

Holy Family Parish

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April 21st-29th, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Growing Our Parish



Cemetery Spring Cleaning!

Fr. Ron is looking for volunteers to assist in cleaning St. Thomas Cemetery on Saturday, May 5th.

Volunteers should plan to meet at the entrance of the Cemetery at 9 a.m. and bring their own tools-rakes, pruners, edgers, tarps, wheelbarrows and gloves. Small Brushes or brooms to clean off headstones would also be handy. If anyone has a pickup truck available to borrow to cart away large debris, please notify Fr. Ron.

Bring water, snacks, bug spray and Sunscreen too! Please speak with Father Ron if you have any questions.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on "Good Shepherd Sunday" – April 22, 2018. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. This year marks the 55th anniversary of this special celebration.



As of May 1st, the gates of St. Thomas Cemetery will be open for Vehicular Traffic.

You're Invited!

The Hilltown Domestic Violence Interfaith Initiative invites the Hilltowns and surrounding communities to "Shine the Light" on the issues of Domestic Violence at an Interfaith Candlelight Vigil, Thursday, May 3rd, 7-7:30 pm on the Huntington Town Green.

(In case of rain, Stanton Hall)

For more information visit:

southernhillsvtaskforce@gmail.com.

CREED: What We Believe – Foundations Series Seminar

Explore what it *means* to believe as well as *what is* believed for an informed, lived, Catholic faith. This seminar offers a rapid overview of the central teachings of the faith as found in the Nicene Creed.

The instructor is Rev Mark Stelzer, Ph.D. - Elms College chaplain and associate professor of humanities and teaches courses in religious studies and philosophy. The 4-session seminar begins on

May 8 at DeCicé Hall at the Marian Center, Holyoke or May 10 at St. Ann's Parish, Lenox. To register for the program in Lenox, please contact Darcy Dumaine at (413) 265-2575 or dumained@elms.edu. To register for the program in Holyoke, please contact Chris Clark, DHM at (413) 687-1858 or decice.hall@gmail.com. The cost for the seminar is \$40, plus required books.

There will be two collections this weekend at all Masses. The first is for the regular Church Support. The Second is for The Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be Generous!

"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness." - Sirach 35:8-9

MASS SCHEDULE

April 21st-29th, 2018

Saturday, April 21st *St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor*
5:00 p.m. Shirley Boudreau † Requested by Family

Sunday, April 22nd *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
8:15 a.m. Those Who Minister to the sick

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Students—Meet in Church! – Last Class

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation Youth Mass

Monday, April 23rd *St. George, St. Adalbert*
8:00 a.m. Seminarians and others preparing for Religious Professions

Tuesday, April 24th *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*
8:00 a.m. Those who have strayed from the Church

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th *St. Mark, Evangelist*
8:00 a.m. Religious Sisters of the Diocese living and deceased

Thursday, April 26th
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, April 27th
8:00 a.m. Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Saturday, April 28th *St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr*
5:00 p.m. Bishop Rozanski

Sunday, April 29th *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
8:15 a.m. Those who Minister to the sick
11:00 a.m. Those Battling Addiction and Living in Recovery

Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral Visits
Call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your prayer requests. Also, if you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please notify Fr Ron.

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski
(413-862-4418)

Deacon David Baillargeon
(413-667-3147 or cell phone: 413-207-1301)

Faith Formation (Religious Ed) Director:
Deb Bogoff ~ 413-888-7412

Cemetery Superintendent
Please contact the parish office

Administrative Assistant: Carla Tacke

Office Hours:
Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Parish Website: holyfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass
(Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri): 8 a.m.

