una para que entre por la única puerta que tiene este corral.

Jesús como buen pastor conocen a sus ovejas y éstas lo conocen a Él. Conocer para Jesús es también la "experiencia" de un encuentro y de una vivencia que llega al amor.

Que maravilloso reconocer que Jesús te conoce por tu propio nombre y que como ese pastor, El, te cuida, te protege, te alimenta, como dice el salmo 23: "Aunque camine por cañadas oscuras no temo porque tú vas conmigo" Jesús dice que no es como muchos pastores que son asalariados, que están por un salario y que no les importa las ovejas. A El sí le importas, tanto, que ha dado la vida por ti y la sigue dando. Cada vez que te acercas a la Eucaristía, se repite este discurso de Jesús: YO SOY EL BUEN PASTOR Y DOY LA VIDA POR MIS OVEJAS.

Queridos hermanos, que este mensaje de este domingo nos llene de confianza y gozo y de paz porque Jesús nos ama entrañablemente.

Dios te bendiga. Buena semana.

2019 UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE

- "Funny Money" & Lobsterfest

\$32 deposit due by June 15, 2019

Newport Playhouse - "Funny Money",

Lobsterfest - Tues. August 27, 2019

Presently we have 12 people interested. Cost: \$108

SARATOGA CITY TOUR & RACES

Saratoga City Tour & Races

Thursday, August 15, 2019

So far we only have 10 people interested in the **Saratoga** bus trip. Please advise me if you are interested. This bus trip presently is in jeopardy of not going forward unless we receive more interest. Cost: \$93

SEE FORMS FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF THESE BUS TRIPS. FORMS ARE LOCATED AT BOTH ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH OR AT PARISH OFFICE.

PLEASE CONTACT SUE GOMBOTZ AT 860-346-1870 IF INTERESTED IN EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE TRIPS. THANK YOU :)



Let's recognize the wonderful vocation of being a mother and pay homage to this great woman.

Sunday May 19, after mass, you're invited to share with the mothers.

Bible Study 

Monday -
Lunes

7:00-8:30 pm.

Bring a Bible - Trae tu Biblia

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL DINNER

On Sunday, May 26, 2019 our parish will provide a meal for the patrons at St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen. We are expecting to feed 100+ individuals. Our menu offers them their choice of grinder (ham, turkey or tuna), garden salad, potato chips, fruit, dessert and beverage.

We need help on Sunday, May 26, to prepare the fruit and salad trays. This will be done at the parish center kitchen at 2:00 p.m. Also we will need at least six (6) individuals to help serve the food at St. Vincent DePaul's from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Finally, bakers are needed to provide dessert for the 100+ people. It's been our tradition to serve brownies. We would need about 10 people to bake at least a dozen brownies.

Please contact either Sherrie Schlechtweg at, (860) 346-4383, or Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 or cell (860) 716-0452, and let them know how you can help out. God Bless and thank you for helping those in need.

Note: Special thanks to Nettie Silverman (Hinka's Cupboard) for donating the grinders, chips and beverages for this event.

Banns of Ordination

The following seminarian will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Thursday, May 23, 2019:

Mr. Michael Bovino

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon,

please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich

201 Broadway

Norwich, CT 06360



Felicidades a los niños y niñas que hicieron su Primera Comuni3n. Gracias a los catequistas Carol, Mary, Iolani y Abrah3n que con tanto amor cumplieron su misi3n. Nos alegramos tambi3n por los padres que perseveraron en la formaci3n cada domingo. Les invitamos a mantenerse fieles participando cada domingo en la Eucaristía y en todo lo que les ofrece la Iglesia. Ustedes har3n que nuestra comunidad crezca y sea activa.



Reconozcamos la maravillosa vocaci3n de ser madre y rindamos homenaje a esta gran mujer.

El domingo 19 de Mayo despu3s de la Eucaristía est3n invitados a compartir con las madres. Habr3 juegos, rifas, comida.

Familia que reza unida permanece unida

La iglesia te ofrece espacios de oraci3n, porque el alimento de un cristiano es la oraci3n.

- Cada jueves a las 4pm: Hora Santa
 - Cada segundo domingo del mes a partir de las 10:30am. **Adoraci3n eucarística.**
- Mes de Mayo: rezo del rosario en las casas y antes de la Eucaristía.



ENCUENTRO DE LA FAMILIA 2019

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CUANDO: s3bado 1 de Junio

HORA. 9am. 3pm

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Amonestaciones de ordenaci3n

El siguiente seminarista ser3 ordenado a lOrden de di3cono el jueves 23 de mayo de 2019:

Sr. Michael Bovino

Si conociera alguna raz3n por la cual este hombre no debería ser ordenado di3cono,

por favor escriba a:

El Reverendísimo Michael R. Cote, Obispo de Norwich

201 Broadway

Norwich, CT 06360



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Every Thursday at 4pm:

Holy Hour Every second Sunday of the month starting at 10:30 a.m. **Eucharistic adoration Month of May: prayer of the rosary in the houses and before the Eucharist.**

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