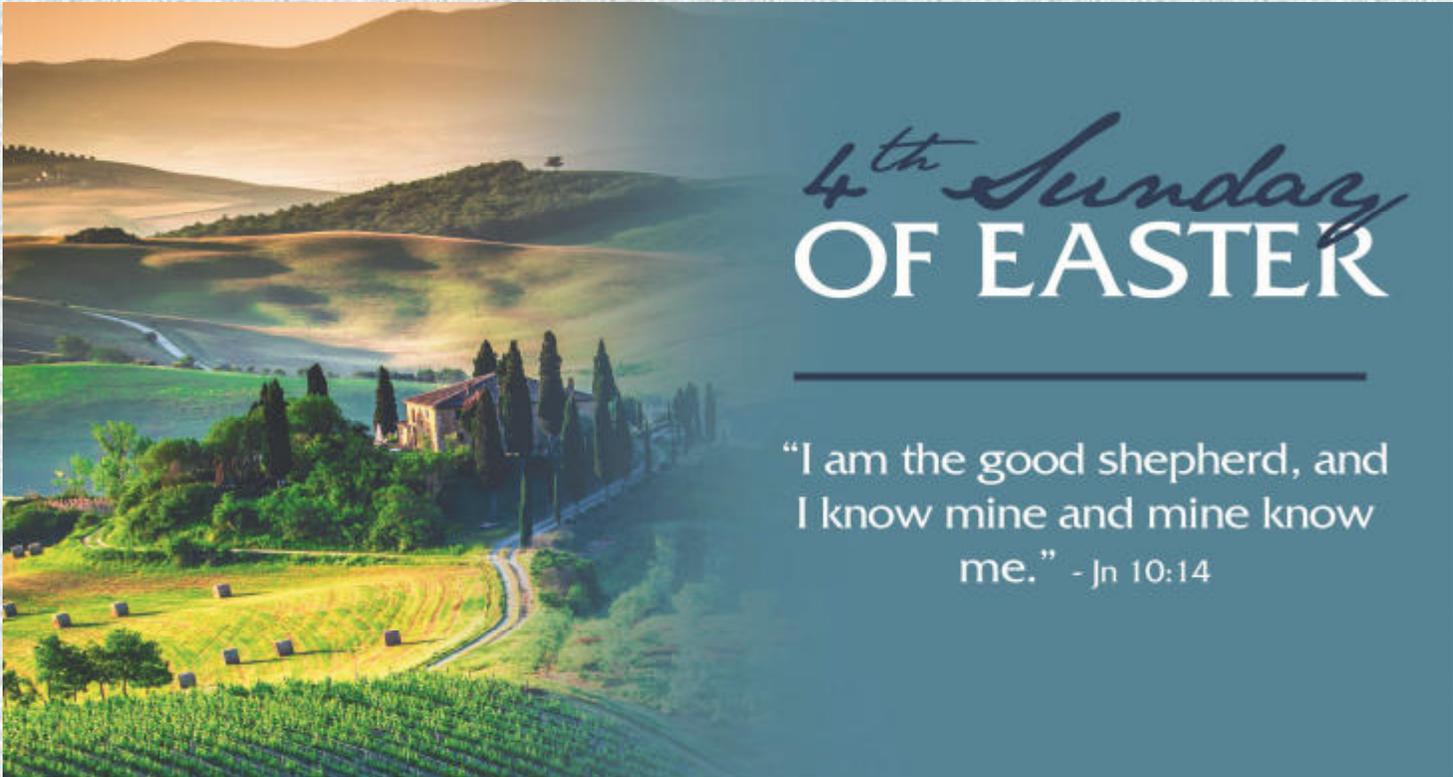


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4th Sunday
OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and
I know mine and mine know
me.” - Jn 10:14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: 4:30 PM Saturday
 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Weekday: 9:00 AM Monday-Wednesday
Confessions: 3:30 PM-4:00 PM Saturday
Holy Days: 9:00 AM
Baptisms: 2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM
Marriage: Contact Pastor 6 months prior
Scripture Study: 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
 Wednesday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

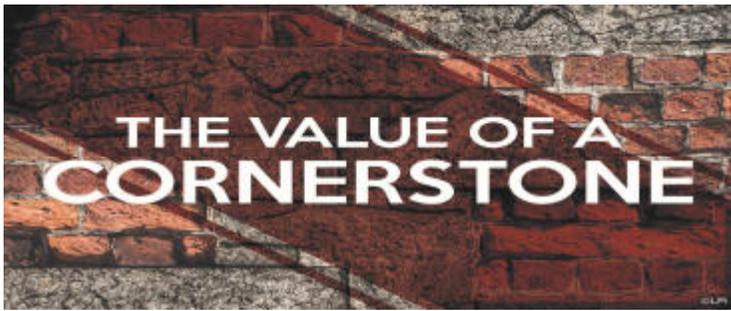
We will receive visitors one person at a time.
Please wear a mask.

Our church doors will open 15 minutes before
Mass. Masks are required.

Please enter and exit using either the front door or
the handicapped side door.

Ushers will assist parishioners to their seats.

April 25, 2021



4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

April 25, 2021

Your Sacrificial Offering

Please note the offertory collection for the week ending April 18th will be published in next weekend's bulletin.



- Saturday 4:30 pm April 24th
Susan Puglisi 12th Anniversary Mass requested by her daughter, Diane
- Sunday 8:00 am April 25th
Mass for the People of St. Florence
- Saturday 4:30 pm May 1st
Lorraine Oliver 12th Anniversary Mass requested by her family

The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is \$20.00.



Mass Intention Cards are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per card.



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm**. We ask that you please wear a mask. Thank you.



Please "like" and follow our Facebook Page at **St. Florence Parish Wakefield** for up to date postings and information.





St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles or Altar Flowers** or our fundraising efforts for **altar supplies and vestments**. If you are interested in making a donation in your family's name, please contact the office.



We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection box in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. The overwhelming support from our parishioners has been greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you.



If you prefer to celebrate Mass from home, St. Florence Parish continues to air one of our weekend Masses on **WCAT Wakefield**. Tune in on **Sunday @ 8:00 pm, Tuesday @ 12:00 pm, or Thursday @ 7:00 pm**.



The Catholic Appeal is well under way. Thank you to those who have already made a gift. Our Parish has already received over **\$8,000** in donations—that's **53%** of our assessment. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. Every gift makes a difference. Please consider making a gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



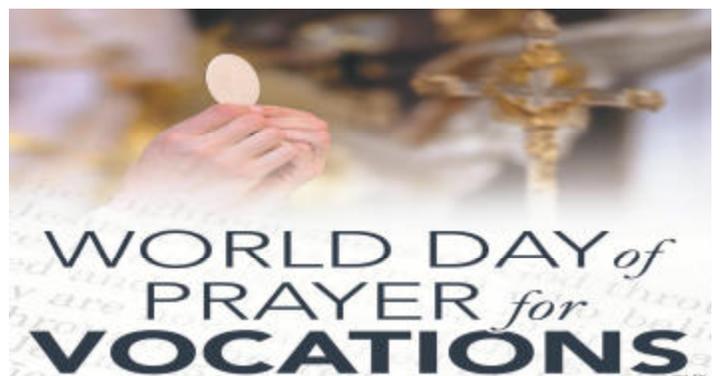
Confirmation Sponsor

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult Father Healy, Allison Capuano, our Religious Education Coordinator, or the diocese's office of liturgy and worship.



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