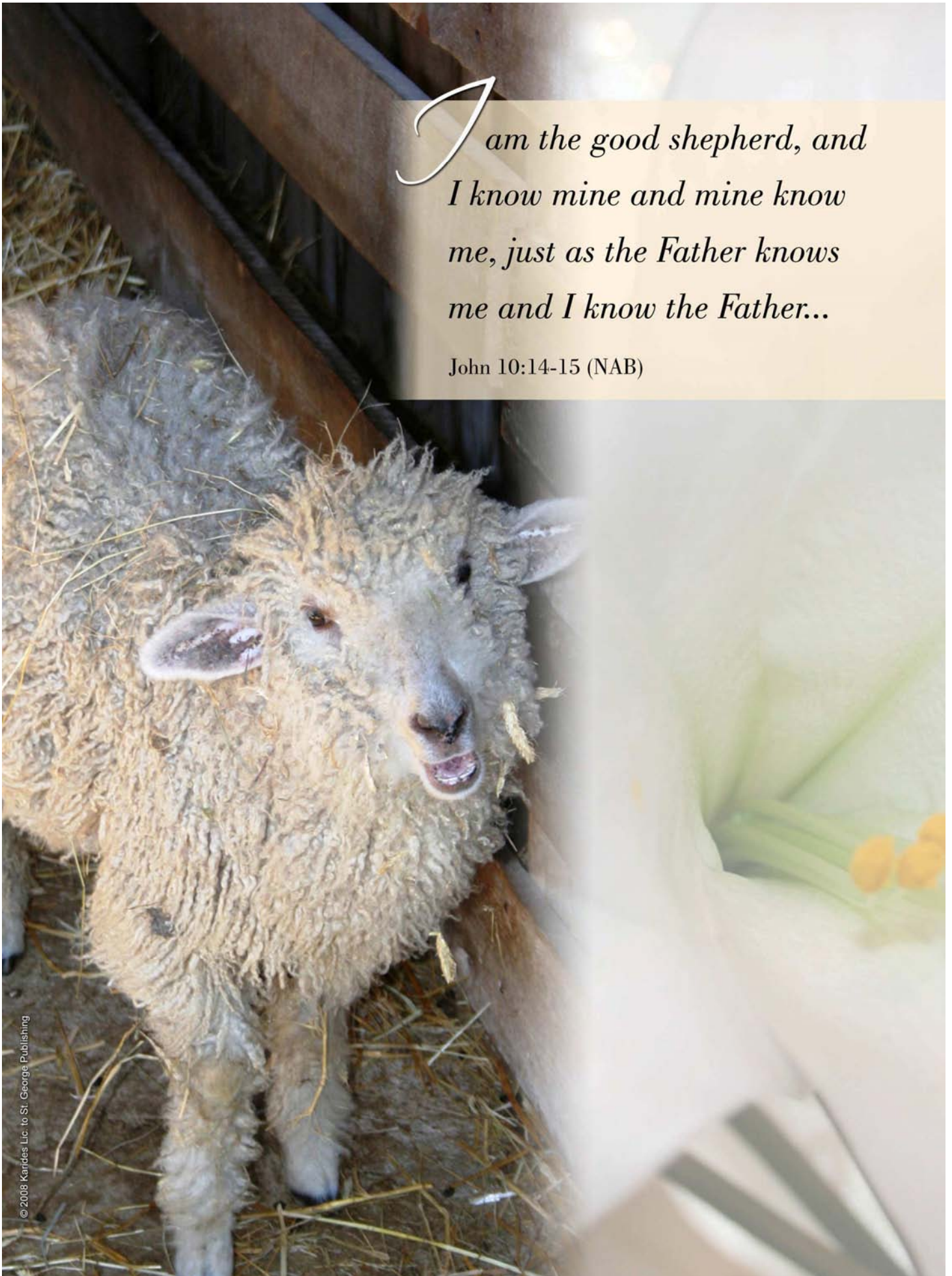


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*I am the good shepherd, and
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John 10:14-15 (NAB)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25th

4:00PM Arnold Lavoie (Memorial)

Sunday, April 26th

8:30AM Julio Farulla (Memorial)

10:30AM John Kinville (2nd Anniversary)

6:00PM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 29th

9:00AM Thomas Kelley (Memorial)

Thursday, April 30th

9:00AM Al Meda (Memorial)

Saturday, May 2nd

4:00PM Special Intention

Sunday, May 3rd

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

10:30AM Donald Cotter (5th Anniversary)

6:00PM Michael William McDonough
(30th Anniversary)

WELCOME

If you are a visitor to Saint Gerard Majella Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer spiritual support to people in the Canton area. Enjoy your visit!

Prayer Corner for the living

Please keep the following in your prayers:

John Mariani, Emily Lewis, Tom Lordon, Carol Bradley, Bernice Panicci, William Benoit, Ray Fisher, Baby Joseph, Ed Hartman, Salli Govatsos, Baby Madeline Smith, Ava Alpert, Sr. Catherine Gilmore, John W., Thomas Rose, Kathy, Michael, Kay Smith, PAF, Luci Colee, Deborah Rizzotti, Mary Feeney.

