

Ss PETER & PAUL

APRIL 21, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."



— Sunday Reflection —

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

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Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm *For the Health & Well Being of Lucille Scatoni*

Sunday, April 21

8:30 am † Guiseppe Rizzi
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm † Richard Galbraith

Monday, April 22

12:10 pm † Marie Accetturo

Tuesday, April 23

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of James Monaco*

Wednesday, April 24

12:10 pm *For the Health & Well Being of Judy Mouckas*

Thursday, April 25

12:10 pm *For the Health & Well Being of Maria Nunez*

Friday, April 26

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of Roger Greiner*

Saturday, April 27

5:00 pm *For the Health & Well Being of Susan Burns*

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am † Philip Carroll, Jr.
10:00 am † Frederick W. Eichler
12:00 pm People of the Parish

Baptism Ministry

See Dates & Details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

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Nic Vasil

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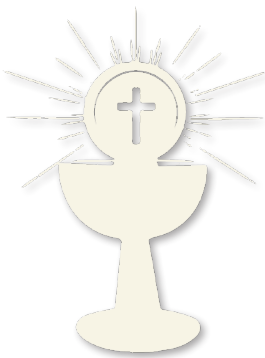
Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.



This Week, the Altar Flowers are donated
**For the Repose of the Soul of
Noreen Stapleton**

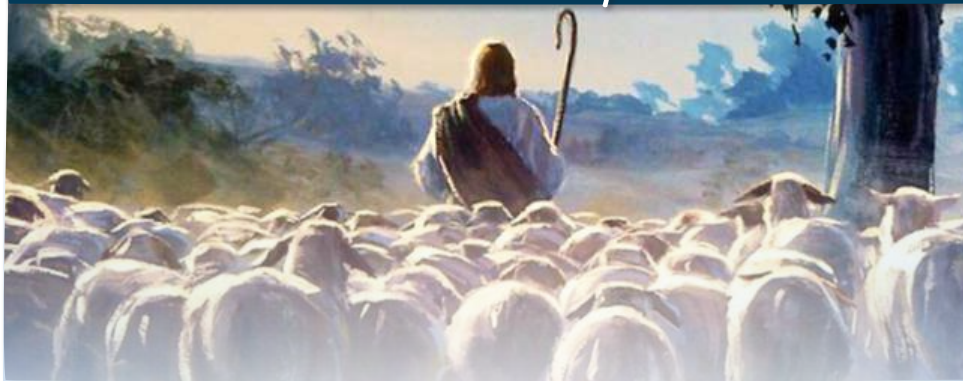
This Week, the Altar Hosts are donated
**For Our
First Communicants**

This Week, the Sacramental Wine is donated
**For the Health & Well Being of
Anna Buzzelli**

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
**Prayers for
A Special Intention**

God Bless Your Generosity.

INSTRUMENTS OF *the Good Shepherd*



Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

Source: mycatholiclife.com

2024 MASS BOOK

**The requested Donation
for intentions is as follows:**

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

**Check or Money Order made
payable to Ss Peter and Paul.**

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance—10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.



Additional Collection THIS MONTH

April 28
Catholic Home Mission



An annual diocesan collection dedicated to supporting the missionary activities conducted in the US and its territories.

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Confirmation

at Ss Peter & Paul

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Flesey to our Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 29 of our young men & women. May God Bless our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.



Jaxson Alves
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Norah Batlle
Rogelio Carrasquillo
Maximilian Dostal
Connor Fletcher
Quinn Flood
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Brendan O'Callaghan
William Rakela
Maura Reagan
Gabriella Stanin
Maya Tung
Jake Villa
Aidan Vuolo
Sean Waldron

8 Things You Need to Know About Confirmation

SOURCE: LIFETEEN.COM

1. Confirmation is the Completion of Baptism Baptism marked the start of your relationship with Christ. Your soul changed permanently and you were filled with grace from God. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens these graces, gives you more of them, and seals them all inside you – like a carefully wrapped present! This brings you closer to Christ and better prepares you to face the daily challenges of Christian life.

