

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus, the Good Shepherd Sent By the Father

The image of the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's favorite depiction of Jesus. It shows his great love, care, and concern as he constantly leads us, his flock to "green pastures." His commitment to us knows no limits: "I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Father loves Jesus because Jesus freely chooses to die to make the Father's knowledge and love for the people known to them. To let oneself be guided by "the Good Shepherd" is to love him, and with him and like him, to love the Father.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 28
4:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Maria & Joseph Kalina Family
Sunday, April 29
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the K.J.Z.T. St. Anne's Society #4

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8



ST. ANNE'S K.J.Z.T. #4 MEETING TODAY, April 22 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$7,761.00
Contributions So Far \$ 565.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 7,196.00

We thank the following for kicking off the 2018 DSA contributions:

*Pat Masek
Melvin Hutzler
Jenelle & Daniel Cerny
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar
Tracie Holub & James Pfeil*

Do please consider making a donation.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*In Memory of Annie Bartos - \$20
In Memory of Mary Greive - \$20
Geraldyn & Charles Klimitchek, Hallettsville, TX*

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ORIENTATION

Good Shepherd Sunday



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognize and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them. When all the clamor of false voices and seductive distractions threaten to overwhelm, we have only to listen carefully to be led to do the work of the Father.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 13

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the collection or mail May 8.



Church Tours

According to the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce 1,946 people toured the Church on registered tours between January to March 2018.

We welcome all those attending the Praha School Reunion to Mass today.

Welcome home to Maticka Praha!

REFLECTION

“I Am The Good Shepherd”

On this Sunday, traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the readings offer us a magnificent meditation on salvation. The description of Jesus as shepherd falls into two distant yet related sections, each introduced by the self-proclamation “I am the Good Shepherd”.

The first section depicts Jesus as a conscientious shepherd who is willing to protect his flock even to the point of risking his own life for them.

The second section shows Jesus, the shepherd as intimately related to God. Jesus states that he has a mutual, intimate relationship with his sheep. He goes on to say that this relationship is based on the mutual, intimate relationship that he has with God. Jesus is willing to care for and die for other sheep, who though they are not yet included in his flock, are also his. Jesus is saying that there are other sheep that will recognize him and will then be brought into his flock. In the end there will be one flock and one shepherd. This shepherd continues his work in the world, calling those lost to come together to form one flock led by one pastor, in whose presence they can find rest and life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 23 – Brian Noska
April 24 – Randy Barta
– Jack Jameyson
April 27 – James E. Kubecka
April 28 – Andrew Velasquez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



April 22 – Kathleen & Martin Svatek

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies



The multinational **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event, coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, is scheduled for May 4 - 6, 2018. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. *We encourage all parishioners to pray the rosary for this event.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Home Missions. *Be generous.*

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY MAY 6

The Praha Altar Society is sponsoring a breakfast on May 6th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Reconciliation – A Good Sheering

Sheep are pictured as cute, clean little lambs – an adorable pet. In reality, sheep are not very bright and they need a lot of care including someone to guide them, shear them, care for hoofs, and dock their tails. Instinctively, sheep will follow each other and try to stay together. If they are separated, they will work desperately to return to the flock. When we hear the parable of the lost sheep, it may not dawn on us that the lone sheep may have been trying to find his way back to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. There is a picture that floats around on the internet of “Shrek the Sheep” who was lost in the rocks and crags for over six years. He was almost unrecognizable, and could barely see, because he was so overgrown. When sheered, his wool weighed sixty pounds compared to the average ten. *It is a powerful metaphor for what happens when we become estranged from God for a long time, and burdened with our sins. Reconciliation serves as a good sheering.*



VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Safe Travels
For Gladys Cormier
For Peace & Love In Family
For Family Return To The Faith
For Allison Albertson – Breast Cancer
Pray For The Souls & Henry & Lillie Dornak
For Recovery & Mental Health For Marissa
For Healing of Cancer – My Neighbor Jennifer H.
For My 3 Children: Carlos, Vanessa & Monica V.
For Healing From A Work Injury, Financial Help
To Help Us Get Our Green Card to Citizenship Process Completed
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued