

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## April 25, 2021



### *Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church*

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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**  
**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**  
**\* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



**April 25, 2021**  
**4th 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.

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.

#### **Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-29/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 [4th Easter]  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5/Ps 67:2-8/Jn 12:44-50 [St. Peter Chanel]  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25-27/Jn 13:16-20 [St. Catherine Siena]  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6 [St. Pius V]  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14 [St. Joseph, the Worker]  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-32/Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 [5th Easter]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

### **PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*



# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Apr. 26th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Apr. 27th - Joseph Macioch (Family)  
 Wed., Apr. 28th - Stanley Widomski (David Lesnieski)  
 Thurs., Apr. 29th - Special Intention (Kathy & Jack Ciecierski)  
 Fri., Apr. 30th - Pat & Henry Schneider (Friends)  
 Sat., May 1st, 4:00PM - Max & Florence Krasinski (Family)  
 Sun., May 2nd, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns for a **SPECIAL INTENTION** as gifted by Katherine Krainski.



## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on this past Tuesday for Mildred Modzelewski. A Mass of Christian Burial was also celebrated this past Friday for Gerald "Stu" Stuczynski. Please keep them, their families, and their loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

## ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, BY JAMES STEADMAN

The *Erie Times* recently ran a story about a picture book authored by Mr. Jim Steadman entitled, "St. Stanislaus Church: The Mother Church of Erie's Polonia." A proof copy of the book has been in the vestibule of the church. Since many have expressed interest in the book, we will be placing a bulk order on behalf of the parish. If you would like a copy, please put your name and order on the form located in the vestibule, or call the Parish Office. The author is making the book available "at cost" for our parishioners. A soft-cover version is only \$14; hard-cover versions are \$23. We would like to place the order the week of May 3rd.

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives? In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby. We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds. Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home. Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

I was having a  
great Friday until  
I realized it was  
only Wednesday.

"Don't let what you  
can't do stop you  
from doing what you  
can do"

- John Wooden

## WEEKLY OFFERING (APRIL 18, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$170,396.00
Amount Received	\$2,336.00	\$120,544.00
Net over/under	(\$1,820.00)	(\$49,852.00)

Mass Attendance:  
 4:00PM = 38; 9:00AM = 46  
 Envelopes: 57/168



1. Make time for yourself
2. Appreciate the "little" things
3. Don't assume you know someone's situation
4. Patience is a virtue
5. Don't be greedy
6. Understand the difference between a want vs. a need
7. Be grateful for any & all opportunities
8. Positivity is contagious
9. Not everything is as easy as it seems
10. Life is valuable
11. Negativity does not solve anything

11 lessons learned  
during  
quarantine

**Follow me—two powerful words spoken by Jesus after he resurrected and was teaching his disciples again. Imagine seeing your best friend—your God—crucified in such a brutal way, buried, and then resurrecting. Even those who doubted him and denied him couldn't help but follow. Christ is risen and he IS alive. Let's take on that challenge that he left for us: "follow me"**

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the **HEALTH OF KATHY BENES** as gifted by Jack and Sandy Kempisty.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on this past Thursday for **EDWARD MAJEWSKI**. Please keep him, his family, and his loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him..."



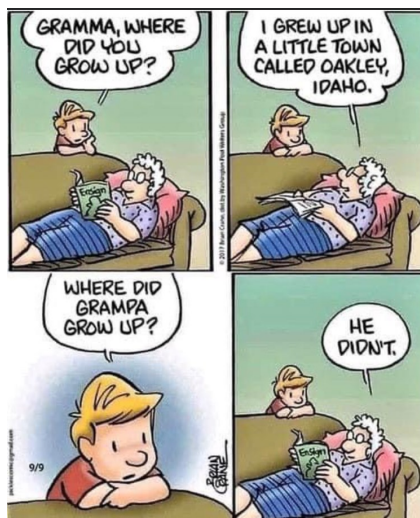
## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Apr. 26th - Souls in Purgatory (Joan Rowland)  
Tues., Apr. 27th - Robert Dorau (Kathy Wisniewski)  
Wed., Apr. 28th - Charles Presor (Family)  
Thurs., Apr. 29th - Nancy Slubowski (Mr. & Mrs. Pat Rzomp)  
Fri., Apr. 30 - Fr. Joseph Kukulski (Lillian Maciulewicz)  
Sat., May 1st, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
Sun., May 2nd, 10:30AM - Theresa & Charles Brasington (Ken & Linda)

## CONGRATULATIONS

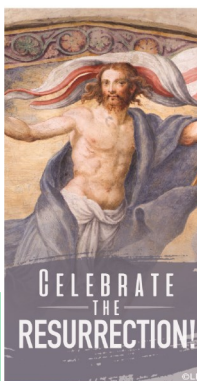
... to **NINA MANGINI** who received First Honors, and to **MIA MANGINI** and **MIA LUBAK** who received Second Honors, from Mercyhurst Prep for the second term of the academic year. Nice work ladies; keep it up!

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 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



**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**  
8.12.2020 to 8.12.2021

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH  
Hall, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted  
His only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace,  
Mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.



