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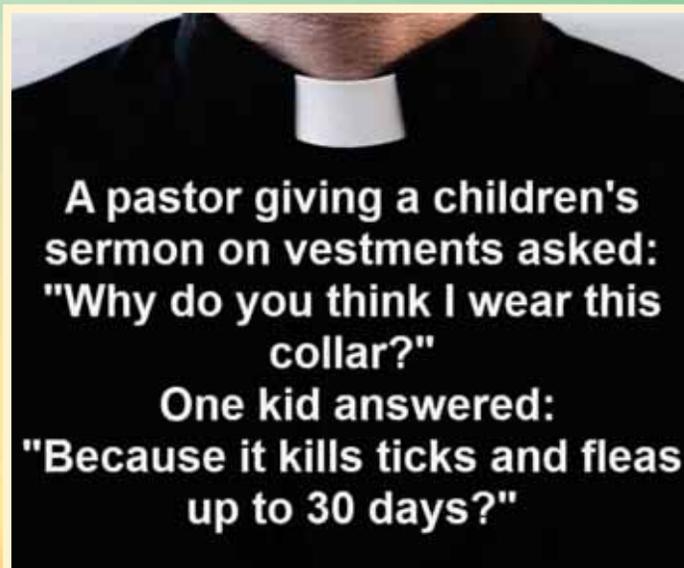


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CHECK:  New Registration  Change of Address  Moving out of Parish  Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.

*Blessed Easter to you all!*

**EASTER SUNDAY  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, APRIL 5th**  
8:30 AM – James Carlos  
c/o Frank Langosh  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 6th**  
8:30 AM – Jane Lindstedt  
c/o Virginia Kocis

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th**  
7:00 PM – Nancy Hoban  
c/o Husband, Tom

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8th**  
7:00 PM – Shirley Lange  
c/o Ethel Foltz

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9th**  
8:30 AM – Peggy Van Ouse  
c/o Good Shepherd Friends

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10th**  
6:00 PM – Geraldine Lewis  
c/o Don Lewis

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11th**  
9:00 AM – Mary Aleksa  
c/o Irene Biecek & Ed Robich

11:30 AM – For Our Parishioners

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4/10 6:00 pm Maryn Hosick  
4/11 9:00 am Rylee Adams  
11:30 am Brady Puskar

**E. MINISTERS**

Michael Drda  
Frank Langosh  
Mike Bartolo  
Tom Hubert  
DJ Puskar

**LECTOR #1**

4/10 6:00 pm James Sobey  
4/11 9:00 am Megan Durda  
11:30 am Erin Borowicz

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

4/10 6:00 pm Paul Bauer/Kathy Bauer  
Jody Drda/Volunteer  
4/11 9:00 am Bob Devlin/Ed Grober  
Patti Chupak/Amy Hubert  
11:30 am Volunteer/Patrick Chovan  
Volunteer/Volunteer

**MARY GARDEN BRICK ORDERS**

Are being taken by the Altar Rosary Society. Order forms are available in the office or are in the church on the usher stands. Please call Joyce Blanke at 330-448-2426 or the church office at 724-528-3539, option 5 for questions and to place an order. **DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER IS APRIL 7, 2021.**

**WELCOME** We extend a warm welcome to recently registered new parishioner: Marcie Mondoc of Hermitage. Please welcome her and make her feel at home in our parish.



**APRIL 4, 2021  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/April 4, 2021**

**Sunday, April 4th**  
NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES TODAY!  
**Monday April 5th**  
*Church Office, Religious Ed Office & Rectory are Closed Today.*

**Wednesday, April 7th**  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Zoom Meeting – I Heard God Laugh

**Friday, April 8th**  
Adoration after 8:30 am Mass  
12:00 pm - Benediction

**COLLECTION – 3/28/21**

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529  
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 3,948.25  
Children’s Offertory.....\$ 0.00  
Loose Offertory.....\$ 153.00  
# of Envelopes Used.....147  
Attendance at Mass.....274

**CSA PLEDGE INFORMATION**

# of pledges.....204  
Amount Pledged.....\$72,275.00

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND  
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS  
CLASS SCHEDULE**

**April 4th (Easter) – No Class**  
**April 11th – Grades 1-11 Class (In Person)**  
**Teen Shepherds** wish to thank all who donated items to the John XXIII collection. The items were delivered during Holy Week.

**EASTER TABLE PRAYER**

Creator God and Lord of Life,  
You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and Glorious resurrection of the dead.

*Pause for silent reflection to remember those who have died.*

May they and we because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy.

May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name.  
Amen.

