



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**      **Vol. 38 No. 15**      **April 14, 2024**



**Luke 24:35-48**    **Who can count God's surprises?**  
**He even surprised us by being born.**  
**And by dying.**  
**But the one called Resurrection**  
**is the best surprise of all.**

**Question of the Week** *The question of the week invites the parish community to share faith by reflecting on and discussing Sunday's throughout the week.*

**Adults:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

**Kids:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

**Mass Intentions for April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Saturday-----5:00 p.m. – Carl Babinski †  
 Sunday ----- 8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family by Fr. Jozef  
 Sunday-----10:30 a.m. – Jenni Hoy †  
 Monday -----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family  
*Tuesday-----8:30 a.m. – Mass Canceled*  
 Wednesday -----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family  
 Thursday-----8:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family  
 Friday-----12:00 p.m. – Larry Cubanski †  
 Saturday-----5:00 p.m. – John Garrett Slaby †  
 Sunday ----- 8:30 a.m. – Jan Devlin †  
 Sunday-----10:30 a.m. – For the Parish Family by Fr. Jozef

‡ **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment.** ‡  
**Location: The Word of God Chapel**

*If you would like to have MASS celebrated for special intentions or for the deceased members of your family or friends please stop by or call the parish office.*

Liturgical Minister Schedule April 20th & 21st						
<u>Mass Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>	<u>Cross Bearer</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister Cup</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister Bread</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Sat. 4/20/24 @5:00 pm	Wright, Luca Wright, Vincent	Fura, Dan	1-Fura, Barbara 2-Rodgers, Karen 3-Sowash, Lori 4-Jankowski, Ellen	1-Wright, Jaimie 2-Gatto, Patricia 3-Deacon Jack	Bloom, Thomas Shoemaker, Robert Veltri, Ben	Moscone
Sun. 4/21/24 @8:30 am	Flickinger, Chase Combs, Christian	Griffiths, Dominic	1-Spierung, Michelle 2-Moorman, Gary 3-Seyler, Gretchen 4-Combs, Christina	1-Nolan, James 2-Orlandi, Colette	Kifer, Greg Allgeier, David Esposito, Jackie	Zalno, Lopinsky
Sun. 4/21/24 @10:30 am	Hessler, Noah Hair, Evelyn	Siggins, Kim	1-NOT FILLED 2-Pouliot, Caroline 3-NOT FILLED 4-Fellin, Jonathan	1-Cahill, Joanne 2-Richardson, Traci	Hendrickson, Robert Goulet, Rick Krieger, Dana	Allgeier, Harm

# The Pastor Page



*I, Deacon Jack and the entire parish staff at the Church of the Good Shepherd sincerely invite you to every mass, but especially weekend, as we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist to grow in our relationship with the Lord and one another.*



## ENCOUNTERING GOD IN THE POWER OF RESURRECTION

"... it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day ..."

*Luke 24: 46*

Just as the focus of the Christmas Season is to know Jesus Christ become fully human, so is the focus of the Easter Season to know Jesus Christ as risen Lord. The apostles and other followers of Jesus encountered risen Jesus and reflected that experience in such a powerful way that the world around them was never the same. One of the things we see in the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus is that he helped his followers understand why things had to happen the way they did and what needed to happen now. We too are invited to draw near to him, so we too can understand better how to witness to Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In what way does Jesus open our minds to understand his life and teachings?

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

We are all just walking each other home.

# Good Shepherd's Stewardship Report

## For the Week Ending April 7th

### Non-BF Receipts:

RR - Sunday Offerings (envelopes)	\$5,016
RR - Autodraft/Online Donations	\$4,645
RR - Easter	\$1,145
Rent/Facility Use	\$770
FR - Texas Roadhouse Dinner Evening	\$364
FR - Grocery Card Sales	\$61
FR - Northern Deanery Raffle (amt. = 50% Profit)	\$260
Non-Building Fund Receipts-Total	<u>\$12,261</u>
Non-Building Fund Receipts-Goal	<u>\$17,000</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,739)</u>

### Building Fund Receipts:

BF Receipts-Total	<u>\$1,855</u>
BF Receipts-Goal	<u>\$6,478</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,623)</u>

### Other Receipts (not retained by Parish):

Diocesan Collections	\$20
CRS Rice Bowl	<u>\$1,977</u>
Other Receipts-Total	<u>\$1,997</u>