## The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)  
Based on John 10:11-18 (NIV)



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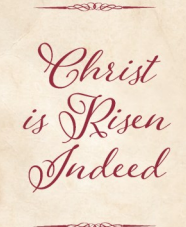
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## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR APRIL 18, 2021

Regular Offering: \$2,154.00 (34/140)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$123,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$97,089.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,154.00	\$85,213.00
Net (over/under):	(\$211.00)	(\$11,876.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 30; 10:30AM = 62



"... / will lay down my life for the sheep."

- John 10:15



## *News for Our Partnership*

### **GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION**

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 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.

"Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ (cf. 1 Pet 2:24). In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world."

*Pope Francis Easter 2021*



### **THE 31 CLUB**

With decades of history behind it, the 31 Club is a simple, easily-established program for parishes to use in their vocations-related efforts. It's an ideal program for the involvement of busy parishioners who want to help with vocations but need to be able to fit it into their schedule. Has become a mainstay at parishes around American and around the world. How it works: Sign up to offer Mass one day a month—on a day chosen by the person signing up for the intention of Vocations. Go to Mass or make a Holy Hour on that day each month over the next year and Devote that Mass to an increase in vocations and for priests and religious already serving. No meetings...No dues...Open to all parishioners

### **DEBT RECOVERY**

Have a little extra money from a stimulus check you may not have needed? Consider making a one-time "enhanced giving" offering to help our parishes recover some of our debt brought on by the Covid pandemic.

# hope

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

*- Nikki Banas*

### **REMINDER**

"Amazon Smile" is a website operated by Amazon that let's you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping as is found on "amazon.com." The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the "Amazon Smile Foundation" will donate a percentage of the purchase price directly to our respective parishes. To start, simply follow the link:

**Saint Stan's:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-0967487>

**Holy Trinity:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1091810>

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

4/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 4/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski;  
4/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 4/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 4/30) Edie Luniewski;  
5/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 5/2) Patty Czulewicz & John Oldenski

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

4/26) Fr. Henry Andrae; 4/27) Fr. Stanley Swacha; 4/28) Fr. John Walsh; 4/29) Fr. Jason Glover; 4/30) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 5/1) Fr. Jim Gutting; 5/2) Msgr. John Herbein

### Sunday, Apr 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

#### Live with purpose

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own."

Collecting a paycheck may be important to make a living, but will it alone make a life? Some Catholics hear the invitation to choose a different path. They're nudged by family members, religion teachers, and homilists. They have opportunities to learn about priesthood and apostolic life. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's be sure to issue the invitation - and to receive it.

### Monday, Apr 26, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Nothing need limit your devotion

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

"Whoever enters through me will be saved..."

The life of Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón was interrupted by illness. Having endured a pandemic, we know what that's like—we've seen lives cut short by disease and we ourselves have had to put some of our own living on hold. Rafael was born in Spain in 1911 and died at 27. Severe complications from diabetes prevented him from taking vows as a Trappist monk. He accepted God's will, joined as an oblate instead, and died young of his illness. In him you can find an example of surrender, trust, and devotion in the face of loss and disappointment that makes him a model for our times a century later.

### Tuesday, Apr 27, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Plant the seeds of belief

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

"It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians."

The Syrian city of Antioch played a pivotal role in the growth of the early church. A cross-cultural safe haven, it was here that many of Jesus' first followers—all of them Jewish—took refuge after Stephen was martyred, fleeing Jerusalem as they too became targets. Antioch was a cosmopolitan hothouse, its Jews enjoying friendly interactions with the city's many Gentiles. Once new Jews arrived, bearing witness to Jesus, local Gentiles couldn't help but be intrigued. Soon, the fledgling church of Antioch began evangelizing Gentiles intentionally, planting the seed of belief in unexpected places. Where might you plant such seeds?

### Wednesday, Apr 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY, MARTYR

#### Let your life bring light to others

Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50

"...everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness."

There is good reason that Peter Chanel (1803-41) is the patron saint of Oceania. A parish priest from France who later joined the Marist missionaries, Peter was missioned to Western Oceania to convert people who worshipped other gods. Peter's missionary method was low key: He learned the language of the people and cared for their sick. For a few years, all was fine until small groups of native people began to be baptized, in particular, the son and daughter of the island king. Peter was then considered a threat to the island's power elite. On this day in 1841 he was murdered. Within two years of his death, the entire island had become Catholic. How do you bring the light of faith to people around you?

### Thursday, Apr 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Not how long a life is, but how good

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

"...whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all.

### Friday, Apr 30, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Try a little tenderness

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

"You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

When God became flesh and dwelt among us, a revolution was started. Not a military coup that some people expected, but a revolution that would strike deep at the heart. This "revolution of tenderness," as Pope Francis called it in *Evangelii Gaudium*, urges each and every one of us to give of ourselves, to be part of community, to serve, and to be reconciled in our relationships with others. In what ways can you respond to Jesus' call to a revolution of tenderness?

### Saturday, May 01, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

#### Wanting for a job

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

"If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

Today's memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional "May Day" dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country's history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus?

