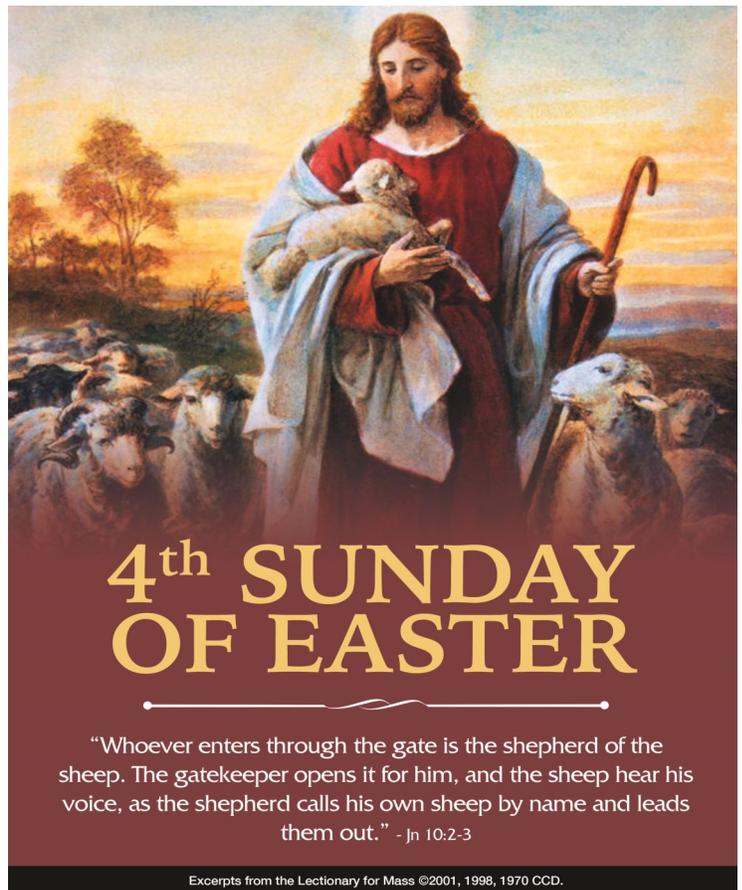


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May 7, 2017



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass:
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & 1st Sat) 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4PM, or anytime by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

BULLETIN DEADLINE

By 3:00 p.m. Monday

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM

The couple must meet with the Pastor *before* setting a date *and* at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (RCIA): Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office. Inquiries welcomed at any time. 814-382-7252

SAT, MAY 6	EASTER WEEKDAY Catherine Boyd (Memorial Mass) 5:00 PM Tom Hirschmann (Hirschmann Family)
SUN, MAY 7	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
MON, MAY 8	EASTER WEEKDAY 8:00 AM Mr. Mrs. Nicholas Miller (Sylvester Miller)
TUE, MAY 9	EASTER WEEKDAY 8:00 AM Ruth Balkovec (Mike & Diane Fritz)
THU, MAY 11	EASTER WEEKDAY 8:00 AM Daniel Dowd; Mick & James McGuire (Bey Family)
FRI, MAY 12	STS NEREUS, ACHILLEUS & PANCRAS 8:00 AM Tim Andres (Arlene Andres & Family)
SAT, MAY 13	OUR LADY OF FATIMA 5:00 PM Rita George (Memorial Mass)
SUN, MAY 14	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM Aloysius A. Furka (Memorial Mass) 10:30 AM In Thanksgiving from the Shay Family



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

The Week Ahead

SUN, May 7	First Communion, 10:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, Anderson Hall
MON, May 8	6PM Altar Server Training (Parents also)
TUES, May 9	12:30 PM 55+ Club Luncheon 5—8 PM ARS Annual Card Party 7PM Parish Council Meeting—PEC

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

May 7: Alfred Black' Jenna Dickey, Kathy Fuller, Roger Gildea, Noah Temel, **May 8:** Ruth Jezak, Justin Sobieski **May 9:** Daniel Foster **May 10:** Carolyn Fera, Karen Martin, Mark Pepe **May 11:** Stephen Blum,, Jill Louise Crowley, Cheryl Unger, Victoria Zeits **May 12:** Delaney Foster, Sydney Foster **May 13:** Rhonda Brown, Lauren Kratzenberg, Nickolas White

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

May 9: Harold & Brenda Lewis **May 11:** Bernard & Debra Mailliard **May 13:** William & Alexandra Eldridge, John & Kate Hans, Gary & Pam Humes

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION MAY 6 & 7, 2017

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a **special collection** to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection on Good Shepherd Sunday will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

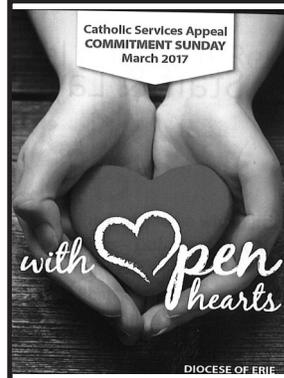
2017 First Communion

The following students will be receiving the blessings and grace from the sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time today:

Charles D. Dickey, Adison K. Foster, Allie G. Foster, Hailey Gilliland, Julia Johnson, Hailey L. McCoy,

Haylee Morini, Sydney A. Walker and Ryan M. White.

