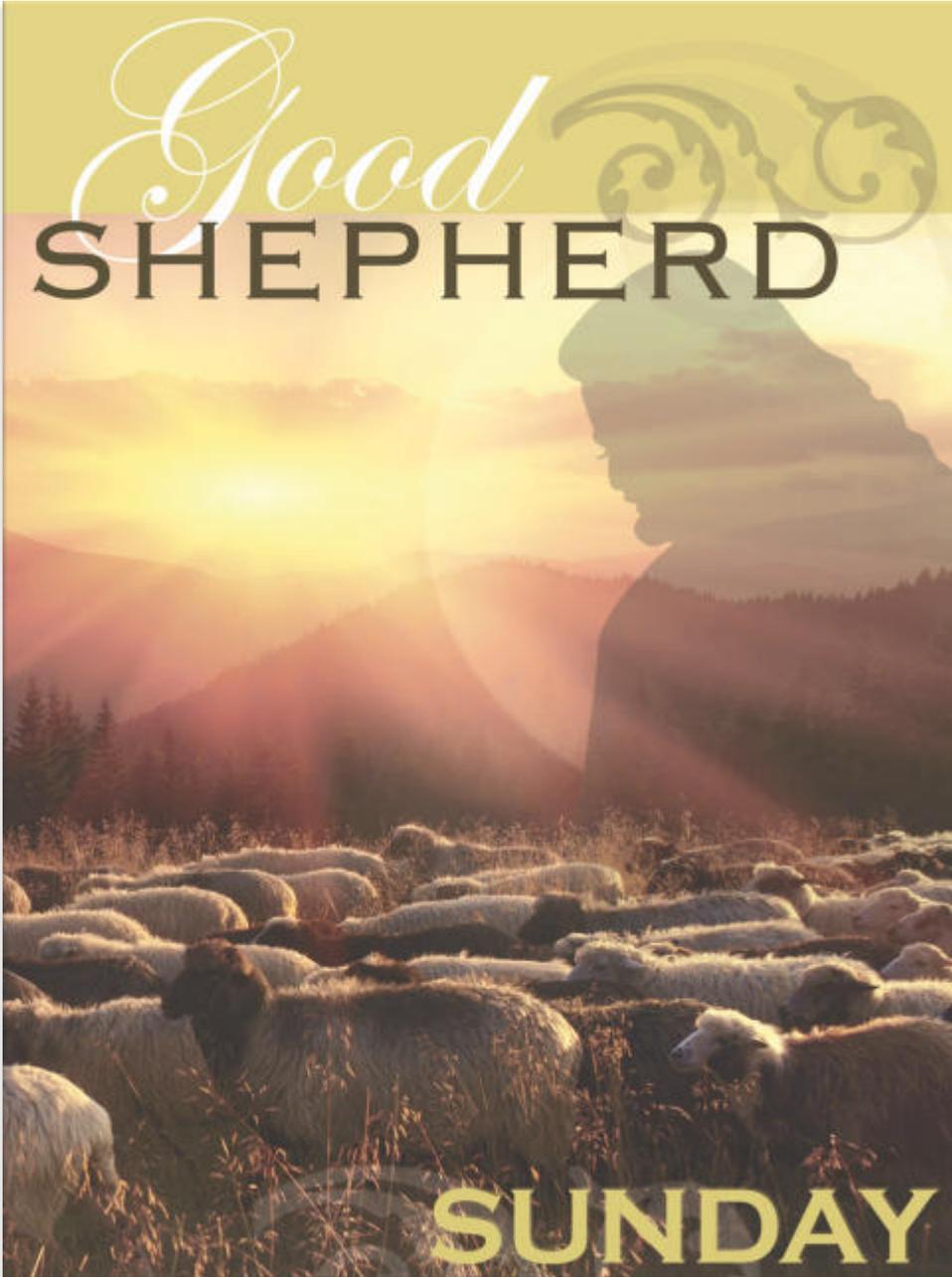




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MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE MASS

8:30 Wednesday and Friday (65+ only)

4:30pm Saturday

7:30, 9:00 and 10:45am Sunday

Registration required

<https://mpbdenver.org/signup/>

LIVESTREAM MASS

<https://mpbdenver.org/our-parish/virtual-worship/>

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only - please call the office

LAZARUS MASS

First Friday 8:30am - **NO ANOINTING**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Thursday

8:00am - Noon Friday

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Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5:00pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, are a welcoming Christian community seeking the Kingdom of God and committed to the gospel transformation of ourselves and of our world. We do this both by gathering in word and sacrament, spoken and sung, lifting one another in prayer and by sending one another forth into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy through sacrificial action.



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MPB Denver

4th Sunday of Easter | April 25th, 2021

The Story and You Sacred Conversations :

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Is anybody besides me worried that, once the pandemic is officially over, and the restaurants, and schools, and libraries, and gyms are all back to the Roaring Twenties, our churches won't recover the numbers they had before?

