

## Sunday, April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

**John 10:1-10**

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that “Whoever enters through me will be safe.”

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 25

8:30am Philomena Viola r/b Carmen Anduze-Perez  
5:00pm Donald K. Bogema r/b daughter, Barbara

#### Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Mary Hess r/b Fran and Joanne West  
Curt Giblen r/b Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gallagher  
Francis Iacovone r/b Bernie Sadone and Carol Wittig  
Maria A. Martin r/b Anthony Martin  
For the Intentions of Yvette Verticelli r/b Family  
9:30am For the Intentions of the members  
of St. Vincent de Paul Society on Ozanam Sunday  
11:30am Robert Rogers r/b Virginia Rogers

#### Monday, April 27

7:00am Vincent F. Byrnes, Jr.  
r/b The McGowan Family  
8:30am Bernice and Frank McKenna  
r/b Ed and Pat Hughes

#### Tuesday, April 28 – St. Anselm

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:30am John D. Rastelli, Jr. r/b Rastelli Family

#### Wednesday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

7:00am Carmella Rossi r/b Melody Laranjeira  
8:30am Ralph, Connie and Joseph Aversa  
r/b Anthony and Catherine Silenzio

#### Thursday, April 30 – St. George

7:00am Anthony Maniscalco  
r/b Steven and Francesca Dougherty  
8:30pm Robert and Joan Wnek r/b Taylor Family

#### Friday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

7:00am Hans Borov r/b Bob and Rose Slagan  
8:30am Brendan Courey r/b Joseph Little

#### Saturday, May 2 – St. Athanasius

8:30am Barbara A. Gaffney  
r/b Robert and MaryJo Flem  
5:00pm James Z. Dogherty, Jr.  
r/b Fran Wilgus and Family

#### Sunday, May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am John and Craig Forsman r/b wife and mother  
9:30am Bronislaw, Maria and Witold Korona  
r/b Richard and Anna Sweeney  
11:30am Anna Marie Bonder r/b a friend  
John Quigley (56<sup>th</sup> anniversary) r/b wife, Rose  
Florence Wesolowski r/b Cathy Cacciola  
Thomas Hatzis r/b Michele and Dominic Rucci  
Albert Karwowski r/b Brian and Melissa Arnold

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### Readings for the Week

Monday, April 27	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday, April 28	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 29	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday, April 30	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday, May 1	Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, May 2	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

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### Prayer for Religious Vocations

**Priest:** Let us pray for vocations.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

### **First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### **Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **Gospel – John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

**Nicene Creed** – I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**To everything there is a season and a time  
for every purpose under heaven.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

**“...a time to be born...”**

Brynleigh Jeanne Fullam, Haven Rayne Pitone,  
Kieran Mark and Ryan Dillon McHugh

**“...a time to welcome...”**

Vincent Pannone, Shiflett Family

**“...a time to be married...”**

**...a time to be healed...”**

Ann Marie Agar, Sam Amadio, Bernadette Andrews,  
George Austin, Verna Bisconte, Rita Bruno, Carla  
Carelli, Colleen, Lynn Collins, Krista Collings, Bob  
Cooper, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D’Alessio, Robert  
Deegan, Michael DiBernardo, Susan DiCicco, Alberta  
DiFabio, Barbara & Stephen DiTullio, Michael  
Donahue, Rich Donofrio, Rose Dougherty, Ellie & Les  
Edwards, Jack Ewen, Thomas Fenerty, Francis Ferry,  
Agnes Flood, David Freundlich, Marylou and Terry  
Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore,  
Margaret Giordano, Patricia Griggs, Michael Groody,  
Donovan & John Gura, John & Joseph Hart, Kathy  
Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, George Ivan, Jason,  
Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-  
Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly,  
Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Patricia Manning,  
Anthony and Biago Marciante, Michelle Marhefka,  
Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Maryellen  
McAteer, Dorothy McKeever, Barbara & Ira  
McManus, Christina McNasby, Jack & Tim McSorley,  
Hannah McStay, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank  
Nowak, Dot O’Leary Stronski, Nicole P., William  
Pappernek, Sylvia Penamante, Lee Peters, Giovanni  
Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Barbara  
Ragonese, Janet Rainier, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly,  
George Rein, Angie & Pete Richman, Patti Roberts,  
Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Jason Russell, Denise Sacco,  
Marguerite Sadler, Caterina & Santi Saya, Loretta  
Scardino, Mark Serock, Linda Sesko, Nicholas Simeo,  
Sr., Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Chris  
Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Janie Talemal, Jason  
Tallarida, Ernie Tolentino, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou  
Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, William Walsh, Justin  
Weaver, John Werner, Nancy Taylor-Williams,  
Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods,  
Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria  
Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco  
Zarzycki, Jacqueline Zellner, their caregivers, all  
others in need of our prayers.

