



4th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

ST. MARK PARISH



Fourth 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.

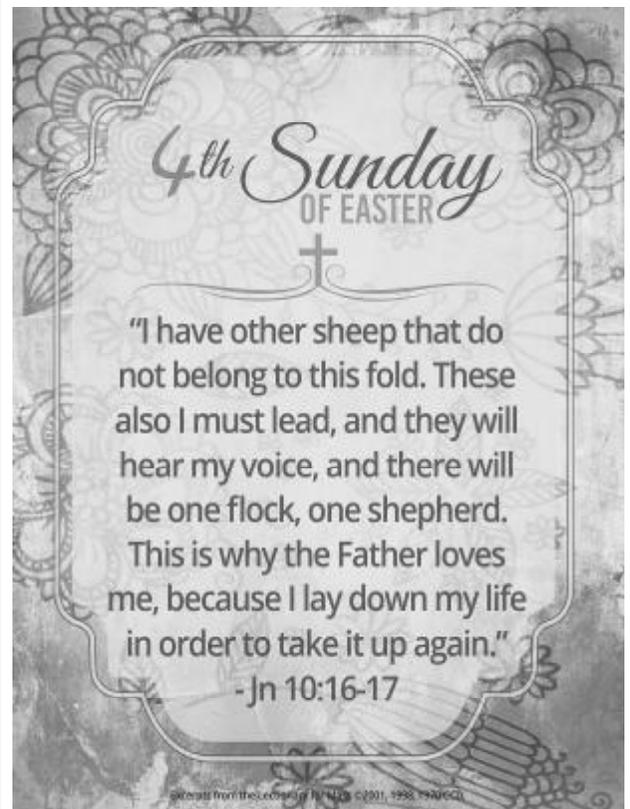
A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference 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.

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MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)



APRIL 25, 2021

REFLECTIONS

LIVE THE LITURGY

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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Dear Parish Family,

As we continue to celebrate this Easter Season, with renewed faith in our Risen Christ, many of us are looking to Spring and getting outside. Our weather is telling us "not so fast", as a few snow flurries are falling on the daffodils. Fr. Stanley's family in Poland, shared they are experiencing 6 to 7 inches of snow, and having to remove it from the roof. Whew!!! We are also being reminded that some have had the vaccine, and feel there is no need for them to wear a mask and practice safe distancing. This is not the case! As numbers in our state continue to increase, we must also say "not so fast" on letting down our guard!

We are blessed to have Meijer's matching contributions that you and others have made on behalf of our parish. Many continue to donate nonperishable food or funds. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please have them contact the Food Pantry. Hunger affects 1 in 10 people in the United States. St. Mark Food Pantry has been in existence for many years, and yet there are those who are unaware of its availability. The need to support a healthy life style is important to everyone, particularly children and seniors. There is no excuse for children or anyone - to be hungry every day - in every community. Poor performance in school is often attributed to food uncertainty. Food or medicine is often a choice being made by the elderly. Let us help! Just ask! Refer someone and spread the word!

We also have a limited number of vouchers to be used at St Vincent de Paul for clothing or household items.

May our loving God Bless you.

Mary Jo

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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, MTS

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

THE WORD

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/
Jn 10:11-18
- 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 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8



Saturday, April 24

- 4:00 pm Edward Pelc
Leonard & Sophia Misiak
Frances Szpont
Maxine Gnrgold
Eleanor Madajczyk
Agnes & Raymond Grimski
Victoria Cafe

Wednesday, April 28

- 9:30 am The People of St. Mark

Saturday, May 1

- 4:00 pm Eugene Selasky
Frances Szpont
Norman Gura
Maria Ceryantes
Peter Ballo

Sunday, April 25

- 8:30 am Henry Root
Paul Kaiser
Basil Johnson
- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
John & Nancy Peterson
Linda Galindo
Karol Lipinski
Angeline Lipinski
Richard Lipinski
Irene Lipinski
Donald Krynski

Sunday, May 2

- 8:30 am Robert Grigg
Aloysius & Dorothy
Schwartz
Dolores Kozemchak
- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
Tina Gomoll
Sandra Dorton

ST. MARK OUTREACH



THE PANTRY NEEDS:

- BEEF STEW
- BROWN OR WHITE RICE

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

Second Reading:

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Julia Dehring

Michele Kropik

Ed Podgorny

Deacon George Posavetz

Walter Prapotnik

Eve Smith

Only immediate family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman

Lt. Commander Adam Craig

LCPL Sarah J Page

Sgt. Steven Parisi

Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"For God, you are that little coin that the Lord seeks without pause. He wants to tell you that you are precious and unique in His eyes. No one can take your place in the heart of God."

- Pope Francis

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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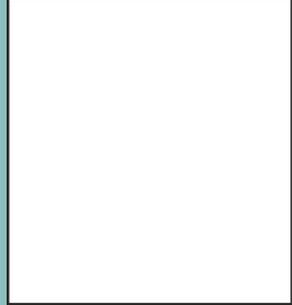
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