

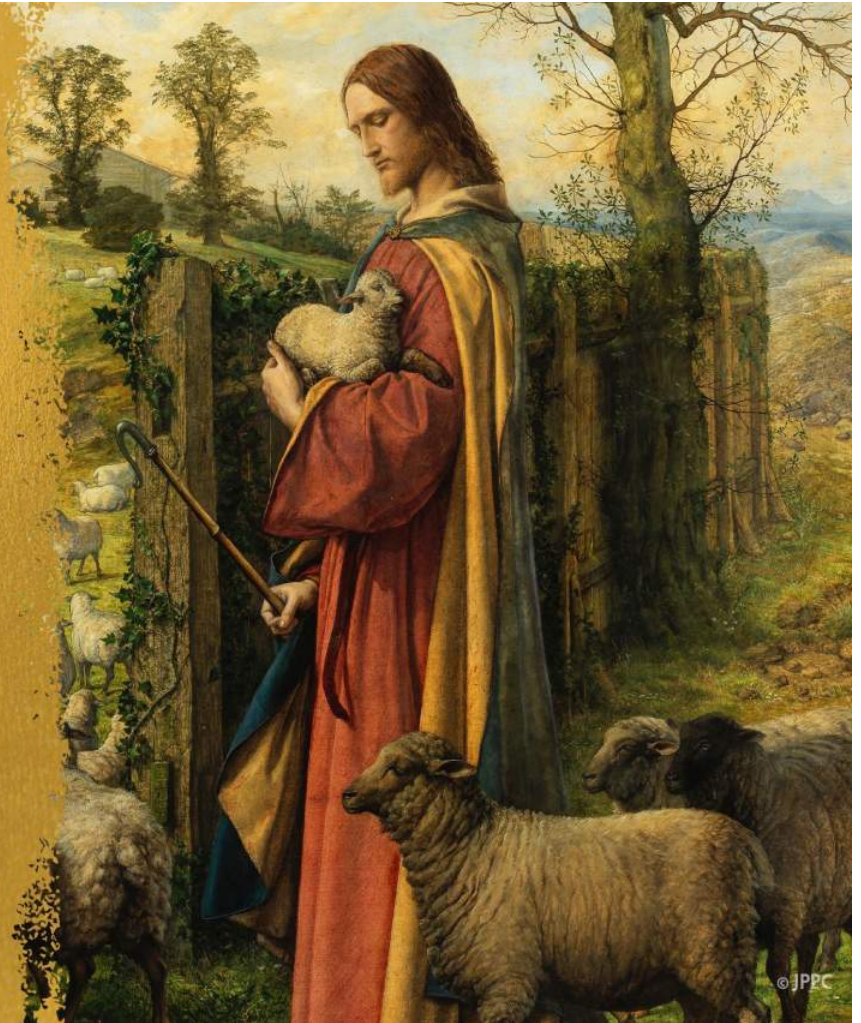
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JOHN 10:10



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Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

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Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am

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7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*For the Lord your God blesses you.
 ...DEUTERONOMY 15:6*

Congratulations to the sons and daughters of the following families who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:15 am Mass this Sunday, April 26th.

The Christopher Falcone Family

The Fiske Family

The Victor Kalivas Family

The Mazzerle Family

The Resendiz Family

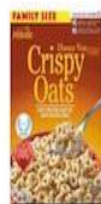
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All are welcome to join our Companions Group on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:15 Mass.

Sister Francis Helen



FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

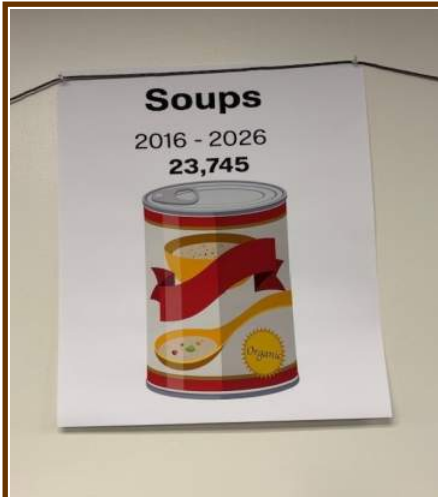
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Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Sacred Heart's Caring for Friends 10th Anniversary. A good time was had by all!

