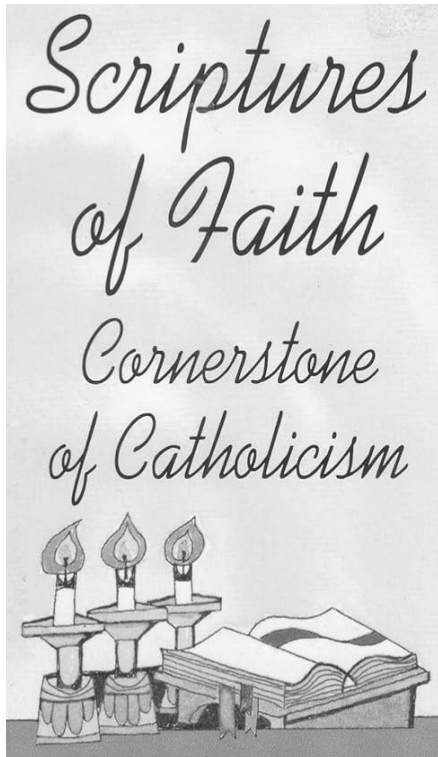




- **Daily Mass** every **Thursday** at **9:30am** (**Rosary @ 9:10**)
- **Bible study** in the parish hall **Thursdays 10:15 -11:30**  
*Bible study will resume Thursday April 11th.*
- **Women's' Club Meetings** meet each month on the **Second Mondays** of each month @ **11am**.

- **May 12th—May Crowning**—bring flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. Cookies and Lemonade following mass.
- **June 24-27** Community **Food Pantry**—Helpers Needed. See Jan Schumacher.



Do you make reading scripture a part of your daily routine? How will you really know God if you do not know His Holy Word?

The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are filled with inspired words that will truly help you in discovering your faith more fully.

Let's become knowledgeable about our faith. Blow the dust of that family Bible and don't just 'get your daily reading in'... 'GET INTO your daily reading'.

**Live by this simple rule: Every morning say; "No Bible, No Breakfast." And every evening; "No Bible no Bed."**



**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)**

**Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm**

**Sunday 12:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays  
(or by appointment)**

**All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.**

**Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor**

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**Welcome**  
to our  
**Church Family**



**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**



**1st Reading** Acts 4: 8-12  
**Responsorial**  
**Psalm** Psalm 118  
**2nd Reading** 1 John 3: 1-2  
**Gospel** John 10: 11-18

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**

**21 St. Anselm**  
**22 St. Adalbert of Prague**  
**23 St. George**  
**24 St. Fidelis**  
**25 St. Mark**  
**26 St. Pedro**  
**27 St. Louis de Montfort**

**MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :**

**LECTOR: Sat:** J. Rothe Next: M. Hamilton

**E.M: Sat:** M. Hamilton Next: P. Hamilton

**LECTOR: Sun:** M. Lifsey/R. Whisonant

**E.M:** K. Hutto Next: J. Rodgers

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1575.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$97.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1672.00</b>
<b>Other: candles,refurb etc...</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$1677.00</b>

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

**ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY**

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.  
[www.rockhilloratory.org](http://www.rockhilloratory.org)

**Why Jesus is referred to as a shepherd?**

A hired hand tends the sheep for money, while the shepherd does it out of love. Jesus is not merely doing a duty for mankind. **He loves us all and has laid down His very life for each of us.**

In Jesus' description of Himself in John 10 he adds to our understanding of what makes for a good shepherd. The good shepherd is sacrificial. He is willing to ignore his own needs in order to meet the needs of the sheep. Over and over in the passage he states the good shepherd gives his own life for his sheep.

Throughout the Bible, shepherds are used to represent **leaders of God's people** (see Isaiah 63:11; Jeremiah 23:2). Shepherds watch for enemies who might attack the sheep, and they defend them when necessary. They tend to sick or wounded sheep and search for lost ones.

***Priests have taken on the role as shepherds. We, as the sheep, look to our shepherds for growth in our faith and guidance to life everlasting with our loving God. Pray for our 'shepherds' EVERY DAY. The devil knows their roles and the importance they have in our salvation.***

**Catholics belong to a Christ-centered faith community that views Jesus Christ as the foundation.** Catholics share Jesus' vision and are expected to model their lives after Jesus' example of love. Catholics are called to care for one another and to use their unique gifts and talents for the good of the community and the world.

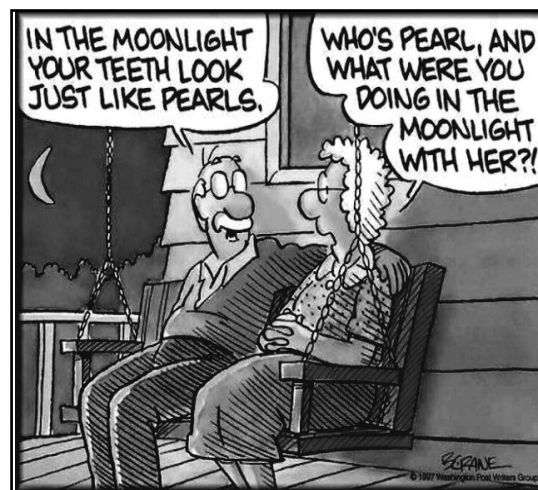
**ARE YOU USING YOUR UNIQUE TALENTS** to aid those in your family, our faith community, your fellow neighbors, or those whom you meet daily throughout Chester? Pray that God will speak to your heart and assist you in sharing your gifts to bring others closer to the Lord.

**Upcoming Parish Functions:**

**May Crowning is May 12th.** Please join the Women's Club and bring flowers to place on Mary's Grotto. Fellowship, cookies and lemonade will follow mass.

**FOOD PANTRY** St. Joseph Church will be hosting the Food Pantry **June 24-27. HELPERS ARE NEEDED.** If interested see Jan Schumacher.

**Holy Humor**



**Coffee With the**



We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son.

**St. Louis de Montfort,**  
**pray for us**



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Fran Morris  
Danny McMurray  
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Gerald Glanton  
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Taylor Jurgens  
Lou Emma Rowsam  
Horace Johnson  
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**Our sick:**

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Mona Paragon  
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Gina McCanless  
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Crosby Livingston  
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As a special intention for the **month of April:**

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- Let us pray for an end to Communism, satanism, the end to all wars, for all political leaders, and the safety of all those who protect and serve.
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**Catholic Summer Camp for Kids!**

The Children of Mary Religion Camp is a week-long summer camp that helps children deepen their Catholic faith. Children who have completed grades 1-6 are eligible to attend. Tuition is \$225.00 per child. Camp will be held July 14-20, 2024 at Kings Mountain State Park in Blacksburg, SC. We are also seeking volunteer counselors (age 16 and older). For information on being a camper or counselor, check out our web site at [www.ChildrenofMaryCamp.com](http://www.ChildrenofMaryCamp.com) or contact us directly at [childrenofmarycamp@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofmarycamp@gmail.com) . This is our 54<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Diocese of Charleston.