*-Edward Hays, “Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home”*

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

**An Easter Sunday / March Madness anecdote:** John Thompson transformed Georgetown’s men’s basketball team into a national powerhouse. In his 27 years at Georgetown, he expanded opportunities for players of color and, in the process, his Hoya squads shattered racial barriers. Thompson put his players first – even before the game itself. He kept in his office a deflated basketball and near it his motto for student athletes: *“Don’t let 8 pounds of air be the sum total of your existence.”*

**“The women said to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.”** Resurrection is not just an Easter phenomenon. Every life is a series of crosses and stumbles, of trials and condemnations, of hope and despair, of deaths and resurrections. Many are a matter of simply growing up – but some are traumatic encounters with loss or illness or violence.

I read part of a new book Under our Roof: A Son’s Battle for Recovery, A Mother’s Battle for Her Son; one family’s story of dealing with their son’s opioid addiction. The son, Harry Cunnane, and his mom, U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean of our own state of Pennsylvania take turns narrating their story.

Madeleine knew Harry was struggling as far back as high school but didn’t know the cause. She noticed Harry’s lack of energy, his loss of friendships and the drastic change in his personality. Meanwhile, Harry struggled with the fear and shame that surrounds addiction. Finally, it all came crashing down and the truth came out. And so began their family’s ten-year journey from Good Friday addiction to Easter sobriety.

Many families will recognize their own experience in Madeleine and Harry’s story, especially the roller coaster of emotions: hope and denial, sentimentality and exasperation, anger and fear, manipulation and empathy. Though some scenes are hard to read, Under Our Roof maintains a compelling head of steam and is, in the end, uplifting. Mother and son discuss the patterns of a family dealing with an unspoken disease, the fear that keeps addicts hiding in shame, as well as the moments of honesty, faith and personal insight that led to Harry’s recovery.

Madeleine recalls Harry’s first days in rehab. There was a family meeting at the rehab facility at which they were to write on a whiteboard their fears for Harry. Harry’s brothers and parents wrote their list: relapse, arrests, stealing, flunking out of school, fighting, never having a job. Madeleine then wrote one last word on the top of the list: death.

“That was the truth,” Madeleine wrote. “Deep down, I was afraid that Harry was going to die. I cannot tell you how hard it was to write that word... as hard as it was for all of us, it was powerful knowing that we were in it together. We started as a family spinning outward with differing perspectives. Now, here we were, through Harry, being pulled back together. For the first time we were seeing clearly, understanding the truth.”

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Now sober, Harry serves as a resource director for the same treatment center where he originally sought help for his own addiction. He also volunteers at jails and rehab centers in and around Philadelphia to help others. He writes of the moment he realized he was going to make it:

“A miracle was keeping me clean. A miracle had brought my mom and me back together. A miracle of my own making – aided by my faith, the grace of my family, my friends, my treatment, and the belief that something better had been waiting for me on the other side.”

Easter begins in the darkness of the night, in the seeming finality of earth, in the hopelessness of ashes – but Easter is the stubborn hope of a God who recreates us and our world until his dream of a humanity bound in his love is realized. In and through Christ’s resurrection, he enables us to bring into our own lives all that he taught and revealed. Today is the conviction that love, compassion and empathy can overcome hatred, despair and death, just as Harry and Madeleine and their family discover, even in their brutal battle with addiction, the Easter miracle can erupt once again.

For almost a year we have watched our “normal” lives move almost inexorably toward covid-related illness and deaths. The limitations, the postponed weddings, graduations, First Communion, spring concerts, burials without embraces or gatherings became the “Stations of the Cross” for us, leaving us in a sort of twilight existence. Even returning to church we couldn’t feel whole again – just look at all the blue tape! But it’s getting better, thank God.

Selfless, skilled, generous scientists and health care workers led our journey through darkness into the light that came with the well-founded hope of a successful vaccine. Though not out of the woods yet, we can see clearings ahead and a parallel with the Pascal Mystery of dying and rising. We celebrate all things are possible with Christ and that the dawn of Easter will be the hope we hold out for our whole world.

Blessed Easter to us all, Fr. Glenn

**THANK YOU** Despite our pandemic-related fears, platoons of volunteers over these several weeks of Lent and Easter have made so much possible here at the parish. Letter and bulletin stuffers, liturgy committee members, cantors and musicians, lectors and servers and greeters and Eucharistic Ministers, the parish staff who have in their various job descriptions the phrase: *“and various duties as assigned”*, our religious education teachers and aides, palm strippers, vigil lamp holder washers and the pew sanitizers, to name just a few. It couldn’t have happened without you!

**THANK YOU FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** To all volunteers and donors for the “Best Results Ever” for the blood drive held on March 23rd. The Red Cross collected 29 total units and the potential number of lives saved is 71. Mark your calendars for the next blood drive to be held on **June 23, 2021**.

**THANK YOU** to Dave & Judy Pringle for their donation to our parish religious education program in Memory of Anna Mae Oliver. Their thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.