

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 16) - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- April 25, 2021
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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF April 25, 2021

Mass is in the church at a 1/3 capacity maximum for people who comply with the CDC guidelines of wearing masks and distancing by household. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Masses remains in place. All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestreams, which will continue in local parishes.

- Saturday, April 24 : 5:00 pm : dec:** Helen Levulis by the Peter Vranjes family. Lilian Manka (Birth remem) by daughter, (Vigil Mass for Sunday) AM) Linda, Karl, Christopher and Stacy Kovacs. (+ 2nd Mass Sept. 14, 7:30 AM)
- Sunday, April 25 : 10:00 am: dec:** Ante Višić (5 yr Death anniv) by wife, Jelka Višić and family. Anto i Jela Petrušić (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) by their daughters. (+ 2nd Mass Sept. 15, 7:30 AM)
- 11:30 am: dec:** Kyle McGraw by Phyllis Petre. Alfred Giblin by Tom and Jane Mead. (+ 2nd Mass Sept. 23, 7:30 AM)
- Monday, April 26 : 7:30 am: :** All our parishioners.
(Easter Weekday)
- Tuesday, April 27 : 7:30 am: dec:** Living and deceased members of the Pericak, Klemenich, and Grgas families by (Easter Weekday) Mrs Anthony and Margaret Grgas and family. Danijela Juka by Mr. and Steve Pericak.
- Wednesday, April 28 : 7:30 am: dec:** Sandra Smejles by Sophie Dzioba.
(St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)
- Thursday, April 29 : 7:30 am: dec:** Sandra Evans by OL Bistrica choirs. The intentions of the Vukelic family by Tom and Jane Mead.
(St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr of Church)
- Friday, April 30 : 7:30 am: dec:** Bernadette Szematowicz by John Pauczytowski.
(St Pius, Pope)
- Saturday, May 1: 7:30 am : dec:** Edwin Boduch by Phyllis Petre.
(ST JOSEPH THE WORKER)
- (Vigil Mass for Sunday) **5:00 pm : dec:** Thomas Sarach by Vincent and Janet Dragone. Adam and Emily Schenck by grandson, Gregory Schenck. (+ 2nd Mass Sept. 23, 7:30 AM)
- Sunday, May 2 : 10:00 am : dec:** Danica Juka(Death Anniversary) by husband, Ante Juka.
(FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)
- 11:30 am: dec:** Emma Pericak by Dominic and Tina Salemi. Barbara Kolenko Druzvik (Death anniv) by Al Druzvik and family. (+ 2nd Mass Oct. 5, 7:30 AM)

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TODAY: Second Collection for **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MONDAY: CCD 6 PM.

TUESDAY: Parish Council 7 PM

PARISHIONER INFORMATION: Last week's Sunday collection: \$.

DECEASED: Our former parishioner, *Tonko Trojanovic*, who moved to Dunkirk died on April 15th. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church on Monday, April 19th. Our parishioner, *Genowefa (Jean) Cenczyk, (nee Olczyk)* age 100, has died. Our deepest sympathy to the families.

SUNDAY: MAY 2: BBQ Chicken Dinner-

11 AM-2PM or sell out; \$12. 1/2 Chicken, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Bread. Drive-thru or pick up in hall. Limited seating available in hall for those following Covid guidelines.

SUNDAY: May 23: Fr. Christopher's 50th Ordination Anniversary Mass & Picnic. Mass at 11:30 AM (no Croatian Mass).

Picnic begins at 1 PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the picnic. \$25- includes 1/4 chicken, pork sandwich, green salad, Croatian potato salad, beverages and cake as well as money for a gift for Fr. Chris. There will be a guest book for recording names and memories. Any extra money will go to Father toward purchasing air fare when it is once again safe to visit Croatia.