Note: RR = Regular Receipts

BF = Building Fund

FR = Fund Raisers (shown net of related expenses)

FF = Faith Formation

## Summary of Non-BF Receipts & BF Receipts as of 4/7/24 (Week 41)

### Total All Receipts (Non-BF & Building Fund):

	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$14,116</u>	<u>\$852,443</u>
Goal	<u>\$23,478</u>	<u>\$962,598</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$9,362)</u>	<u>(\$110,155)</u>

### Non-Building Fund Receipts:

	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$12,261</u>	<u>\$548,576</u>
Goal	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$697,000</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,739)</u>	<u>(\$148,424)</u>

### Building Fund Receipts:

	Week	YTD
Received	<u>\$1,855</u>	<u>\$303,867</u>
Goal	<u>\$6,478</u>	<u>\$265,598</u>
Over/(Under) Goal	<u>(\$4,623)</u>	<u>\$38,269</u>

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!**

Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give. ***We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.***

### **THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

# Parish Events

## **THANK YOU!**

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the basket the Gathering Space or donate online at [www.goodshepherd-sc.org](http://www.goodshepherd-sc.org) (click on the 'Online Giving' green tab at the top of the page).



## **CRS SPOTLIGHT**

The security situation in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas has deteriorated significantly as violence by armed gangs against the people of Haiti continues to escalate. Lawlessness and a lack of protection has limited people's access to essential services, including hospitals and schools. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced in their search for security. The people of Haiti have faced a multitude of challenges over the years: political and economic crises compounded by recurring natural disasters such as hurricanes, flooding and earthquakes. Currently, nearly 5.5 million Haitians are in need of humanitarian aid.

CRS is building on our long-standing programming in Haiti and the dedication of our Haitian staff and partners to provide critical emergency assistance outside the capital where thousands of people are vulnerable. Your help is urgently needed for families affected by the violence in Haiti. Despite the instability in the capital city, CRS teams in the south and north continue to ensure access to food, water, agricultural support, education and counseling care. Your gifts at this critical time will also ensure that CRS is able to meet new and anticipated needs of those impacted by the recent violence. Please consider giving a vital gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)! If you are interested in supporting CRS's advocacy and humanitarian efforts, contact Linda Gall, ([linda.j.gall@gmail.com](mailto:linda.j.gall@gmail.com)) to learn more about the work of our State College CRS Chapter.

## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING THEME 1 - LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

"When we speak of mankind, we must never forget the various attacks on the sacredness of human life. The plague of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers and sisters to die on boats in the Strait of Sicily is an attack on life. Dying on the job because the minimum safety standards are not respected is an attack on life. Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity."

— Pope Francis, Address to Meeting of the Science and Life Association

Every person is made in God's image.

- How do these passages move or challenge you?
- Are there people who you struggle to believe are made in God's image? Why?
- As people of faith, we have a special call to ensure that every person's life and dignity is respected?

How can we live out this call?

To view a short video on this topic see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABRI2ZSs58E>

## **EARTH DAY 2024**

To celebrate Earth Day and our Care of Creation, Karl Raynar will lead a hike around Penn State Arboretum trails. Meet at Sunset Park in State College at 2:00 p.m., Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us.





**MOTHER'S DAY  
CALENDAR LOTTERY**

All registered households were mailed a Lottery Ticket which will be based on the PA Daily Number's

PICK 3 Evening Drawing for the month of May. In addition to playing yourself, these make great gifts for graduations, birthdays, and Mom! Special thanks to Sandi Craig, Carol Butterworth, Maureen Salvato and Karen Rodgers who assisted Ginny Woodring and the Office Staff with this effort.

**MOTHER'S DAY WINE BASKET RAFFLE**

Good Shepherd's newly formed chapter of Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a Mother's Day Wine Basket Raffle with all proceeds going to the Dec 12, 2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00, on sale in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses starting April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Please contact the following parishioners with any prayer intentions:

Ellen Jankowski – 814-231-0213; or Mary Petersen – 814-238-2209; or Marge Carline – 814-574-2983.

