



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

For so the Lord has commanded us,
*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."* (Act 13:47)

PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

GOSPEL:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of
St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:

www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey. How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult?

SECOND READING

During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing. Who has been a good spiritual guide for you?

GOSPEL

Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep"). In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith?

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 7—SATURDAY VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: Parishioners
 5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Rita Whewell
Requested by Tom and Anita Kapolowicz
 St. Patrick: Parishioners
 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Maria T. Ponte
Requested by her husband, E. Ponte, and son

MAY 8—SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY / WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Gilda DeCosta and Natevidade Amaro
Requested by Antonio and Sandra Costa
 8:00 am St. Mary: Our Lady of Fatima
 8:30 am St. Michael: † Maria DeGiacomo
Requested by Bo and family
 St. Patrick: † Peter Balestracci
Requested by Knights of Columbus Fr. Murphy Council 1943
 10:00 am St. Michael: † Alben F. Puhlick and Michael Haggerty
Requested by family
 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Margaret (Peggy) Bennett
Requested by Rey and Toni Potter and Jason Bennett
 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (Latin): † Jon and Margaret West
Requested by family

MAY 9—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Helen Andreone and John McEnaney
 8:00 am St. Mary: † Gabriel DeMelo
Requested by Tony and Maria Henry
 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Les Laumeyer
Requested by the Romanellas

MAY 10—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Mary-Kaye Mercier
Requested by Jennifer Taylor
 8:00 am St. Mary: † Grace Cline
Requested by her family
 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Joseph Henry
Requested by his family

MAY 11—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Neil MacKenzie, Sr. and Elaine MacKenzie
Requested by Jim and Lynda MacKenzie
 8:00 am St. Mary: † Jose Silveira
Requested by Tony and Maria Henry
 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Nora Graham
Requested by her daughter

MAY 12—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Sandy Feig
Requested by Tom and Anita Kapolowicz

MAY 13—FRIDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD
 8:00 am St. Mary: † Paula Shea
Requested by Jim and Lynda MacKenzie
 12:05 pm St. Patrick: Intentions of Frank Toole
Requested by Maureen and Jimmy

MAY 14—SATURDAY: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † James Carney
Requested by Christopher Koretski

MAY 14—SATURDAY VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Joseph F. Bonomo, Sr.
Requested by his children
 5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Lon Lauterio
Requested by Maureen Karsten
 St. Patrick: Parishioners
 5:30 pm St. Mary: Parishioners

MAY 15—SUNDAY: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Louis and Anne Schackner
Requested by their family
 8:00 am St. Mary: † Liz Hallisey
Requested by Palma Sainsbury
 8:30 am St. Michael: † Andrew Blanda, Sr.
Requested by his family
 St. Patrick: † Alexander Schmidl
Requested by the Rosenthal family
 10:00 am St. Michael: † Jose Vicente
Requested by the Phillips family
 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Irene VanWagner
Requested by Charlene Corkhill
 10:30 am St. Mary: Our Lady of Fatima
 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (Latin): † Fred Perkins
Requested by the Latin Mass Community

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Saint Mary Stonington

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Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday
except Thursday



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4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



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5:00 pm (Saturday)



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Russell Coupland, Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney,
Tom Dowling, Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,
Gerry Gianutsos, Alice Harrison, Thomas Harrison,
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,
George McCullen, Keith McGrath, Justin McKenna,
Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel, Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick,
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

STEWARDSHIP

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May 1, 2022

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	12,246.67
EFT _____	\$	4,722.93
Seminarian Fund _____	\$	1,530.00
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	516.99
Retired and Infirm Priests _____	\$	225.00
Cemetery _____	\$	210.00
Ascension _____	\$	65.00
St. Bernard _____	\$	55.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$	25.00
World Combined Collection _____	\$	10.00

April 24, 2022

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	7,240.00
EFT _____	\$	978.43
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	980.00
Ascension _____	\$	300.00
Seminarian Fund _____	\$	125.00
Rice Bowl _____	\$	35.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.



SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, May 15th, 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Join us to see Bishop Robert Barron as we kick off the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Norwich. Beginning in June, The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will launch a multi-year Eucharistic revival which will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress. Throughout the next three years, the Diocese of Norwich and its parishes will foster a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist among the faithful. **To kick off the event, the Office of Faith Events is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston's Eucharistic Congress in Lowell, MA on June 18th.** The trip will leave from the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 6am and masks are to be worn on the bus. The non-refundable fee of \$93 includes the conference fee, transportation and taxes. **Register before May 17th** by going to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860) 848-2237 ex.304.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus-Nina Council #43 will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Church Hall. For more information, please call Grand Knight Kevin Batzle at 860-861-2679 or Deputy Grand Knight Jim O'Boyle at 860-535-2222.

SPRING FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

The St. Michael Maria Assunta Society will match donations toward the completion of the St. Michael Church Kitchen and Steeple up to a grand total of \$50,000. The challenge runs from Easter Sunday to Fathers Day (June 19th). Special thanks to the Maria Assunta Society and all who participate!