**“...a time to die...”**

Frances Abbott  
Joyce Drechen  
Catherine Nahas

## STEWARDS REPENT

*“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized,  
every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’”*

-Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires stewardship, prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

### Stewardship Report

April 14 through April 20: \$20,454.64

Easter Collection - \$51,884.00

### FORGOT YOUR ENVELOPES?

If you forgot your envelopes, are new to the parish or are visiting the parish and would like to make a donation. You can do so here. Be sure to select one-time gift – as recurring is default.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

#### When the Crisis Never Ends

Many people face a tough time every day of their lives. Whether they are caring for a sick family member, going through a long period of unemployment, or experiencing incurable pain, they may benefit from the support and care of a Stephen Minister. Our congregation is committed to providing care to those who need it. Please call 856-468-5536 to request a Stephen Minister or to talk to a Stephen Leader.



## BANNS OF ORDINATION

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain **Mr. Nickolas B. Naticchione** to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on:

Saturday, the 16th day of May, 2026 at  
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
642 Market Street  
Camden, New Jersey

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for this man and for the young men of our diocese who are being called by God to service in the Church. At the same time the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Mary Immaculate, patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We pray for all in our armed forces, especially:

Andrew Archer, Greg Giordano, Dane Kozlosky, James Tingle, Johnny McGowan, Vincent McManus, Vincent W. Abruzzese, John Robinson, Sean Owens, Matthew Cottrell, David Nahas, Colin Wexler, Liam Wahl, Ty Thuston, Brian Guzzetti, Leonard Puggi, Daniel Golden, Brett Govern, Ryan Lisle, Devin Kozlosky, Cory Carpenter, Christopher Hansen, Luke Wordelmann, Ryan Gilroy, Tyler L. Novak, Danielle Davis, Jesse Nester, Adam Stetser, Joseph Vaccarella, Matthew Murphy, Sara Huber, Robert Coughlan

## THIS WEEK IS FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Adoration will be this Friday, May 1 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in church. All are welcome.

## AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG

Fr. Rapposelli will host an evening of reflection at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28. Come to the church for a time of quiet prayer and deep encounter with our Lord.

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## DIVINE DELI

Join us on Sunday, April 26 to make sandwiches for the poor and the homeless of Camden.

Fun for all ages at our Divine Deli:

- \* Sandwich Prep
- \* Packaging & Labeling
- \* Bag and Place-mat Décor & Note Writing

We have also added slots for providing snacks, fresh fruit, and cases of bottled water, since these are also vitally needed to feed the hungry.

## MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

The Health Ministry is conducting an educational program to address issues concerning mental health awareness. Licensed social worker Marijayne Henry will be providing information regarding the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression, treatment options, and coping strategies that may help in dealing with symptoms. The program will be held on April 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Fr. Salerno room. If you or someone you know is struggling, this educational session could help. Contact Kathy Hazzard at [healthministry@incarnation-church.org](mailto:healthministry@incarnation-church.org) by April 24 if you are interested in attending. If the Health Ministry can ever be of assistance, please contact the parish office at 856-468-1314.

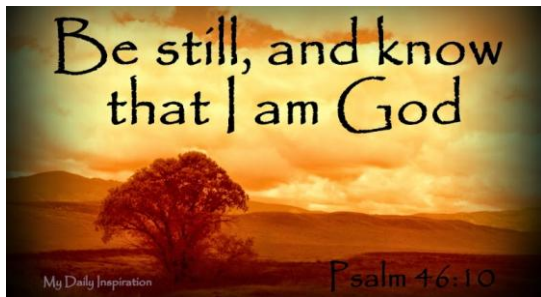
## SUMMER PREP TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you want to help pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation? We are seeking catechists to teach PREP classes this summer. There are three sessions available: June 22-26; July 6-10; and July 20-24. All classes are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No experience necessary! To volunteer, call Abbie at the PREP Office: 856-468-1314.

