



*"I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."
John 10:11*

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

For the Retired Diocesan Priests

The Diocese of Erie is committed to caring for our retired priests. This annual collection provides additional financial resources to support our retired priests and those who now serve in our parishes. Thank you for your generous support in past years and please remember in your prayers our priests.

Prayer for our Retired Priests

We pray for the retired priests of our Diocese that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to the people of God.

For direct contributions, please make donations payable to Diocese of Erie
send to Monsignor Magraw, Director...St. Mark Catholic Center P.O. Box 10397 Erie, PA. 16514-0397
or Online at <http://www.eriescd.org>

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS





Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20-25/Jn 10:1-10 [Fourth Sunday of Easter]
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 [Fifth Sunday of 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 John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

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.

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"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

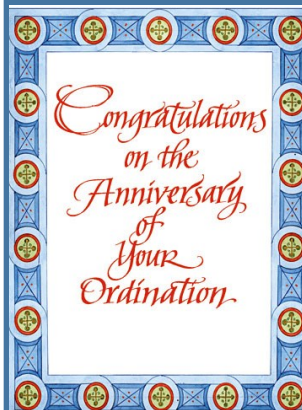
Mon., May 4th, 8:00AM - Patricia Schneider (Friends)
 Tues., May 5th, 8:00AM - Frank & Sophia Stankavich (Marie)
 Wed., May 6th, 8:00AM - Special Intention
 Thurs., May 7th, 8:00AM - Clarence Mikolajczak (Helen)
 Fri., May 8th, 8:00AM - Rita Pzrepierski (Charlotte Kujawinski)
 Sat., May 9th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)
 Sun., May 10th, 9:30AM - Edward & Michaelina Weiner (Carol & Susan)



Our sanctuary candle burns in **THANKSGIVING FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.**

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

While home in your self-isolation, keep Bobby Sulecki in mind. He continues to catalogue peoples' memories and photographs from people who grew up at Saint Stan's or any of the other east side parishes. Peruse through some of your memory boxes and see if you may have something to contribute to Bobby's collection. More information about his work can be found in the vestibule.



May 16th - Monsignor Dan Magraw (45 years)
 May 18th - Monsignor Bernie Urbaniak (52 years)
 May 16th - Deacon Tom Matusiak (12 years)
 June 7th - Fr. Jason Glover (18 years)

Thank you for your expression of faith
 which has helped us over the years,
 As you have helped us grow
 despite the uncertainty and fears.

With this faith in our lives which is so very essential,
 All our tomorrows have limitless potential.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Holy Spirit stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider a how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creativity with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

FYI dads... your kids will NOT be bringing home handmade Mothers Day gifts from school this year. You have 15 days.



WEEKLY OFFERING (APRIL 26, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$178,708.00
Amount Received	\$1,192.00	\$125,651.00
Net over/under	(2,964.00)	(\$53,057.00)

Mass Attendance: N/A (Non-Public Mass Celebrated)



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JANET DOWNING** as gifted by Jack and Sandy Kempisty .



May
God
grant

Eternal Rest
and Peace

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Janet Downing** on April 27th. Please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers.



- 5/3 - Kelly Ohmer
- 5/4 - Philip Trochowski
- 5/7 - Carly Lazar
- 5/8 - Edward Heidt
- 5/10 - Marc Moore



“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of

the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say “yes” to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.”
-Pope Francis

The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4b (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV).



John 10:1-10

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VOICE	STEAL	SHEPHERD	NAME	SHEEP

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon., May 4th, 8:00AM - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families
- Tues., May 5th, 8:00AM - All the Souls in Purgatory
- Wed., May 6th, 8:00AM - Rita Scottino (Patty, Ed, & Anna Czulewicz)
- Thurs., May 7th, 8:00AM - Carl Milewski (Skip & Theresa Ignaczak)
- Fri., May 8th, 8:00AM - Carolyn & Al DiMattio (Family)
- Sat., May 9th, 4:00PM - For the People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
- Sun., May 10th, 10:00AM - For all Living and Deceased Mothers

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF

COVID-19 emergency relief effort launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Diocese of Erie is collaborating with the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc., to broadly offer and promote Catholic giving for immediate needs. The intent is to encourage local Catholic giving with the ease of three online platforms:

- ◆ A Community Relief Fund has been established through Catholic Charities, Inc., to support specific emergency outreach efforts through agencies, diocesan ministries and parishes.
- ◆ A Parish Offertory Support effort is being made with the assistance of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. This will give parishioners an opportunity to make their offertory donations online if they are not already set up to do so.

Everyone is encouraged to share this information broadly through whatever channels of communication are available to them. Questions about these initiatives may be directed to the following:

1. Parish Offertory Catholic Foundation, Lisa Louis at llouis@cfnwpa.org or 814-824-1237
2. Community Relief Fund Catholic Charities, Ann Badach at abadach@ErieRCD.org or 814-824-1252

WEEKLY OFFERING (APRIL 26, 2020)

Regular Offertory: \$905.00 (14/146 mailed)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$129,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$102,260.00
Total Offertory:	\$905.00	\$100,554.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,460.00)	(\$1,706.00)

“I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

- John 10:10

News for Our Partnership

ALL PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 8th. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Governor's Wolf's most recent orders

This past Friday, we received a summary of the new orders Governor Wolf has issued regarding "Business Permitted to Maintain In-Person Operations," of which both Holy Trinity and Saint Stan's are among them. The inconvenience of these new directives, while necessary to contain CORVID-19, make it virtually impossible for our parish offices to continue to function as usual. Consequently, **BOTH PARISHES OFFICES ARE EFFECTIVELY CLOSED.** While Mary Ann and Debbie will be in on limited hours (9:00AM - Noon) in order to maintain the day-to-day business affairs, we ask that you **NOT** visit the offices. Feel free to call in order to conduct business; you can also use our mailboxes for drop-off or pick-up. However, we are not inviting people into our offices/rectories, except for emergencies and only with a phone call in advance. We apologize for this inconvenience and trust your understanding.