I'm worried that it was so easy to stay home on Sunday and worship virtually that, once the virtual Masses are no more, the staying home will remain. With all my heart I hope not, because the Good News is that we have SO MUCH that the world needs, now more than ever.

As we all emerge from the darkness of shutdown into the light of traffic, and sports contests, and catching up with family and friends, will we yearn for that spiritual connection with our parishes, with the hymns we sang in community, with the hundreds of vital good works in which every every parish engages?

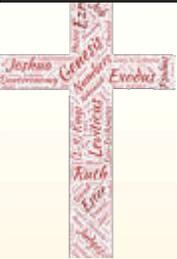
Of course yes. Just this past weekend I saw parishioners I didn't know before the shutdown. I met them on ZOOM, in classes our parish held as one of its many creative approaches to keeping us connected. It was such fun to meet these new friends in person! There must be dozens of new friends I've made through these ZOOM events. We've all said we can't wait to finally meet, face to face (or mask to mask), when this is all over.

What good is there in knowing Jesus, the Good Shepherd, if the sheep don't come when they hear his voice? The world is desperate for the healing and joy that we sheep can bring to the world in his Name. Let's all fill our churches again, that the world might live.

How do you hear the Good Shepherd calling you?

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Saturday Scripture Class in Easter Season



Father Pat is kindly helping Kathy McGovern, the author of our scripture column *The Story and You*, film an eight-part series for a virtual seminar she is giving for the Oratory Center for Spirituality in South Carolina. We are looking for a "class" to attend one (or more) of the four Saturdays so she will have a friendly audience with whom to interact during the filming. The sessions will be from 10am to noon in our new Parish Center - the remaining sessions are May 1st and 8th. The title of the series is *Reading the Old Testament Through the Lens of Suffering*. Cookies provided!

For social distancing we'll keep class size to twenty (or so). Don't forget your masks! You can sign up for as few or as many sessions as you'd like. We'll re-run the sign-up each week in case you want to escape or to sign up again. Sign up <https://tinyurl.com/SaturdayScriptureClass>.

Faith Formation:

MPB YOUTH GROUP—WE'RE BACK LIVE!

Come to our first in-person youth group of 2021! We will meet in the gym for BOTH Middle School and High School on Sunday, April 25th at 6:45pm. We will follow safety protocol by wearing masks and maintaining physical distance. We are excited to come together safely to continue to build community. We will have a sign up, so we know who to expect.

Check your April Flocknote newsletter or reach out to Kristen Kraus for more information.

Pastoral Care:

Meditation and Movement is ONLINE!

Join parishioner Gail Rowe and her popular Meditation and Movement on YouTube. Tune in to stay healthy while staying in! <https://tinyurl.com/MPBMeditationMovement>
Contact Gail at gailrowe@pcisys.net with questions or for more information.

*New Sessions
Added!*

Social Outreach :

CREATION CARE TIP OF THE WEEK:

We hope you had a beautiful Earth Day and are committed to caring for the earth through caring for your own outdoor spaces. A few more tips:

- (1) start a compost pile, or sign onto the Denver Compost program at <https://tinyurl.com/DenverCompost> (a great way to turn not only kitchen refuse back to the earth, but all the yard cleanup debris as well);
 - (2) add a rain barrel;
 - (3) switch to a reel mower;
 - (4) reduce grass in the lawn – groundcovers are great; they take less water and require less care;
- and (5) use one fewer chemical based product.

Let your creativity expand what your space could look like!



Social Outreach (cont.)

Questions about Social Outreach? Contact Ann Zimmer at azimmer@mpbdenver.org.



Family to Family Annual "Mother's Day 4 Others" The MPB Family to Family Diaper Drive is alive and well!

We continue to support mothers and their children who are facing unprecedented needs. Because of the continued need for social distancing, we will not be accepting actual diapers but rather are requesting monetary donations for diapers. These donations will go to Catholic Charities and the Bottom Line Diaper Bank. We appreciate donations being made by May 8th. Want to help???

1. Donate financially: by check
Through Catholic Charities and Bottom Line Diaper Bank (BLDB) your monetary donation can supply various agencies, including Birthline. Checks can be made out to Catholic Charities and Bottom Line Diaper Bank, referencing account code 500-768-19#2050 in the memo line. You can mail checks to MPB office, or drop them off in the collection chest or parish office.
2. MPB Faith Direct online donations:
You can also make online donations by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/FaithDirectDiapers>
3. Please Hold Moms in Prayer

More information at <https://tinyurl.com/MPBDiaperInfo>



May WOO Gathering

Let's welcome back a dear friend to all,
Sister Mary Ann Figlino.

Thursday, May 6th, 6:30 - 8:00pm via ZOOM
Mary and Other Brave and Risky Women of Scripture

Come join us as we look between the lines and discover what impelled these gospel women to go beyond accepted rules and made a difference. Let's explore how these women continue to speak to us today!