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Attendance - 818

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Budget July 1st to date: \$331,444

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Homebound Ministry

Deacon Dan has been in the process of expanding our homebound ministry program through which he and others bring Holy Eucharist to many of our fellow parishioners who are unable to leave their home and attend Mass. Within this very important ministry, we as a parish community are able to extend ourselves in a real and important way to many of our fellow parishioners who are permanently disabled or physically unable to make the trip from their home to church. We would like to expand this program to other parishioners who may be temporarily disabled due to a recent medical procedure or who may simply be unable to find transportation from home to church. If you are aware of any person who is unable to make their way to church for whatever reason, please contact the parish office and we will make sure they are included on our homebound list.

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Religious Education

First Communion

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30AM & 1:00PM

Students are required to be at **two specific** rehearsals.

Rehearsals

Saturday Morning Ceremony 10:30AM

Monday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 29th

3:45PM to 5:00PM

Saturday Afternoon Ceremony 1:00PM

Tuesday, April 28th

Thursday, April 30th

3:45PM to 5:00PM

May Procession

Sunday, May 10th at the 10:30AM Mass. The children in the First Communion class make up the procession. We are hoping as many as possible will be able to attend. A brief rehearsal (20 minutes) will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 3:45PM in the lower hall.

Operation Lazarus

March donations to our fund to feed and clothe the homeless, were generously made by the following families:

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Food Pantry

Our monthly collection of non-perishable item (beef stew, baked beans, mac & cheese, jelly, cereal, pasta, soup, Jell-O, canned fruits and vegetables) for the Canton Food Pantry will be taken up the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. Donations may be left in the baskets at the doors of the church. As always your generosity is appreciated.



Middle School Students write about their ministry to Rosie's Place...

First student: Rosie's place was awesome. Not only did I think that I knew how to cook and clean, I thought I knew how others feel on a normal basis. Rosie's place changed my perspective on life. I now know that I am lucky to have three good meals a day and that some people don't eat just because they can't afford it. When I approached some of the people, they were grateful for having a conversation. Rosie's place is a great way to grasp the way others feel and to cheer up people who are homeless. These people appreciate the time that St. Gerard's Parish puts in for creating a superb meal that is to their liking. I suggest that when you have an opportunity to go to Rosie's place take it!

Second student: My experience at Rosie's place was excellent! Having the opportunity to serve people in need is great. I met very different people and they were all very grateful. When we were making the food it made me think about how lucky we are and how thankful we should be. Many of those women were in difficult situations but we gave them hope. Everyone would tell you how great you are for coming on your own time and volunteering and just seeing us made them smile.



Vatican News

War of the sexes: Gender theory is the problem, not solution, pope says

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Eradicating male and female identities does nothing to solve the problem of unfair or disrespectful treatment based on people's gender, Pope Francis said.

"Getting rid of the difference is the problem, not the solution," he said April 15 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The right way to solve the problems and conflicts in male-female relations is to have men and women "talk to each other more, listen to each other more, know each other better, care more for each other," he said.

The pope continued a series of general audience talks about the family by beginning the first of two talks on "the difference and complementarity between men and women." He said the two talks would serve as the foundation for two later talks dedicated to the sacrament of marriage.

...In his main audience talk, Pope Francis said that when God created humanity in his image, he did so for man and woman together, "as a couple," in a state of sharing and harmony.

Sexual differentiation, therefore, exists not for creating conflict or a situation of subordination, but for reciprocity and fruitfulness -- "for communion and generation, always in the image and likeness of God," the pope said.

"We are made to listen to each other and help each other," he said. "We can say that without mutual enrichment in this relationship -- in thinking and action, in feelings and work, even in faith -- the two can't even understand fully what it means to be a man and woman."

Modern culture has done much to open up a new and deeper understanding of men and women, "but it also has introduced many doubts and much skepticism," he said.

"For example, I wonder if so-called gender theory may not also be an expression of frustration and resignation that aims to erase sexual differentiation because it no longer knows how to come to terms with it," the pope said.

With gender theory, which argues that male and female characteristics are largely malleable social constructs, he said, "we risk going backward."

"God entrusted the earth to the covenant between man and woman: its failure drains the world of affection and obscures the heavens of hope," he said.

There are many "worrying" signs of the failure to live out God's original plan of reciprocity and harmony, he said, as he pointed out two things that "I think we have to commit ourselves to with greater urgency."

"The first: It is beyond question that we have to do much more in favor of women," such as making sure "that women not only are listened to more, but that their voice carries real weight, (is) an acknowledge authority in society and the church," he said to applause.

A powerful guiding light, the pope said, is "the way in which Jesus considered women," especially in a social and historical context that was much "less favorable than ours" and in which women "were really in second place."

Humanity has gone only "a tiny way" along the path God wants everyone to take, he said.

"We still have not grasped fully the things that the feminine genius can give us, what society and we can be given by women who know how to see things with another pair of eyes that complement men's ideas. It is a path to take with more creativity and audacity," he said to more applause.

