

Holy Family Parish

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PO Box 405 - 5 Main Street
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APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Faith in Action



Collections:

- April 21** 1st for parish support
 2nd for Maintenance...
- April 28** 1st for parish support
 2nd for Clergy
- May 5** 1st for parish support
 2nd for Fuel

MASS Intentions

April 20 to April 28, 2024

SATURDAY, April 20 Vigil

5:00 p.m.	For Albert Murphy (34 th anniversary) offered by Daughter Barbara and Family
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Fourth Sunday, April 21

8:15 am	For Ed Landers (2 nd anniversary) offered by Guy Silvester
11:00 am	For Donna M. Raffia offered by Granddaughter Rebecca and Family

Monday, APRIL 22

8:00 am	For Healing
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Friday, APRIL 26

8:00 am	For Vocations
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Saturday, April 27 Vigil

5:00 pm	For People of God
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Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28

8:15 am	For Nicholas Dalesandro, Jr., (7 th anniversary) offered by Sr. Judith
11:00 am	For Diocese of Springfield

DATE	MASS	LECTOR	USHERS
April 20	5:00 pm	Ellen Vidal	
April 21	8:15 am	Barbara Leja	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Lisa Edinger	Dave Norton
April 27	5:00 pm	Pegg Dragon	
April 28	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Mel Scuderi
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton

Pastor: Fr. Ron Sadlowski
413-862-4418

Faith Formation Director:
Deb Bogoff 413-888-7412

St. Thomas Cemetery
Please contact the Parish Office

Office Hours
No Set Times

Please call, leave a voice message or e-mail

Holy Family Parish Contact Info

Phone: 413-862-4418 (leave message)

NEW email: parish@holymfamilyrussell.org

Parish Website: holymfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms and Marriages:

Please call the office at 413-862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention, please call or email
the parish office.

New Parishioners: Welcome!

**Please see Fr. Ron or contact the Parish office
to register.**

WEEKEND Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 am and 11:00 am

Daily MORNING Mass on DAYS LISTED
If a holiday occurs on either day, no Mass
that day

Monday and Friday: 8 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sunday 7:30 am to 8:00 am

**Appointments made be made for
confession if the above times are not
convenient. Please call.**

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On Saturday, April 27th, I am asking for volunteers to pick up, trim and to beautify St. Thomas Cemetery, Huntington. You are asked to be at the cemetery by 9 am. Please bring wheel barrels, rakes, bags for trash, saw and other necessary equipment. We are continuing to implement the New Regulations that are on the posts as you enter the cemetery. It is my hope that those who come to visit the cemetery will give the care and respect that all buried in our cemetery deserve.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each of us has that certain friend, relative or neighbor who is good at something that we're not. That ability could be about almost anything you can name. Baking a cake; building a deck; telling a story; driving an RV or flying a plane. It is these talents and abilities of others that make life better for us, even if we must fight off a little jealousy. But, when you add in your specialty, we have an expanded basis for gratitude, well past the fourth Thursday in November.

There is one Person who once came to live with us from a faraway place called heaven who had every possible talent and ability there could be: Our Lord Jesus. Even so, He put limits on Himself. Yes, He performed miracles. Yes, He rose from the dead. But in His teaching, He only told us what we needed to know; never to limit ourselves in becoming better; told us how to be better; and then invited us to live in His kingdom.

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus made bold to call Himself "The Good Shepherd." That title meant more to His contemporaries than it does to us, at least at first glance. Most of us know nothing about this humble and difficult way of life called shepherding. We have to "Google" it. We do know that shepherds raise and tend to sheep.

When Jesus called Himself the “Good” Shepherd that word in John’s gospel meant more than “good at” some task or other. It meant “noble” or “ideal” shepherd. That declared that Jesus was not like the bad shepherds who neglected their flocks and let them become victims of wolves. In fact, Jesus gave His life for His sheep, who, in this context are namely you and me.

The good news is that we are always part of His flock if we want to be. We will receive His attention, His care, His love. Of course, that word “if” makes all the difference. We can reject Him. Write Him off our list of priorities if you will. This happens to otherwise faithful sheep, particularly when inclusion in His flock, or loyalty to Him involves pain and difficulty.

In our society, with its upside-down value system, that pain may be no more than embarrassment at being known as His follower. Yet every crucifix, large or small, is a vivid reminder of how much He loves us and will not hold back His love if we repent. Like a good shepherd, He feeds His flock with the finest of foods, namely the Holy Eucharist. Boy is our Shepherd good at loving us, is He not? How are we at loving Him back?

Even a four-year-old little girl knows the coldness implied when we make no return to God. Her mother watched her one day hugging a doll in each of her pudgy little arms. After a few minutes, she wistfully looked up at her mother and said, “Mama, I love them and love them and love them, but they never love me back.”

Well...God love you and may you always love Him back

Beacon of Faith Campaign

As of April 12, our total raised towards the goal of \$109,206.22 is \$49,225 (Pledges and Gifts), Total received \$18,939 from 44 donors, 45.08% of Goal. Currently they have \$18,939 which will be distributed 50/50. We still have pledge cards and there is still time to make a contribution to the campaign. Thank you to those who were able to make a one time pledge and to those who are giving on an extended

time. Thank you to all who are praying for the success of the campaign.



Monday, April 22nd

Let us take better care of what we have been given. Let us pick up after ourselves and maybe remind others who leave litter behind to properly dispose of their used goods.

FAMILIES WHO HAVE AND WILL HAVE CHILDREN IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

YOUR PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT. AS WE CONCLUDE OUR FAITH FORMATION HOME SCHOOLING, WE ARE ASKING YOUR FAMILY (ALL FAMILIES) TO GATHER FOR MASS, MAY 5TH AT 11:00 AM. FOLLOWING THE MASS A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL. You will be greeted with snacks, pizza and engaged with others in strengthening the program. Deb Bogoff, Director of Faith Formation will be present.



May 9th Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule: 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. For forty days our Risen Lord shows himself to his disciples who acknowledged that He is truly alive and with us. May we come together to continue to witness to His presence.

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