Communion Service
Thursday 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):
Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Religious Education:
Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
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Suggested donations for Huntington Food Pantry:

Fruit snacks, Pudding, Flour, Sugar and Dried Milk. Also needed are Pasta and Pasta sauce. Canned soups, broth, chili, corned beef hash, and ravioli. Canned tuna, salmon, crabmeat and chicken. Mac & Cheese. Meals in a Box. Canned fruit, dried fruit, fruit cups, and veggies (including beets). Canned and dried beans. Coffee, tea, bottled water, juice and juice boxes. Instant oatmeal, hot and cold cereals, granola and breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, graham crackers, snack crackers, salad dressing, condiments and spices, Gluten Free options.

Place your donations in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.

Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477.

Lector and Usher Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Apr 21	5:00 pm	Ginny Hardie	Bill Hardie
Apr 22	8:15 am	Barbara Leja	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Chelsea Edinger	Dave Norton
Apr 28	5:00 pm	Ellen/ Jesse Vidal	
Apr 29	8:15 am	Christine Lindberg	Del Lavature Mel/Mike Scuderi
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We Americans proudly describe ourselves as living in “the home of the brave.” Certainly the composer Francis Scott Key had the military in mind when he wrote the words of our national anthem. But bravery is inherent also in our law enforcement personnel, firefighters, first responders, medical professionals, teachers, foreign missionaries, Catholics facing present day persecution and murder. The list is longer than this, and I apologize in advance for forgetting other groups. Obviously there are as many examples of bravery as there are courageous people. Even if we lack precision in our definition, we know bravery when we see it.

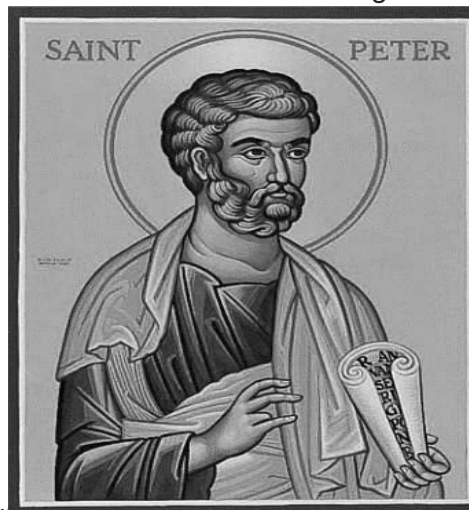
I suggest for your reflection this weekend the two prominent figures in the Scripture stories read at Mass: St. Peter and Our Lord Jesus. First of all, St. Peter. Here we find him standing bravely before the chief Council of Israel, the Sanhedrin. According to the Tamudic sources, the “Great Sanhedrin” was the premier such body, with counterparts in every town and village. It was

a court of 71 sages who met on fixed occasions in the Jerusalem Temple. Something like our Supreme Court.

Now we read of St. Peter, the humble fisherman, the same man who had denied Jesus; the same who “wept bitterly” after his denial. Up to now he had been scared stiff of the high placed Jews and Romans, hiding from them in a locked upper room. But here he was, answering their questions about Jesus so bravely. When they asked him “How did you do this?” (healing of a lifelong crippled man). “What power and whose name did you use?” Peter answers “Through the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified.” Here my friends, was newfound bravery brought on by the Holy Spirit dwelling in Peter. Turning to Our Lord Jesus in the gospel. We know His bravery is a given. We know all about His public life. So when He claims to be the “Good Shepherd,” as opposed to all the hired scoundrels that took the job merely for pay, and practiced CCL (Could Care Less) about the sheep, we believe. He is more than good. Facing the inevitable attacks from lesser shepherds. Or any of the “wolves” among the Scribes and Pharisees.

Here on this fourth of the Seven Sundays of Easter, more than halfway through the great seven week long “day,” we find ourselves at a challenging place where we might not choose to be. We have to face the questions: “By whose policies do you live?” “Who is your spiritual guide?”

With strong secularists against us, and a popular culture that is uncomfortable with Christ, to make an answer and live accordingly is daunting. All things considered, our time may be worse than St. Peter’s. Is our Church, built on this “Rock of Ages,” truly “the home of the brave?” In making an answer, remember that “You are your own doctor when it comes to curing cold feet.”



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