**ECLIPSE GLASSES CAN BE REUSED**

If you still have your solar eclipse glasses, we are participating in **The Eclipse Give Back Program** which takes used glasses that do not have any scratches, punctures, tears, or other damage. The eclipse glasses will be sent to schools in Latin America so that children will be able to view the October 2024 annular eclipse. There will be a designated box in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

To request a Prayer Shawl or for more information, please contact Lynne DeLuca at 814-234-4654. The weekly Prayer Shawl Meeting takes place in the Gathering Space from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY**

To request a Prayer Quilt or for more information please contact either Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net, 814-883-4588 or Michelle Spiering at mms36@psu.edu, 814-235-1282.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED**

As a family of believers, we pray for all who are suffering, but especially our sick & homebound family members and friends:

Tydan Campell, Don Cook, Danielle Fantaskey, Jan & Frank Henson, Marie James, Susan Johnson, Tom Kearney, Eli Keim, Gail Kelley, Clair Kester, Richard Kustin, Doug Laplante, Betty Ann Marroni, Robert Martin, Richard & Marie Mollo, Deacon Mike Ondik, Deacon Jack Orlandi, Selena Ortiz, Annmarie Rodriguez, Mary Ann Sabolsice, Greg Salokangas, John Steimer, Naomi Tavera, Connie Trybus, Donna Williams, Mary Ziobro.

♦ *Please let us know if you'd like a name added or removed from the list.*

**NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE**

Two tickets were mailed to each household in the Parish. We hope you will support this fund raising effort. Tickets are \$10/each - \$5 goes to the Deanery and the parishes that put in the upfront money for prizes, and \$5 stays at Church of the Good Shepherd. *Ticket sales have now started after weekend Masses. You may also purchase tickets from the Office during business hours.* There is a poster in the Gathering Space describing the prizes.

**FAMILY CORNER**

Our congratulations to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this week:



Larry Batterson & Michele Aukerman	Apr 14
Patrick & Renee Messina	Apr 16
John & Crystal Switalski	Apr 16
Chris & Rhonda Charney	Apr 18
Paul & Melissa Sherbondy	Apr 18
Christopher & Allison Yingling	Apr 18
Charles & Linda Maggi	Apr 19
Steven & Karianne Smith	Apr 20

**COMMUNION AND VISITS OUTSIDE MASS**

If you know anyone in the hospital, an assisted care facility, or a nursing home who is not receiving Communion but would like to receive, please notify the church office at 814-238-2110. Arrangements can be made with the Homebound Committee for Communion or for a visit. Remember, HIPPA laws and facility policies hinder them in contacting the parish office. Notification and request is best made to the church office by a family member or a friend.





## **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS AND DONUT PICKUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Hospitality Ministers greet Mass attendees, facilitate the Presentation of the Gifts, serve refreshments after the Sunday Masses, and assist the congregation with miscellaneous needs such as seating, logistics, and rest-room location. The goal of the ministry is to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere that facilitates both worship and fellowship. This ministry is a wonderful way to involve children in an important dimension of parish life, and you do not have to be Catholic to be a

Hospitality Minister. All Masses are in need of additional volunteers, and you do not have to perform all duties to be a part of the ministry. We are happy to provide opportunities within your comfort zone, so introverts are most welcome! Rest assured that there is plenty to do behind the scenes.

The Hospitality Ministry is also trying to assemble a group of volunteers that are willing to pick up donuts from the North Atherton Giant on either Saturday afternoon, or before 8:30 Mass on Sunday. You do not have to be a Hospitality Minister to support this endeavor.

If you would like more information about being a Hospitality Minister, or a donut pickup volunteer, please contact Vince Bojan at 814-380-4619, or vjb2@psu.edu.

## **MOE'S POPUP FUNDRAISER**

How about a night off from cooking dinner while supporting Good Shepherd? Attention friends, family, neighbors, and local Queso lovers! We are hosting a Moe's Popup Fundraiser on Thursday, May 2nd, for Church of the Good Shepherd. Purchase Take-Home Family Taco Kits which are ready to eat when you get home, making your night easier! **Plus for every kit sold, 25% will be donated to Church of the Good Shepherd...that's \$10.75 per kit!!!**

The Meal Kits feed 4-6, come with all the fixings to make up to 12 tacos, and are \$43.00(+tax). Choose from chicken, ground beef, ½ chicken and ½ ground beef, or vegetarian. Check out the photo for all that is included! This is a fun, and convenient way to have dinner ready to pick up while supporting our parish. Take a much-deserved night off from cooking, order your family a night of tacos. Show your support!