Congratulations to the children and their families. Please congratulate them when you see them and keep them in your prayers.



OFFERTORY, APR 30, 2017
\$3,518.00



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$41,895.00
Pledged to date: \$61,627.00
Received to Date: **\$21,398.00**

Thank you



CHERYL GARNET was the lucky winner of week #37 of our "300 Club" for \$100, # 141. Congratulations, Cheryl,!

OLQA Book Club's pick this month is a book by Jody Picoult, titled Small Great Things. The discussion begins on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 PM in the Captain's Quarters at Silver Shores Restaurant.

WHAT: Altar Rosary Society's Annual Card Party
WHERE: Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church, Anderson Hall
WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 5—8PM

COST: \$10 at the door; includes appetizers and buffet dinner

PRIZES: 50/50 drawing along with Chinese Auction raffles.

FYI: Please bring your own cards.



OLQA Expressions in Art – May 20-23, 2017

Registration deadline extended! If you or your children wish to display their art in the 2017 show, please fill out an entry form found at either door of the church and place it in the basket, or call John Meyerhoff at 547-2653. The show promises to be a wonderful event celebrating the creativity of our parishioners! Mark your calendars to come by after Mass on May 20 or 21, or visit the show Sunday, Monday or Tuesday afternoons.

During the show we will enjoy refreshments, music and have a chance to enjoy the creativity of our fellow parishioners. If you have a favorite craft or enjoy making art of any kind, now is your chance.

Last call

Altar Server Training 2017

CURRENT and **NEW** altar servers and their parents **must attend the altar server review and training on**

May 8 @ 6pm.

Servers **ONLY** must attend **May 15 @6pm.**

Please call the office if you cannot attend.



31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

8th: P Taylor 12th: S Treacy
9th: L Conlin 13th: S Drexler
10th: J Haylett 14th: P Gilfoyle
11th: M Purnell

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT

MAY		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	H Wetzel T Bazylak	P Billingsley D Thomas	B Slevin L Slevin B Smith	B Bazylak P Greco B Greco T Lauffer	D Mushrush
SUN	8:00 AM	Saige Karastury Skye Karastury Payten Karastury	J Cunningham A Darke	G English T English P Hilton	R Bullock D Reese B Hilton K Novosel	R Gamett
SUN	10:30 AM	J Burchard Sam Burchard Sydney Burchard	G Ellis B Zello	M Gross E Pieszak J Skendall	J Arnett E Gross V Leap J Meyerhoff	Volunteers needed
OFFERING COUNTERS		May 7 P Hilton A Andres	May 14 K Little J Elwell	May 21 M Staahl J Smock	May 28 L Helch R Jezak	Volunteers needed

Spring is here!

Time to get out of the house and enjoy the sunshine. Come out to the **Samaritan's Holy Ground Thrift Shop** where you will see sunny volunteers and lots of bargains.

All areas of the shop have been thinned out to make room for new Spring items now on sale. You don't want to miss the chance to fill out your wardrobe or home with inexpensive, lovely items.

Looking for something to do where the climate is always pleasant?

Volunteer at the thrift shop. Three hour shifts are available for Mondays from 9am-noon and 5:00-8:00 pm as well as 9am-6pm on Thursdays. Please call **Margaret Staahl at 382-8870** if interested in volunteering

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

For more information, contact **Amanda Darke & Denise Thomas** olqaeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252
Office Hours: Wednesday 1- 6PM, or by Appointment

Sat, May 6	9-11:30 AM First Communion Practice
Sun, May 7	First Communion 10:30 AM Coffee and Donuts
Mon, May 8	6PM Altar server training for current & new servers AND parents
Wed, May 10	NO OFFICE HOURS
Sun, May 14	6 PM Confirmation practice (candidates & sponsors) at St. Agatha, Meadville
Mon, May 15	NO OFFICE HOURS
Tue, May 16	Confirmation at St. Agatha's 7:00 PM Candidate & sponsor arrival time TBA
Sun, Jun 11	10:30 AM Baccalaureate Mass

Our Elementary Students paid homage to the upcoming month of Mary by attending a **Mary crowning.**

Blessed by sunshine we prayed and sang to Mary in the cemetery and placed a crown on her in devotion.

It was a beautiful way to end the wonderful year of religious formation. Have a great summer filled with fun prayer and worship



Graduating? Your OLQA Family would like to recognize all graduates and their accomplishments.

If you are graduating from High School, College (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D.), Technical or Vocational School; please participate in the Baccalaureate Mass in your honor.



The Mass will be held **June 11, 2017** during the 10:30 Liturgy. Please call 814-382-7252 to let us know you are attending so we can recognize you. This would include any graduates of programs since June 2016.



Readings for the Week

<<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>>