If you are not familiar with this wonderful ministry and are looking to give back to our less fortunate neighbors and meet fellow parishioners, I invite you to join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. In May we will be meeting on Wednesday, May 13th.

All you need to do is make a pot of your favorite homemade soup, a hearty batch of chili, some mac and cheese or your favorite "comfort food" that can be scooped into a 16oz container. It needs to be able to be frozen so extra sauce or broth should be brought!



For more information contact Lisa Pagnotti – 610-639-7704.



Mother's Day: A Day of Roses and Baby Bottles

Mother's Day celebrates the gift of life. Without the gift of motherhood, we simply would not exist. While Mother's Day is a time for us to celebrate the love of the women who gave birth, nurtured, and loved us, it is also an opportunity for us to support mothers in need.

On Mother's Day, after all the Masses, the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell long stemmed roses to help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home. Additionally, we will make available baby bottles which are supplied by the Pro-Life union. We would ask each family to take a bottle home and fill it with change and bills and then return it to church. The proceeds from the bottles will also help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home.

For more information about the Guiding Star Maternity Home please visit their website:
<https://www.guidingstar.org>



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SUNDAY, JUNE 7 2026

Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

4:00pm Alzbeta Evan

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Eleanor & Junior

Sunday, April 26

8:00am Pelagia Babicz

Requested by Son & Daughter

10:15am Steve & Laura Barainyak

Requested by The Family

Monday, April 27

8:00am Michael Lattanze

Requested by Brother, John & Family

Tuesday, April 28

8:00am Leslie Zadroga

Requested by Her Parents & Family

Wednesday, April 29

8:00am Pat Gutkowski

Requested by Cathy Middleton

Thursday, April 30

**8:00am For the Deceased Members of the
Prinzivalli & Niles Families**

Requested by The Family

Friday, May 1

8:00am Placida DiGenova

Requested by The Marano Family

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm Anna Rosa Cilli

Requested by Maria & Andrew Johnston

Sunday, May 3

8:00am Betty Shannon

*Requested by Patrick & Donna McCloskey
& Family*

10:15am Joseph "Joey" Battisto, Jr.

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 2:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister:

Lector:

Sunday morning, May 3:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister:

Lector:

10:15am

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister:

Lector:



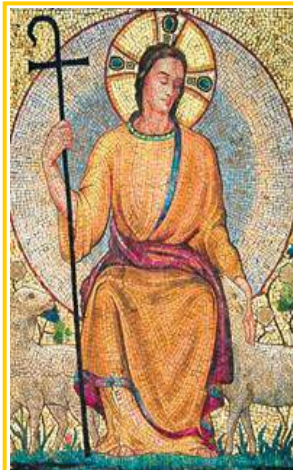
Weekly Report

April 18 - 19, 2026

\$6,405.68

***We are still processing Easter collection and
will report soon.***

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to

the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

**ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

Martha Smoczylo

*Who was called from this life on
April 20, 2026*

*"May Her soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*



*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our
Country, especially...*

John F. K. Benedict (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (LCpl, U.S.M.C), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (Sergeant, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jack Razin** (1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Luke Razin** (Captain, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.

SAVE THE DATE

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
CELEBRATION DINNER**

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

Welcome reception begins at 4:30 pm

Adults: \$50 per person

Children (under 12): \$20 per person

Ticket Sales Start on

May 16 through June 7

after all weekend Masses

and at the Rectory during regular office hours

WELCOME RECEPTION: Assorted cheese, bruschetta, & hot apps.

