



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine
know me, just as the
Father knows me and I
know the Father; and I will
lay down my life for the
sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD.
A GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

THE REJECTED
STONE HAS
BECOME THE
cornerstone.

PSALM 118

Parish Events

Saturday, April 24

**1:30 Public Rosary at Legion Park
4pm Confession
5:30pm Mass at St. Francis**

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**Sunday April 25**

**7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis  
10am K-5 Religious Ed classes  
11am Mass at St. Philip Benizi (Darby)**

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Monday, April 26

NO Mass

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**Tuesday, April 27**

**11:40am Rosary in Chapel  
12:10pm Mass**

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Wednesday, April 28

**10am Women of Faith
11:40am Rosary in Chapel
12:10pm Mass
5:30pm Accountability Group
6:00pm JH/HS Youth RE Class
7pm Quantum Group**

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**Thursday, April 29**

**11:40am Rosary in Chapel  
12:10pm Mass**

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Friday, April 30

**11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:40am Rosary in Chapel
12:10pm Mass
5pm Community Meals**

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**Saturday, May 1**

**4pm Confession  
5:30pm Mass at St. Francis**

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Sunday, May 2

**7:30 & 9am Mass at St. Francis
10am K-5 Religious Ed Classes
11am Mass at St. Philip Benizi (Darby)**

We join as a parish to pray for our students preparing for **First Holy Communion**. Pray for God's grace & anointing as they journey forward.



**Sophie Boelman,
Harper Cary, Payton Cary,
Abigail Wetzsteon, Anthony
Standaert.**

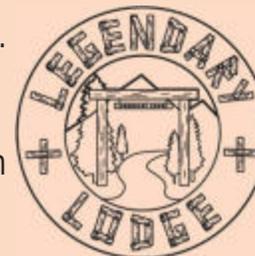
Prayer cards for the children can be left in the parish office.

If you are interested in working at our Diocesan Youth Camp, Legendary Lodge please contact Jim Kaney for more information.

The work day will be on Saturday, June 12.

We can bring up to 24 volunteers and will work alongside to camp counsellors and the camp maintenance staff.

Work to be done will include painting, spring cleanup, and packing an altar up the mountain trail.



We will leave Hamilton shortly before 8:00am that morning and should return about 8:00pm that evening. Meals will be provided and Mass will be celebrated.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat April 24	5:30pm Mass: For Ray Peterson by Barbara Eicher
Sun April 25	7:30am Mass: For Community of the Parish 9:00am Mass: For Tony Arvish by Pat Ryan Swindler 11:00am Mass: For Fr. Joe Oblinger
Tues April 27	12:10pm Mass: For Patrick Morin by Sara & Pete Morin
Wed April 28	12:10pm Mass: For Joan Schmid by Fran Williams
Thurs April 29	12:10pm Mass: For Betty Slocum by Chay & Katie McWilliam
Fri April 30	12:10pm Mass: For Christine Rankin by Terri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/25 Madelyn Floch, Kirk Hamman, Katia Fain, Natalia Ponce
- 4/26 Sandy Aalgaard, McKenna Riley, Marci Healey
- 4/28 Anna Beiler, Fran Williams
- 4/29 Robert Mitchell, Lanor Kaney, Mary Kowalski, Jane Johann, David Johnson
- 4/30 Colleen Dahlstrom, Jill Deppel, Emma Cashell, Isabella Urso

Happy Birthday!



PRAY FOR SOMEONE NEW EVERY DAY!

We are Hiring at St. Francis

We are looking for someone to fill a part-time position of Bookkeeper. This position requires a person with strong accounting and organizational skills, who is proficient in QuickBooks or similar accounting program. Please contact the office for a job description and application.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/25 Dale & Judy LaScala

If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please call or come to the parish office and fill out/ update a registration form because we want to celebrate with you - we want to remember and give thanks!

The 'Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People' requires the procedures for those making a complaint to be posted in a visible and prominent location in the parish. The new Safe Environment poster have arrived and are posted.

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ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER?

Amateur or Pro we need a photographer for First Communion on Sunday, May 16 at 9am Mass. Contact Nancy at K6RE@stfrancishamilton.org

Let us know if you can help out.

We are not ready yet, but are hopefully preparing for our future ministry coming alive again. If you have been involved in ministry to the homebound or a hospital visitor and would like to continue in either of these ministries, the office staff would be grateful if you would notify us so that we might update our lists.

If you have not been involved before and might like to consider this service to our people, please let us know of your interest and we will give you the information you will need before beginning this ministry. **The Diocese requires that ALL involved in this choice of ministry be trained in the VIRTUS program and be up to date on the lessons if they have been involved before.**

The parish will schedule a program for new people as soon as we know the interest of new people.

Ministry to the homebound is a very rich and joyful ministry. Most of us feel more gifted in the giving of this service and the blessings are truly present. Please consider this opportunity and you will know the joy of which I speak.



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?" Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it. Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

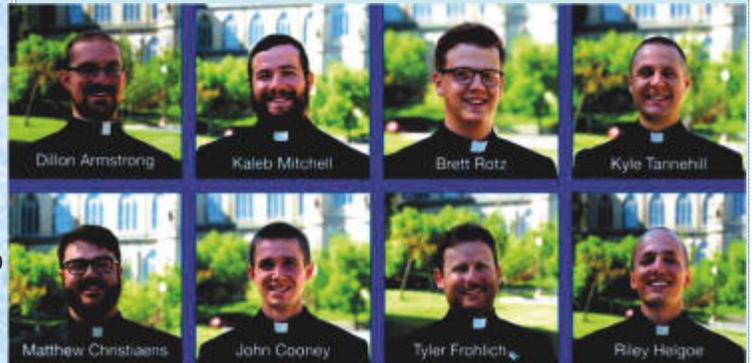
Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT ©LPi

~ PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS ~



Question: What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer: 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 your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship. ©LPi

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National Day of Prayer

Join our Community in Prayer

Thursday, May 6th

12 – 1pm Bedford Building (223 S. 2nd, Hamilton)

Sacraments

Baptism: By appt. Baptismal preparation sessions offered to parents and sponsors as announced. Parents must be registered with our parish.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4pm in the Church or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six months preparation. If you are planning a wedding, always check with the pastor before setting a date.

Confirmation: Preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is integrated into High School Youth Program. Youth are expected to attend starting in the 9th grade. The sacrament is celebrated for 10th through 12th graders who have received a minimum of two years catechesis and other Confirmation Classes in addition to other requirements.

1st Penance & 1st Eucharist: For 2nd grade as scheduled in the year. The child must be enrolled in Religious Education Class and registered with our parish.

Sacrament of the Sick: As needed in each sickness, call and let us know. After hours or in case of emergency call (406) 471-5232 .

Prayer Chain:

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