During this time of social isolation and non-public celebration of the Eucharist, be aware that daily and weekend masses are televised on the following:

Channel 3 - Sunday at 10:00AM

Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM

**Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM
Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM,
12:00PM, & 7:00PM**

Or visit www.TheSundayMass.org

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to loved ones where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,

You came to bring salvation to our world.

You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross.

Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope.

Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering.

Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers;

comfort families who are separated from one another.

Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.

Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists.

Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.

Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith,

and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us.

Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother,

we make this prayer as we place our trust in You.

Amen.



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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L. — Bishop of Erie



ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your **weekly offertory contribution online.** Go to our respective parishes' website and click the link in the banner. There is **NO ADMINISTRATIVE OR SERVICE FEE** from; there is a *minimal fee taken from your donation by credit card agencies* (unless you opt to cover that fee along with your donation). You support for our parishes is vital during this time. Thank you, in advance, for your ongoing generosity of time, talent, and treasure!

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

5/4) Ed Czulewicz, Evelyn & Ed Selleny; 5/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 5/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski; 5/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 5/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 5/9) Marcia Nitczynski & Rose Marie Radomski; 5/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker

PRAY FOR OUR (FUTURE) PRIESTS

Kevin Holland and **Joseph Petrone** are to be ordained to the priesthood on May 29th. However, due to Covid-19 guidelines, the ordination will take place in private with only immediate family in attendance. Please keep these men in your prayers this month.

Sunday, May 03, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Follow the leader

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10
"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

When we were kids, playing "follow the leader" was easy. One child was designated as the pattern to imitate, and we just did whatever they did. In these days of crisis, it can seem harder to tell who the designated leader is. Is it the president or the pope, the pastor or the medical expert? Do we do what our parents advised, or listen to the recommendations of trusted friends? What do we do when media experts disagree? If we call ourselves Christians, then Christ is the ultimate authority for our values and criteria. Make a verse of scripture your daily companion.

Monday, May 04, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Stand your ground

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

"The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger," said Father Stanley Rother, and he didn't, which made him a martyr in 1981 in civil war-torn Guatemala. Even though he knew his name was on a death list, this priest from Oklahoma stayed with the people he had been serving since 1968, during which time he built a farmer's co-op, a school, a hospital, and a radio station. He was beatified in 2017. Learn more about this inspiration for faith in the book *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*.

Tuesday, May 05, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Keep things in context

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
"Jesus walked about in the temple area."

Catholics celebrate 50 days of Easter with a special emphasis on the Gospel of John. But with the Gospel of John comes a particular concern. At Mass, we hear—amid the evangelist's poetic prose—some jarring references to "the Jews." Historically, such language sadly led to a legacy of hate and harm. With anti-Semitism making headlines again, look to the short Vatican II document called *Nostra aetate*. It honors the Jewish people as our faithful forebears, tapping a truth right out of John 10: Jesus was an observant. Honor our religious ancestors by learning more about them.

Wednesday, May 06, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Follow the Light

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
"I have come into the world as light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark."

"This Little Light of Mine" has been young Christians' joyful favorite for nearly a century. It has also been an anthem for civil and human rights movements. For people of faith, we who believe that Jesus has come into the world as light, the song serves as a directive to allow God's light to shine through the example of our lives. Reflect today on the example you have set during difficult times. Have you given into darkness and despair or served as a beacon of hope and support for those around you?

Thursday, May 07, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

A masquerade to take seriously

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever receives the one I send, receives me." It is in keeping with our tradition to see the poor, the migrant, the refugee as sent by God to stretch our hearts and open us to the Good News. Mother Teresa often referred to seeing Jesus "in the distressing disguise of the poor." Indeed, how distressing it is to see the suffering being endured by those with the least. Take a step today to "receive" Jesus in the disguise of the poor.

Friday, May 08, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Youthful mystic

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
"You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

Imagine growing up with a saint in your hometown! New Jersey native Teresa Demjanovich, honored today, was like many young people with responsibility for caring for aging parents while also getting an education and a job. She then became a religious sister but died just two years later at age 26. Known as a prayerful, holy woman, Teresa was deeply spiritual and considered a mystic. "Our heart is the compass that magnetically follows the north star of desire," Teresa wrote. "To locate my treasure I have but to unearth the lodging of my desires." As you pray this day, consider how God is leading you through your heart and desires.

Saturday, May 09, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Light a fuse!

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
"The one who believes in me... will do greater works than these."

Peter Maurin, who founded the Catholic Worker movement with Dorothy Day, was born on this day in 1877. He longed for a world where it would be easier for people to be good to each other. While he was the visionary, Day translated his ideals of justice into practical actions: a newspaper, houses of hospitality, and farms. He found "dynamite" in the gospels, which could solve the problems of society if someone would "blow the lid off." Day lit the fuse, and their flame continues today in Catholic Worker houses.

"The pandemic reminds us there are no differences or borders between those who suffer.

We are all frail, all equal, all precious.

May we be profoundly shaken: Now is the time to eliminate inequalities and heal the injustice undermining the health of the entire human family!"

Pope Francis

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