The second thing that needs urgent attention, the pope said, is to see "if the collective crisis of faith in God, which is very harmful to us -- afflicting us with resignation, skepticism and cynicism -- may not be linked to this crisis of the covenant between men and women."

In fact, it is said that "communion with God is reflected in the communion of the human couple and that the loss of faith in the heavenly Father generates division and conflict between men and women."

Pope Francis said the church and all Catholics carry a great responsibility in "rediscovering the beauty of the Creator's plan."

Men and women "must treat each other with respect and friendly cooperation," and once this proper basis is created with God's grace, solid marriages and families can be built, he said.

"I would like to urge intellectuals to not abandon this subject, as if it had become secondary to the task of promoting a freer and more just society," he said.

Trips

IS IT TIME FOR A U.S. VACATION? American West September 18-24 - \$1999/ppdo Tour includes round trip air, 6 nights, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners Visits to Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower, Black Hills of South Dakota, Badlands National Park, Ta Tanka and Custer State Park. After a stay in Rapid City, it's on to Deadwood, the tiny goldrush town, and explore the saloons, casinos and areas that were once frequented by Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. For reservations and information call Janet Walrod, 781-575-1491.

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For complete details: call Holy Cross Family Ministries – Ann Melanson email amelanson@hcfm.org or 508-238-4095 x2023; website: www.FamilyRosary.org/Events



Annual Mothers Day Dinner, May 7th sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Pioneer Valley Region. Speaker: Carol Tobias, President National Right to Life Committee, Chez Jozef, Agawam, \$50, \$25 student. Virginia Wade, Chair, invites us to "...come together and recommit ourselves to advocating, educating, and supporting the cause of pro-life and the life sustaining efforts which give a voice to the most vulnerable among us." Tickets online at www.masscitizensforlife.org, mail check to P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, 01056, or call 413-583-5034.

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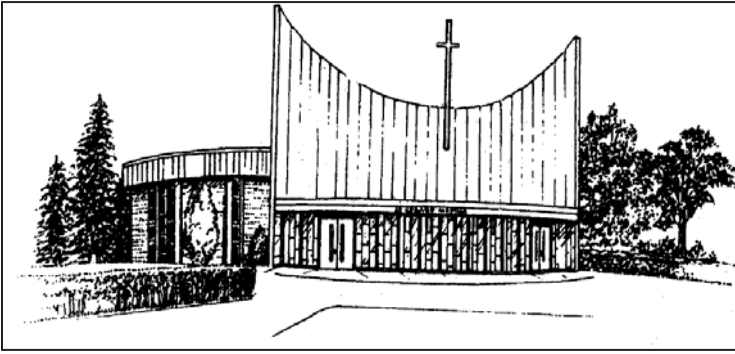
As of Monday afternoon, April 20, almost nine out of 10 respondents supported the Archbishop...(this) significant measure of support for the archbishop, (is) despite last week's full-page ad from 100 "prominent Catholics" (including Tom Brady Sr.) calling for Pope Francis to replace Archbishop Cordileone and accusing the Archbishop of encouraging "an atmosphere of division and intolerance." The authors claimed to be "committed Catholics" following "the traditions of conscience, respect and inclusion upon which our Catholic faith was founded."

- Dr. Dan Guernsey, director of The Cardinal Newman Society's K-12 education programs, strongly criticized the ad as a false display of tolerance that was, in fact, intended by its signers "to tell the Pope and the world that they will not tolerate or include and indeed soundly condemn the archbishop of San Francisco."
- He wrote: These "anti-bully" bullies are doing what bullies do. They are seeking to gain in their own social status and self-concept by belittling, shaming and humiliating someone outside their local social norm. As the authors admit, the social sexual norms in the Bay Area are completely supportive of sex outside of natural marriage. Those who control the culture are dead set on humiliating and eliminating anyone who would not fully support their power and the status quo. *Cardinal Newman Society*

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Walpole on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00PM with Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.

The women of the Canton Catholic Women's Club will close the 2014-2015 year with their annual luncheon. It will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 20th at the Blue Hill Country Club at 23 Pecunit Street in Canton. Please send your check for \$30 to Linda Devoll at 46 Oakdale Road NO later than May 13. Make the check payable to CCWC and note on the check your entrée choice of chicken or fish. Guests are welcome.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

Weekday Masses: Monday–Thursday 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Holy Days: As announced

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00PM.

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office if anyone is ill in the hospital or at home.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: 9:30AM–12 Noon

PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, 7:30PM

A.A. MEETING

Saturday, 10:30AM, Church Hall

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Monday 12:00-4:30PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30AM-4:30PM

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Email submission by **Monday at 9:00AM**

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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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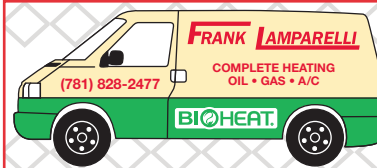


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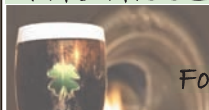
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