DINNER: House salad w/assorted dressings, Panna Ala Vodka

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Scan for registration details or visit:
HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis



Questions?
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**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations**

Sunday, April 26



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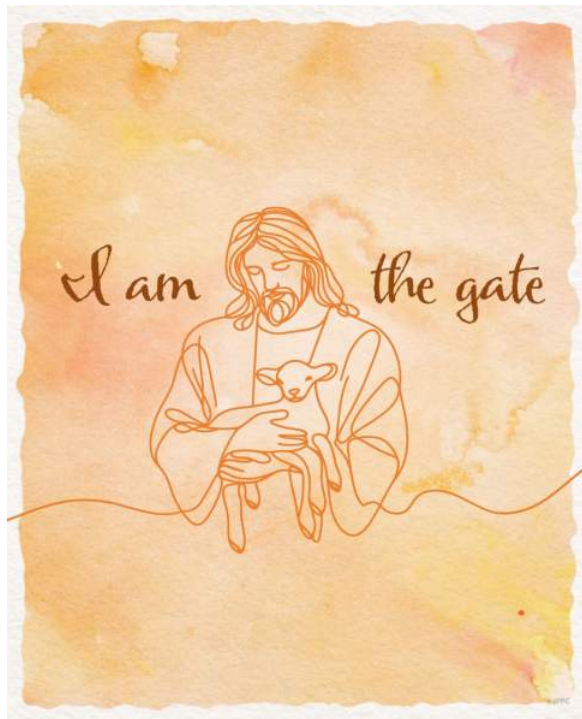
for those discerning their vocation,
especially to the priesthood.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



I saw a touching gesture Pope Leo made back on the Feast Day of St. Agnes January 21. He was finishing the blessing of the lambs whose wool would be used to make the pallia (band of wool worn over the vestments of metropolitan archbishops to show their connection to the pope)

The little animals were nestled in baskets festooned with colorful flowers. The pope reached down and gently patted the heads of the little baby animals as they made their bleating noises.

We urban and suburban types do not think of lambs or sheep very much. But the bible does because it comes to us from a simpler time and place. The

little we do know about sheep usually describes them as gentle creatures, not given too much display. Responsive to their shepherd in every way.

That is not a generally welcome description of one of us. We prefer to be known as wildly independent, generally sharp-eyed and keenly aware of our position. So, there is a hesitation to accept the command from the Lord to be like sheep before their Shepherd. Are we not better understood as soldiers, or disciples, or missionaries? Perhaps. But there is a dimension to a sheep's behavior that underscores the beautiful virtue of docility. It cuts through any of our outward bravado before the challenges of life in this world that makes us think we're in charge and not God.

This docility, better understood perhaps as willingness or amenability, is a quality we can all strive to develop as followers of Christ and members of His Church.

The same is true when we consider our individual calling, or vocation in life. Today the Church asks us all to pray for vocations to be given to our Church, especially those of the priesthood and the consecrated life. There certainly is a need, and we have a role in fulfilling it. We know that Jesus cares. He will not leave the Church bereft. But we must do our part to pray to Him for the vacations needed. We also need to encourage any young person who expresses an interest in priesthood or religious life. Sheep will always need a shepherd. No AI substitute please.

Sometimes our best efforts fail, and we must accept that and try another. Eight-year-old Billy often said he wanted to be a priest, but he was not very energetic in performing chores about the house. In truth, he was somewhat lazy in his way. One day mom asked him to carry out the garbage. Billy gave his usual protest; "Mom, I'm tired."

Mom gave him a little lecture: "Billy you can't be a priest if you are lazy. Priests must work hard." "I know, I know," replied Billy, "that's why I'm resting now."

God love you and pray for vocations to the priesthood a consecrated life.

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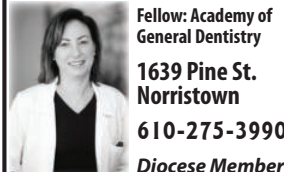
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