2. Confirmation Increases the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Want to know more about these graces sealed inside of you? They are called the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis has actually done a homily on each of them: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, counsel, and fear of the Lord. You've had these gifts since your Baptism, but Confirmation deepens and strengthens them since it draws you even closer to Christ and the greater Catholic community. Think about it like a team of basketball players. It's possible to get some good results from a team of players that just met their coach and have only played together a few times, but you'll get great results from a team of close-knit players that have played under the same coach for years. Baptism is like being introduced to the team (the Church) and your coach (Jesus). Confirmation is like the years of practice and team-building that it takes to really bring a team together.

3. A Mission from God: Operation Confirmation Did you know that when you receive the sacrament of Confirmation you accept a mission from God? In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Later on, the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples at Pentecost and they receive the courage to take on the mission Jesus gave them earlier. Confirmation is your own personal Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descends upon you and you accept the same challenge given by Jesus to the disciples.

4. Chrism is Much More Than a Sweet-Smelling Oil

Chrism, the perfumed oil that the bishops use to make the sign of the cross on your forehead, signifies a lot more than just a shower in your future. It helps show a connection to your Baptism – the first time you were anointed with oil. It shows healing and cleansing too. Believe it or not, it also signifies preparation to do spiritual battle with the Devil. Why? Oil is slippery and, in ancient times, warriors would cover themselves in it before battle to make it difficult for their enemies to grab them. In other words, Chrism makes it hard for the Devil to grab you!

5. Why My Forehead? You probably wondered this as it dripped down your face during your Confirmation. St. Thomas Aquinas explained that this is because your forehead is part of your face – the first thing people see when they talk to you. Having the Chrism spread on your forehead proclaims to the world that the first thing people should notice about you is your faith in Christ.

6. What's in a Name? Many Catholics adopt the name of a biblical figure or saint that they find inspiring at their Confirmation. This shows your intention to copy their dedication to God. It makes you a heavenly friend who will pray and intercede for you on your Christian journey. Other Catholics choose not to select a new name and stick with the one that they were baptized with to show Confirmation's close connection with Baptism!

7. Confirmation is Ancient Faithful people have been receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation for almost 2,000 years. There are even examples of it recorded in the Bible! In Acts 19, Paul the Apostle lays his hands (just like the bishop does during Confirmation today) on a group of believers and the Holy Spirit descends upon them. So, when you are Confirmed, you are sharing in an ancient and rich tradition that millions of Catholics have participated in throughout history.

8. You Aren't Alone To be Confirmed, you must select a sponsor to help guide you through the process. This person is a great example of what it means to be a Catholic. They pray for you and provide a support system for your faith. Confirmation certainly makes you better equipped to handle life as a Christian, but that doesn't mean things will always be easy. During these more difficult times, don't forget about your sponsor.

Spring Break Mission Trip

Dear Msgr. Michael, Staff and Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul,

Happy Easter! We are filled with immense gratitude for your generous financial and spiritual support for our Spring Break Mission Trip to Louisa, Kentucky, in March. With your kindness, we were able to spend a week in Appalachia doing necessary repairs for the local community. One group built a deck with ramps for an elderly couple to ensure their physical safety when leaving their home. The second group replaced the wall of the local parish's thrift store and repaired the patio and stairs at the volunteer lodging. We kept ourselves in the presence of God by starting each day with Mass and ending each night with reflections and night prayer. We carried you in our prayers the whole week and we continue to do so, and we ask you to pray for the hospitable, God-fearing people of eastern Kentucky. Thank you again, and may God reward you!

Sincerely in Christ,
Stevens Newman Catholic Association



MISSION STATEMENT

The Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center is an outreach ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington serving the needs of the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. We will walk together in the Kingdom of God as a holy presence that impacts a community in need with spiritual and material support. Through face-to-face interactions, home repairs and safety needs, and programs for the youth and elderly we bring the presence of God and reach out to those in need.