## CHURCH TOUR

Have you ever wondered why we use certain colors, objects and symbols at church? Deacon Peter will give a walking tour of the church sanctuary at 7 p.m. on May 6. You've never seen God's house like this before! Explore all the nooks and crannies and discover the deep symbolism and meaning of its design. Find all the hidden gems of our Church and learn about the sacred items and vestments we use in the Holy Mass. Bring the whole family!

Visit us at [www.incarnation-church.org](http://www.incarnation-church.org)



### THE MASS EXPLAINED

Have you sat in church for years, quietly unsure of what was happening or why it mattered? Maybe you are exploring the Catholic faith for the first time or beginning to share it with your children. Fr. Steve will offer TWO opportunities to experience a teaching Mass:

- Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Learn what each part of the Mass is about, why we say the prayers we say, what the gestures and colors mean, and much more. This whole-parish event is open to anyone who wants to get more out of Mass each weekend.

### NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY AT SIX FLAGS

On May 17, Catholic families, youth and young adults are invited for a day of faith and fun at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson. The NJ Catholic Youth Rally begins with early entry at 9 a.m. for the opening presentation at the Showcase Arena; the park and rides open at 10:30 a.m. Admission includes a meal voucher that can be used anytime throughout the day. Doors will open at the Batman Stunt Arena at 5:15 p.m. in preparation for the closing liturgy at 6 p.m.

Registration is \$70 per person, which includes admission to the park, mega meal food voucher, and free parking passes upon request. Six Flags season pass holders can enter the park without purchasing anything additional; however, meal vouchers are available for purchase. Full details and registration are available at [dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/njcyr).

### LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our Scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of John 10:1-10. In this passage we read about Jesus identifying Himself as the “Sheep Gate” for the flock. One of the first things to note is how strongly Jesus stresses that being a member of His flock (the Church) is defined first and foremost by our relationship with Him. Thus, the Church is not primarily a social community of people who enter into a free association with one another; rather, the Church is a community of people whom the Lord has called by name and who have passed through Jesus as the Sheep Gate. Sometimes we can tend to understand our membership in the Church more on a social level and a spiritual level. The Church is first and foremost a community formed by the Lord and composed of those whom He has made His own. It is interesting to note that the doors of a church building are actually a symbol of Jesus as the “Sheep Gate” through which we (the flock) pass so as to enter into the sheepfold. This understanding of what it means to be Church has implication for the way we act towards one another. It means that we accept and relate to one another, not out of our personal affections or common interests, but because we share the same foundational connection to Jesus who has called us. Sometimes we may not even like some of the people Jesus has called into the flock, but the same mercy of God that calls us also calls them. It’s not up to us as the flock to decide whom the Lord calls. It is the responsibility of the flock to welcome and accept all whom the Good Shepherd places in our midst.

**Think about it:** How can I imitate the hospitality and acceptance of Jesus towards those we do not know so as to welcome them more effectively?

### THE PARISH COOKBOOK HAS ARRIVED!

Our new parish cookbook is complete and ready to go home with you! “**Incarnation Blessings**” is now available at the parish office. Price is \$20.00 per copy. Stay tuned for a cookbook celebration event with recipe tastings and book signing to come! Thanks to all who contributed their favorite dishes and memories to this special heirloom.

### CHEERS – IT’S BINGO TIME!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. Blessed Katharine Drexel #2327 are hosting a Bingo night at 7 p.m. May 15 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, to benefit the charitable work in our churches and in the community. Admission is \$40.00 per person and includes 12 games, a dabber and door prizes. Win Bingo and bring home an amazing basket of cheer! Enter to win more prizes with a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. Must be 21 or older. BYO food and drinks.

Advance ticket purchase required – call Christine at 856-275-1024 or Rita Hale at 856-693-2932.