### **How to Order:**

1. **Please place your order by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st.**
2. Fill out this form to submit your order (copy and paste into your Web Browser): <https://form.jotform.com/223207315419147>
3. Pick up will be at Moe's Southwest Grill, 211 Patriot Ln, State College, PA 16803 between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2nd.
4. Can't make it? Order a KIT CREDIT, Church of the Good Shepherd will receive the \$10.75, and you can grab your kit where and when it works best for you!

# Faith Formation News

## UPCOMING Faith Formation Schedule:

Elementary Classes ~ April 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> (LAST CLASS)

Middle School Classes ~ April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup> (LAST CLASS)

High School Classes ~ April 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 12<sup>th</sup> (LAST CLASS for 9<sup>th</sup>  
& 10<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY)

**ALL CLASS MASS: SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 10:30 AM**  
**\* OUR LAST FF MASS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR \***



**FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT:** April 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL:** April 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.


**FIRST COMMUNION LITURGY:** April 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

## Rite of Sending Liturgy for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Confirmation Candidates:** April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Mass. (10<sup>th</sup> Grade will host Reception for parishioners in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.) ***This is the last session for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade.***



 **Confirmation** at Our Lady of Victory May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**LAMBS' LITURGY - UPCOMING DATES ARE:**  
**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, AND MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 10:30 A.M. MASS**





**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 17th thru**  
**June 21st, 2024**  
 at  
**Good Shepherd Catholic Church**  
**867 Grays Woods Blvd.**  
**Port Matilda**

For children Pre-K to 5th grade  
 (in the fall) -  
 Children of ALL Faiths Welcome!  
 Registration forms can be found in the Gathering  
 Space at Good Shepherd or on the Good Shepherd  
 Catholic Church website  
[www.goodshepherd-sc.org](http://www.goodshepherd-sc.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
 We are in need of both ADULT and  
 TEEN (9th-12th grade) volunteers for the week.  
 Volunteer forms can be found in the gathering space or online. Contact  
 the office at 814-238-2110 for more information.

**VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

## **Diocesan Events**

**JOB OPENING** - The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Priest Care Coordinator to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of St. Leonard's Retirement Home while managing day -to-day operations. To view a full listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may also be sent to [Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).

**BUS TRIP TO FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, WASHINGTON, DC** - Spend a beautiful spring day with the Franciscan Friars, TOR at Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>! The trip will include Mass, tours of the upper and lower church, and beautiful outdoor garden. Part of the tour includes replicas of the Holy Lands that are throughout the campus. The cost is \$120 and includes lunch, dinner, a donation to the DC Monastery and all tips. The bus departs from St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 AM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM. For questions or to register, call 814-695-3802 or Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Registration deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>!

**HEALING MASS** – Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 p.m. and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

# Councils

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# General Information

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday  
Office Phone: (814) 238-2110 -- Office of Faith Formation: (814) 238-0649

## **Visits to the Sick and Homebound:**

If you, your family member or a friend who is a parishioner of Good Shepherd Church is admitted to Mount Nittany Medical Center and wishes to be visited by Father Jozef or Deacon Jack and receive the Sacrament of the Anointing, Reconciliation, or Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office to let us know. Due to personal privacy laws the hospital does not contact us.

Those who are homebound and would like to receive communion at home should also call the Parish Office. Social visits, either at the hospital or in your home, can also be arranged through our Visitation Committee.

## **Baptism:**

Parents may prepare for the baptism of their new baby before he or she is born by attending our Baptism Preparation Session. For more information or to register for this program, please call the Parish Office.

## **Reconciliation:**

Confessions are scheduled on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel or by appointment.

## **Marriage:**

Call the Parish Office at least 9 months in advance of your scheduled wedding date.

## **Funerals:**

The parish is here to support the family in a time of loss. Please call the Parish Office.

## **Papal Blessings:**

Fr. Jozef will present a Papal Blessing to those celebrating a special wedding anniversary or birthday. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## **Bulletin:**

Bulletin articles are due in the Parish Office by Thursday at noon, unless otherwise noted. Most articles may run for up to three consecutive weeks. Inserts are limited.

## **Moving or changing your phone number or e-mail?**

Please remember to inform the Parish Office of the changes to your contact information.

## **Parish Registration:**

We would like to meet you! You may drop by or call the Parish Office to begin the registration process. Even if your stay in State College will be relatively short, you should register as a member of one of the two local parishes or with the Penn State Catholic Center. Parish membership has a special importance for Baptism and Marriage.

## **Hearing Impaired?**

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