To Learn more about The Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center visit: <https://www.fbamc-ky.org/>



6 Ways To Avoid An Easter Spiritual Letdown

Does Lenten fasting bring Easter slacking? It can feel that way sometimes. After 40 long days of fasting, penance, and extra prayer, the joy of Easter – filled with sumptuous foods no longer forsaken and a relaxation of our prayer commitments – may succumb to a spiritual malaise as we return to normal routines.

Here are six tips to avoid spiritual letdown and to ride the Paschal triumph to Pentecost.

1.

A change in spiritual disposition is normal

Ups and downs in the spiritual life are part of our experience as Catholics. Just as the liturgical seasons change, so, too, does our mindset. Many of the extra efforts we made during Lent are not sustainable throughout the year. We should expect – and accept – that the spiritual life will not always hum along as we would like, and that is okay.

2.

Consider the spirituality of Easter

The two greatest stories of the resurrection appearances – to Mary Magdalen on Easter morning and to the disciples walking to Emmaus on Easter day – end the same way: Once Jesus is recognized, He vanishes from their presence. The message is consistent: We must not try to hold on to the risen Lord, but live with the certitude that He is with us as we seek what is above. If in Lent we felt the Lord's closeness, let us reframe our mindset to believe, even without feeling.

3.

Focus on Divine Mercy

Easter unlocks an infinitude of mysteries. Especially since St. John Paul II, the Church has given Easter week to focusing on the inexhaustible mercy of God in redeeming us from sin and death. The resurrection is the ultimate proof that His mercy is real. Let's pray with a focus on Divine Mercy, with gratitude and with awe at the Lord's power.

4.

Go to confession in the Easter Season

Confession is not just for Lent. The greatest way to experience God's mercy is through the sacrament of Confession. A thorough examination of conscience and confession refresh us spiritually and draw us to the resurrection on a more intimate level.

5.

Maintain one Lenten prayer commitment through the Easter Season

When we do something extra for God, He rewards us with His grace. So let's choose one prayer commitment we made during Lent and keep it going through the 50 days of Easter, making modifications if needed. For example, if we had prayed the Stations of the Cross weekly during Lent, perhaps we can spend 15 minutes reading the Bible, praying over the accounts of the resurrection.

6.

Find some small sacrifices to offer up

Sacrifice, too, is not just for Lent, and it is one of the overlooked ingredients of a strong spiritual life. Our sacrifices need not be as intense as during Lent. Even something as small as offering up salt or condiments on our dinner can lift our hearts to the Lord. We must remember that it was His self-sacrifice that led to the resurrection.

May this year's Easter celebrations lead not to spiritual letdown, but to a more intimate encounter with the Risen One.

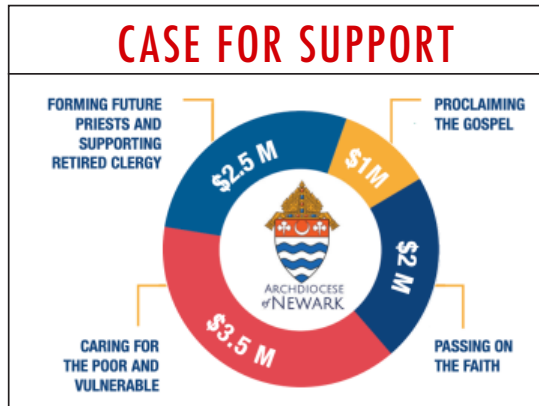
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At Ss Peter & Paul, you can register electronically. Visit our website:

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Newark Priest



2024 Anniversary Masses

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Please note that the Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.

June 2, 2024

12:00 PM

50 years

(All counties)

May 5, 2024

12:00 PM

5 years & 25 years

(All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

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