

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 3, 2020

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John 10

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Dear Friends,

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter we read some of chapter 10 of St. John's Gospel, "the Good Shepherd," this is sometimes know as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

Along with the beautiful Gospel passages, we also sing some of the 23rd Psalm today, "The Lord is My Shepherd..." Never have these words been so meaningful for us as they are at this particular time.

*"Even though I walk in the dark valley, no evil shall I fear, for your rod and staff give me courage." Ps 23: 4*

As we continue our Easter joy (even though we are walking in dark times) let's always remember that our Good Shepherd is by our side, with his rod to guard at our right and lead us to the waters of peace.

Father Joe

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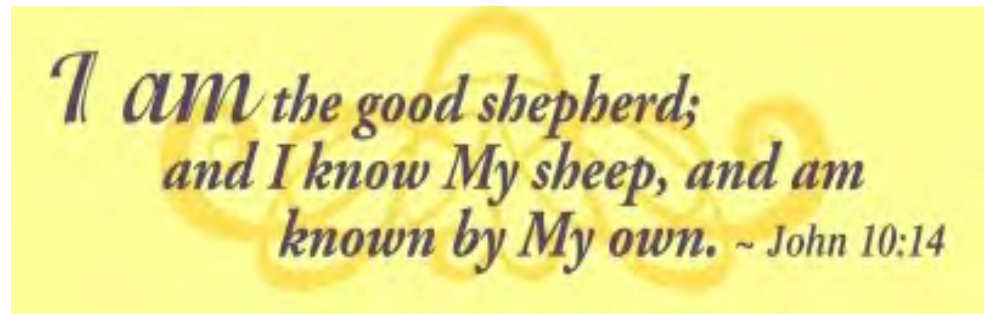
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## CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

While it has been taking a while, the weather is starting to suggest that grass-cutting season is here. To enable our cemetery grass cutters to do their jobs, we must have all artificial flowers and decorations removed from the cemeteries by Friday, May 14th. Because these pose a hazard to our workers, this is something that has to be done in order to ensure safety. We will begin to remove the decorations and flowers ourselves after May 14th. Sorry for any inconvenience this poses, especially during the ongoing corona virus threat. Again, we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



An American Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, May 15 in our Church Hall from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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### This Week:

~In Memory of Reverend Richard Segreve C.S.C., offered by Magagna Family

~In Memory of Matthew Duda offered by sister, Agnes

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## Remembering at Eucharist

While no public Liturgy is being celebrated in the church, we are usually satisfying two intentions privately each day. Father Urban and Father Joe both take an intention each. They are listed below:

### Monday, May 4

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. James S. Gibbons       | Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family |
| 2. David L. Tressler, Sr. | Fr. Joe                      |

### Tuesday, May 5

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| 1. Frieda Gurick          | Daughter, Regina Gurick Guarin |
| 2. Clare Catherine Chomko | Maria & Louis Fratarcangeli    |

### Wednesday, May 6

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| 1. Lorraine Drost | Jackie Ratchford        |
| 2. Robert Bobeck  | Tony & Louise Kondracki |

### Thursday, May 7

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| 1. Elaine Smith      | Husband, Richard             |
| 2. Mary Rose Coleman | Lee Havard & Martina Genanie |

### Friday, May 8

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| 1. John R. Shaner  | Family     |
| 2. Judith Nardella | Phil Bosha |

### Saturday, May 9

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| 1. Angeline Tressa | Theresa Yurko & Sue Bayer |
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### Sunday, May 10

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| 1. Jennifer Durako         | Lori Singer |
| 2. Mother's Day Intentions |             |

By order of the Diocesan Bishop, no one is to be present at private masses of the priest except those ministers who are absolutely necessary.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TIME FROM THE SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

We are happy to offer our Swoyersville Kiwanis Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors. In addition to our 3 awards there will once again be an award given in memory of long time Swoyersville residents Gene and Eleanor Breznay. These awards are for \$1000 each and are given to assist in furthering the education of our high school seniors. To be eligible graduating students must reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne or Forty Fort. Applications are available by contacting S. Urzen at 570-606-1153 (call or text) or email [k-swoyer@comcast.net](mailto:k-swoyer@comcast.net). Return applications must be postmarked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

We wish the best to all high school senior in their future endeavors.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**READING 1** ..... 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** ..... 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. OR R. Alleluia.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. OR R. Alleluia.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. OR R. Alleluia.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. OR R. Alleluia.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. OR R. Alleluia.**

**READING 2** ..... 1 PT 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.

**ALLELUIA** ..... JN 10:14

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

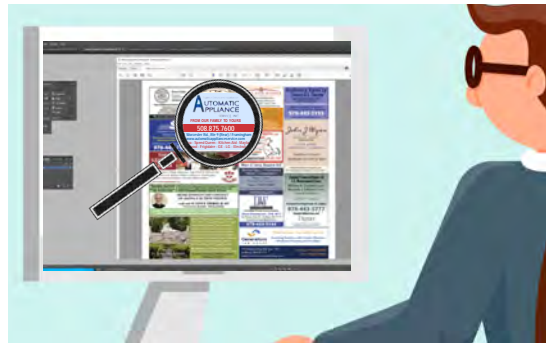
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** ..... JN 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."

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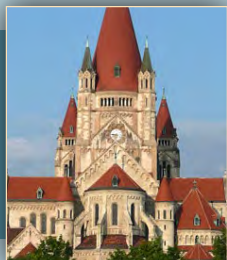


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