BROTHERS IN CHRIST MEN'S VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUP

The Brothers in Christ Men's Virtual Faith, Prayer, and Discussion Group will meet on Webex every second Thursday of the month from 7—7:45pm. The next session is on May 12th. To register, email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305.

SEASON OF HOPE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A grief support group for anyone who has lost a spouse St. Pius X Church, Westerly RI

If you are searching for hope and peace after the death of your spouse, we invite you to participate in the *Season of Hope* support group. This is a safe and nurturing place for you to join with others who share your faith in Christ to give voice to your unique journey of grief and to find comfort and spiritual renewal from others who understand the unspeakable pain of losing a spouse. We will meet on **Saturdays, May 7th to June 11th, from 8:30—10am** at St. Pius X Church, 44 Elm Street, Westerly RI. For more information or to register, please contact Linda Cunningham at 401-714-9824.

ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE ST. MARY PRAYER TREE

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St. Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who pray for the intentions.



Saint Patrick Church

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Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

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Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist

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STEWARDSHIP

May 1, 2022

Offertory _____	\$	5,462.00
EFT _____	\$	1,595.75
May Cemetery _____	\$	806.00
Seminarian Education Fund _____	\$	650.00

Campaign Paid to Date _____ \$3,164,038.88

Pledge Total _____ \$3,368,415.46

We are grateful for your generous support!

NEW PARISH CENTER

The New Parish Center project is moving forward. Look for news of progress with regular monthly updates. For more info see our parish website: stpatrickmystic.org.



2022 WEDDING BANNS

A promise to marry exists between the following couples:

Alexander Reed and Alexis Schiller

Chaz Canto and Jamie Vallarelli

William Reissfeider and Katherine Chambers

Matthew O'Connell and Michelle Zmyslinski

If anyone has a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place please call
St. Patrick Rectory Office.

2022 ACA MINISTRY FAIR

Reservations Required

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held **May 15, 2022, from 11am—12:30pm in Norwich**. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family," support our ministries and programs, please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and **RSVP by May 9th** are required due to space limitations.



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AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MRS. MESSINA

This column is a little different this week, I am writing to announce that I will be stepping down from my role as Principal of St. Michael School in June. I have held this position for 16 years. They have been interesting years, and despite some ups and downs, we have brought the school to a good place. We are in our new building; we have established our Classical Education focus, our enrollment is growing, and we have gotten through the Pandemic successfully. Now, it is time for someone else to grow the school and move it forward.

My involvement with St. Michael School began in 1989 when my oldest son began Kindergarten. In the intervening years I have had a variety of roles: PTO Board, Advisory Board, volunteer computer teacher, drama club moderator, substitute teacher, and for the past 23 years, teacher and principal. I have enjoyed every one of these positions. I do not intend to just walk away from my commitment to the school. I will stay on as Latin teacher to grades 3 – 6. But I will turn over the administration of the school to my replacement.

The new principal will be Mrs. Amy Babcock. Mrs. Babcock has worked at St. Michael School for nine years, first as the music teacher and then as the teacher in grade five. Her involvement with the school also began before that as the parent of three students, two of whom have graduated, and one still attending St. Michael.

Mrs. Babcock has attended conferences and workshops on Classical Education, has been a valuable advisor for the past few years, and has stepped into her role as assistant principal with ease. I know she will be the strong administrator needed to continue the growth of the school. I am confident I am leaving the school in good hands with a dedicated faculty to assist her.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Mrs. Babcock in her new role, and in asking God to continue to bless St. Michael School.

Doris Messina



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don’t have to do this on your own.*

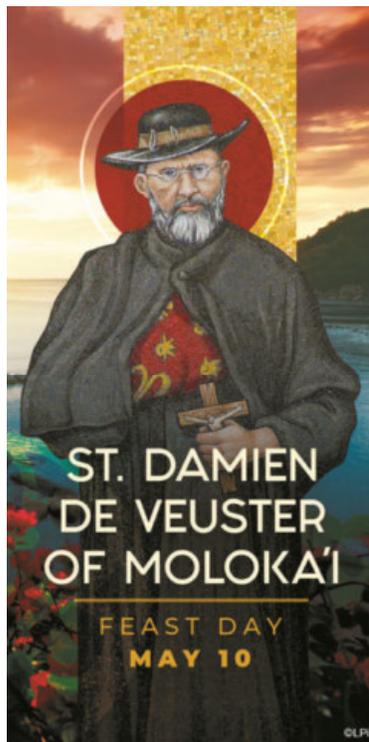
Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I | Feast Day May 10



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was

ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government’s leper colony on the island of Moloka’I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen’s disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God’s voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God’s commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing “shepherds.” Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”

—Pope Francis

We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of

contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will

render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on



the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is

charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices

around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life

eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.
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“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.”—Jn 10:27-30

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