Today's readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today's Gospel talks about Jesus being our Good Shepherd, about sheep and sheepfold. Jesus says: **"I am the Good Shepherd."** The Gospel text is dedicated to the sheep of Jesus' flock. **"My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they know Me."** Modern man does not like being compared with sheep silently following their shepherd. This allegory had a completely different meaning in Jesus' time; there was no bad connotation in it whatsoever. It showed the beautiful relationship between the shepherd and the sheep entrusted to him. The sheep were his possessions, and he lived totally and only for them. He slept very often in the open in order to protect his sheep from the wolves that might kill them. He drove them into the sheepfold, and closed the door to keep them safe. They recognized the shepherd's voice since they were acquainted with him, and followed him when he opened the door in the morning to allow them to graze in rich pastures. When a Christian is compared with sheep the emphasis is on Jesus being the only Good Shepherd to whom all are entrusted. **"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hands."** (John 10: 29).

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday from 3-4 PM and before all weekend Masses.

DANAS: 4. NEDJELJA PO USKRSU: Dobro nam je poznata Isusova prisposoba o dobrom pastiru, ovcama i ovčinjaku. Tu nam Evangelista navodi Isusove riječi: **"Ja sam pastir dobru!"**. Današnji je odlomak više posvećen ovcama njegova stada: **"Ovce moje slušaju glas moj, ja ih poznajem i one idu za mnom!"** Možda suvremenom čovjeku i njegovu mentalitetu ne odgovara najbolje poredba s ovcama, koja je nijema i druge joj nema, nego da nijema slijedi svog pastira. Prepuštena je na milost i nemilost svom pastiru. Treba se staviti u Isusova vremena, kad je ova alegorija imala posve drugačiji smisao. U njoj nije bilo ni najmanje zlobnog prizvuka. Naprotiv! Tom je poredbom divno označen odnos pastira i njemu povjerenih ovaca. One su bile njegova i cijeli njegov imetak. Drugo on nije ni posjedovao i zato je razumljivo da je takav pastir živio samo za svoje ovce. S njima je spavao često pod vedrim nebom i pazio da ne dođe koji vuk i rastrga mu koju ovcu. Da bude sigurniji, on ih svake večeri yatvara u ovčinjak onda bdije. Ujutro ih opet izvodi iz ovčinjaka i vodi na zdrave i bogate pašnjake. Toliko su se sljubili pastir i ovce, da mu čak i glas raspoznavaju. Kad se kršćanina uspoređuje s ovcama, onda se želi naglasiti samo to da je Isus jedini dobru pastir, kojem je čitavo čovječanstvo povjeren. **"Otac moj, koji mi ih daje, veći je od svih i nitko ih ne može ugrabiti iz ruke Očeve."**

These are challenging, uncertain times. But one thing remains a constant: **Just as we have for nearly 98 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now.** If you have an emergency need for food or toiletries, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and more, Catholic Charities is ready to answer your call. Our **Helpline can be reached at 716-218-1419.** The Helpline is staffed weekdays from 8:45 am to 4:45 pm and you can leave a message at any time. Check out all of our services at www.ccnw.org/services. **Appeal 2021** is online through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccnw.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

Your **Catholic Charity Cards** have been mailed. Return your donations as soon as possible.(collection plate, rectory, or directly downtown). We are more than halfway to our goal.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: The Buffalo diocese has many resources available to fully participate in special devotions and obtain indulgences on their website at buffalodiocese.org/year-of-st-joseph

Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell -- Although the holy water fonts will be empty, please make the sign of the cross as you enter the church.-- Each member of the faithful over 2 yrs old will be required to wear a mask and social distance by households when attending Mass--- Only one communion line with distance spacing-- Communion will only be distributed on the hand. Masks will be worn. --

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

The film, **PRAY**, is the story of the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton will inspire you as it did millions of people during his ministry. As Fr. Peyton said: "The family that prays together stays together". See the movie At the **Historic Hamburg Palace Theater**. 31 Buffalo Street, Hamburg Village, **Saturday, May 8th at 3 PM.** View the PRAY trailer at: PrayTheFilm.com https://youtu.be/zt_r5GWpQqs. Due to COVID Restrictions you must **register to attend**. Phone Dolly Verdi at 716- 868-2049; email faithfilmsofwny@gmail.com