Sister Mary Ann Figlino, born and raised in Denver, is a Sister of St Joseph of Carondelet. She is an amazing scripture scholar who brings stories to life through her energy and humor.

Registration and more information:
<https://tinyurl.com/WOOMay>



WOO Mother's Day and Father's Day Bags of Love

You were so generous providing "Bags of Love" on Valentine's Day for those experiencing homelessness that The Delores Project has asked us to support their residents for Mother's *and* Father's Day. The Delores Project works alongside individuals, providing shelter, housing, and supportive services as they overcome barriers and challenges and find their paths to stability.

You can drop off bags:

- after Mass in the Gathering Space the weekend of May 1st-2nd
- At Parish Office Monday May 3rd - Thursday, May 6th
Deadline is May 6 for turn-in of all bags.

More information, specifics on items for the bags and to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/WOOMDBags>



Exploring Paths to a Better Future - The Environment

As a follow-up to the Lenten book club, Justice Matters is hosting a four-part series on two of the social pandemics we face today, the environment and racial inequality.

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day." --Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, June 18 2015.

Session 2: Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM Living Room Conversation: "Climate Change"

When the topic turns to climate change, opinions can be strong. How do you handle that? Have you made any changes to your lifestyle/energy consumption due to your views on climate change? What happened? These are a few of the points we'll cover in our conversation. For more information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/MPBPathsEnv>

Part 2: Racial Inequity

"Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind... May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family!"

April 19, 2020. (Homily, feast of Divine Mercy)

Session 3 - Tuesday, May 4th @6:30 pm via ZOOM: Network's Racial Wealth and Income Gap Workshop

The median wealth gap between Black and White families in the United States is both significant and growing. This massive difference in wealth is no accident - it was created and has been sustained by generations of racist federal policies. This workshop combines an informational presentation, interactive simulation, individual reflections, and group discussion to educate participants about the origins of our nation's racial wealth and income gap.

Session 4 -Tuesday, May 11th @ 7:00pm via ZOOM: Living Room Conversation: "The Opportunity Gap"

Generally speaking, opportunity gap refers to inputs (the unequal or inequitable distribution of resources and opportunities), while achievement gap refers to outputs (the unequal or inequitable distribution of educational results and benefits). America prides itself on creating the opportunity for all citizens to "pull themselves up by their bootstraps." We aspire to have a fair playing field and want every child to have the opportunity to succeed. There are strong indicators that we are not living up to our aspirations. Many communities and individuals are experiencing a tilted playing field. How can we respond?

More Information and Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/MPBPathsRace>

From the Parish Office:

April 12th -April 18th

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TOTAL.....\$13,602.00

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Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain our MPB ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. The upheaval and distress caused by COVID-19 give these ministries added importance, and your kindness will help families all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/CO767>.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Father Pat



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Please watch this [ACA Video](#).

Scripture Readings:

Readings for the week of April 25th

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3-7 [117:1a]/Jn :22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 24

4:30pm.....+Ms. Mary Smith

Sunday, April 25

7:30amMPB Parishioners

9:00am+Ms. Suli Johnson

10:45am+Ms. Peggy Gladbach

Wednesday, April 28

8:30am+Ms. Patricia Fortune Tobey

Thursday, April 29

8:30am+Ms. Jenny Croteau

Friday, April 30

8:30am+Ms. Velma Ryan

Saturday, May 1

4:30pm.....The Liptak Family

Sunday, May 2

7:30am+Ms. Alice Haggerty

9:00amMPB Parishioners

10:45am+Mr. Edward Kuchta

Pray for our ill:

Sharon Alberts
Steve Barbier
Jane Blake
Tim Buckley
Frank Cawley
Beverly Chico
Mike Costanzo
Yvonne Costello
Carol Eyerman
Cheryl Genereaux
Tad Giovanini
Phil Goldsberry
Stephen Kenney

Cynthia Klippenstein
Jeanne Mack
Ryan McNamara
Natalie Mesko
V. Sean Mitchell
Mary Morgan
Juliana Peter
Janice Rosella
MaryAnn Stevens
Ken Tesi
Jean Ann Vander Heyden
David Wahler
Chloe Young

and those who have passed away:

Jana Easterling, sister-in-law of Kathy Hovland

Peggy Gladbach, sister of John Gladbach

Kim Kelly, sister of Tracy Kelley-O'Neill

Mary Rose Kiker

Matt Martin, husband of Michelle

Angela Rossi, daughter of Connie and Alfred Rossi

Velma Ryan, mother of Nancy Ryan-Powers

and those who mourn them

and all our parishioners:

who are in need of special prayer

Marthas on Call:

Team #5: Nolan and Morgan

Team #1: Claassen, Overton and Wallen

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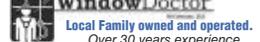
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