

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 18) - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - -MAY 3, 2020**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF May 3, 2020**

**All public Masses are canceled until further notice.**  
**Fr. Christopher will be saying private Mass (priest only) for your intentions daily.**

The obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy can be fulfilled by keeping a prayerful attitude and through personal and family prayer. The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV as well.

DAILY MASSES ARE ON EWTN 8 AM---NOON---7 PM Sunday Mass- WNYO-TV 8:30 AM

Local Live Stream Masses Are Listed At: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/livestreams>

Croatian Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFuN5WApNVU> 18:30 in Croatia - 1:30 PM here

**Saturday May 2 Moved to May 13th. dec:**  
**(Vigil Mass for Sunday)**

**Frank Rakiecki by Cathy and Barry Debbins.**

**Sunday, May 3 : dec:**  
**(FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

**Living and deceased members of the DiPronio and Passmore families by Tony and Gloria DiPronio.**

**Monday, May 4 : :**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**All our parishioners.**

**Tuesday, May 5 : dec:**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**Catherine Manka by the Deanna Zak family.**  
**Rosemary Schenck by Hank and Dorothy Widlak.**

**Wednesday, May 6 : dec:**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**James Salemi by Dominic and Tina Salemi.**  
**Patricia Bartokvich by the Thomas Mead family.**

**Thursday, May 7 : dec:**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**Josephine Moretti (Birth remem) by sons, Mark and Richard Moretti.**

**Friday, May 8 : dec:**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**Donata and Domenica Suffoletta by Delia Iannarelli.**

**Saturday, May 9 : dec :**  
**(Easter Weekday)**

**Living and deceased members of the Reisch family by Phyllis Petre.**

**Moved to May 24th. dec:**

**Living and deceased members of the Schenck and Hanslick families by Gregory Schenck.**  
**Phyllis Urban (Birth remem) by Janet and Vincent Dragone and family.**  
**(+ 2nd Mass July 28, 7:30 AM)**

**Sunday, May 10 : dec:**  
**(FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

**Lilian Manka (Mother's Day remem) by daughter, Linda, Karl, Christopher and Stacy Kovacs.**  
**Patricia Bartokvich (Mother's Day remem) by the family.**  
**(+ 2nd Mass July 29, 7:30 AM)**

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**NEXT WEEK:** 2nd Collection for **Churches in Latin America and Africa Collection for the Church in Latin America** Help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through the Collection. **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa:** Your support makes a real difference in the faith lives of the people. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world." You can use the envelopes in the rectory hallway, give online at [www.frccb.org](http://www.frccb.org): Give Today: Other: type in -Collection for the Church in Latin America OR type in- Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa or send your donation to:  
*Church in Latin America OR Church in Africa*  
*Office of National Collections*  
*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*  
*P. O. Box 96278*  
*Washington DC 20090-6278*  
*Make your check or money order payable to: "Church in Latin America or Church in Africa"*

While Masses are canceled, we ask that you please continue to **mail in your donations** or drop at the rectory. You may also give by going to [www.frccb.org](http://www.frccb.org) and clicking on 'Give Today' at the top right tab and designating our church.

**PARISHIONER INFORMATION:** Last week's collection \$. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is now at least \$

**DONATIONS:** N.N: \$100. N.N: \$1000. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sausage** donated by Bea Tabar is available to purchase. Call or email rectory.

**DECEASED:** **Anna Foose** (Kezman), wife of the late Richard, died on April 30. **Danijela Juka**, wife of Ante died May 1. Private services will be conducted by Fr. Chris on Monday May 4th at the Lombardo Funeral Home. Our deepest sympathy to the families.

**Today's readings-** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

**TODAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** The Pharisees' cruel and rigid legalism closed the doors to the Heavenly Kingdom. They placed unbearable burdens on the people's shoulders, making it impossible for people to be saved. In contrast to that type of 'shepherding', Jesus said, "**I am the door for the sheep. Whoever enters through Me will be saved.**" Jesus laid a heavy condemnation on these previous 'shepherds', calling them thieves and marauders. Jesus said, "**I am come so they may have life and have it more abundantly....A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**" The 'shepherds' in His Church should have Jesus' heart and spirit. As Jesus calls to all who are tired and overburdened, needing His compassion and help, so to His 'shepherds' should love all without distinction and never place unbearable burdens on the consciences of their sheep.

**St. Anthony the Great**, patron of those affected by infectious diseases, pray for us!

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**DANAS: 4. NEDJELJA PO USKRSU:** Farizeji su svojim krutim i neumoljivim legalizmom zatvorili vrata nebeskog kraljevstva. Stavljali su na tuđa ramena nepodnošljivo breme i tako ljudima onemogućavali spasenje. Pred tim i takvim "pastirima" Isus govori: "**Ja sam vrata ovcama!...Tko ulazi na vrata, pastir je ovaca. Ja sam dobri Pastir...**" Kako oštra osuda pada na sve koji su prije njega dolazili ovcama: "**Tati su i razbojnici!**" I Gospodin nastavlja: "**Ja dođoh da život imaju, u izobilju da ga imaju!**" Po čemu se raspoznavaju dobri pastiri Kristova stada? ...Po tome što imaju Kristovo srce i njegov Duh. Kao što je Isus k sebi dozivao sve umorne i opterećene, sve kojima je bila potrebna njegova utjeha i pomoć, jednako bi tako i srce pastira, po uzoru Isusovu, moralo uvijek biti otvoreno za sve bez razlike. Pastiri po srcu i duhu Isusovu nikada neće na savjesti svojih ovaca stavljati nepodnošljivo breme....

**Bulletins** will be left in the rectory entrance or emailed to those who have provided their email address.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2020:**

Mail in your donation or Make a secure donation online at [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation) or by calling 716-218-1400. **Think of Me**

**MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE: April 25, 2020**

"Dear children! May this time be an incentive for personal conversion for you. Pray, little children, in solitude, to the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith and trust in God, that you may be worthy witnesses of the love which God bestows upon you through my presence. Little children, do not permit trials to harden your heart and for prayer to be like a desert. Be a reflection of God's love and witness the Risen Jesus by your lives. I am with you and I love all of you with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call.

"Draga djeco! Nek vam ovo vrijeme bude poticaj na osobno obraćenje. Molite, dječice, u samoći Duha Svetoga da vas ojača u vjeri i pouzdanju u Boga, da biste bili dostojni svjedoci ljubavi kojom vas Bog obdaruje preko moje prisutnosti. Dječice, ne dopustite da vam kušnje otvrdnu srce i da molitva bude kao pustinja. Budite odsjaj ljubavi Božje i svjedočite Uskrslog Isusa vašim životima. Ja sam s vama i sve vas ljubim mojom majčinskom ljubavlju. Hvala vam što ste se odazvali mom pozivu."

Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God...He comes to save you.  
Isaiah 35:4

**Fourteen Holy Helpers**, those who lived during the time of the plague, pray for us and all who are at-risk!