

## YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

## ONE WORD AT A TIME

### Suffer

The **Martyrology** is a thick book that contains entries for every day of the year. Each day lists the men and women, boys and girls across two thousand years who have given their lives in witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. It is an impressive assembly of countless witnesses to the faith.

Most probably, we will not be called to shed our blood in witness to our faith. We will, most definitely, have to **suffer** in some way because of our faith in Jesus Christ. In the Gospels, Jesus clearly tells his disciples that there is a cost in following him. Of course, they will be joyful and full of hope in him, but they will also endure the difficulties of misunderstanding, contempt, perhaps even persecution. In short, suffering is an inevitable part of discipleship. To support us in our suffering, he gives us his Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation.

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## Mass Schedule

Weekdays ~ Mon-Fri 6:45am ~ Saturday Vigil 4pm ~ Sundays 8:30am & 5pm

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*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2015**

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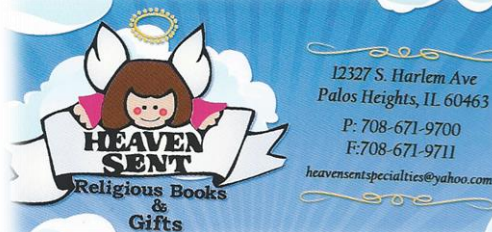


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## “I am the Good Shepherd”

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest, "pastor," means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God’s flock.

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ the Good Shepherd whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified, and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, protects us, provides for us and loves us. Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people. In the final part of this Gospel Jesus invites those who are touched and saved by the love of the Shepherd, to shepherd and care for others. “There are other sheep that are not of this fold and these I have to lead as well.” Though he cares for his own, he does not discriminate and ultimately dies because he cares for all peoples.

All of us are called to be good shepherds to those entrusted to our care. Let us become good shepherds. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance are needed every day on the part of the shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds by becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

Father Honoratus Mwageni

## Lector’s Schedule

April 25 @ 4:00pm – M. Talaski  
April 26 @ 8:30am – D. Pettis – B. Taylor – J. Vaughn  
April 26 @ 5:00pm – Y. LeJeune – C. Juarez  
May 2, @ 4:00 pm – M. Talaski  
May 3, @ 8:30 am – J. Jamison – B. Randall – J. Vaughn  
May 3, @ 5:00pm -Y. Lejeune – C. Juarez



Welcome to everyone who worships with us, whether visitor, long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church. Include your name address and phone number.

The **Sts. Peter & Paul Women’s Club** plan to participate in the annual ACCW/Vicariate VI Spring Report on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 1:30pm at St. Joachim Church, 700 E. 91<sup>st</sup> in Chicago. Spring Report provides an opportunity for the various Women’s Clubs, Guilds, CCWs (Councils of Catholic Women), *etal*. To gather, fellowship and report on events or projects they have taken on during the year. As in the past the Spring Report attendees also support a local charity. This year’s charity is Aid for Women. Aid for Women reaches out to thousands of women every year throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, who find themselves in unplanned pregnancy situations. Founded on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, Aid for Women provides each client the support and resources needed for her to choose life instead of abortion for her unborn baby. They also provide counseling and housing. Items most needed by this organization are: Baby wipes, disposable diapers (newborn up to size 6), newborn clothes (in neutral colors e.g. yellow, white, light green), paper towels, toilet tissue, paper dinner plates, paper napkins and cups are needed. Please no toiletries. We are asking everyone to support us in this effort. Donated Items can be left in the vestibule (baskets). Monetary donations are acceptable. Make checks payable to Aid for Women.

Thank You. Betty Taylor, President Women’s Club.

### Graduation of Fr. Joseph Kaye:

Father Joseph Kaye is pleased to invite all Parishioners of SS Peter and Paul to his commencement Ceremony May 5 at 3:00 pm at Loyola University Chicago -Lake shore Campus Located at Gentile Arena, 1032 W. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. No ticket is needed.

He also invites all parishioners to the graduation party which will take place at SS Peter and Paul Social Center Friday May 8 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. No ticket is needed.

Father Joseph Kaye is graduating with Master’s Degree in Religious Education.

He is grateful to parishioners for their support and prayers which have helped him to make this great achievement.

## PARISH NEWS

**Operation Rice Bowl:** If you have not turned in your Rice Bowls please do so as soon as possible.  
**Confirmation:** The classes for Confirmation have already started. They will be taking place every Sunday at 1:00pm in the rectory beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>. In case for some reasons you think you may miss a class please call the rectory in advance to inform us.

**Congratulations** to the new officers of the Sts. Peter & Paul Women's Club. They will be installed during the 8:30am mass this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Officers are: Betty Taylor, President; Saundra Spaulding, Vice President; Shirley Gipson, Secretary; Eva Sturgies, Treasurer; Beulah Reed, Business Manager; and Michelle Reed, Sergeant-At-Arms. Presently, there is one standing Committee, the Sunshine Girls, members are Jennell Vaughn and Viridine Turner. The Women's Club will also meet directly after the 8:30am mass in the Social Center. All women of the parish are invited to join and support this new ministry. In the future all meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 8:30 mass.

The **Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

**Bible Study** has been postponed for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. It will take place after the 8:30am mass in the Rectory on May 31<sup>st</sup>. All are invited.

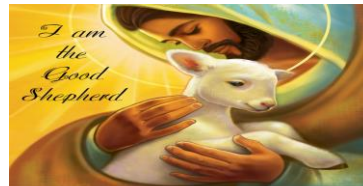
**Summer jobs:** Any youth ages 16-24 years of age interested in summer employment. Please go online @ [www.1summerchicago.org](http://www.1summerchicago.org), follow the prompts. For more information contact Saundra Spaulding at the rectory.

**"To Teach Who Christ Is"** parish campaigns see success. Please take home the Catholic New World this week. Our church appears on page 6, there is an article re: our church. We're asking all Parishioners to pick up a copy. Also please submit your donations to the address on your pledge card, make checks payable to, To Teach Who Christ Is. Do not send it to Sts Peter & Paul.

**Offering envelopes:** Those who do not have envelopes please call the rectory. Those who use visitor's envelopes for offering should always write their names on the envelopes and the amount so that we can keep a record for the tax return. Also we ask all parishioners who have envelopes to write their names on the envelopes so that we may be able to match their names and numbers and then be able to update our data base.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of "trampling" on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today's scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Call the rectory if you want your birthday to be recognized.

The Catholic Community of SS. Peter and Paul Church is dedicated to nurturing Christ's love among God's people. Our Mission is the mission of Jesus Christ as stewards of God's Gifts, we strive to fulfill His plan by exercising our rights and responsibilities.



## We are committed to:

Living God's Word in our lives providing for education in faith to our members sharing our faith with others, and serving our sisters and brothers. Through our participation in prayer, the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we express our unity in Christ.



Patricia Baylock, Jean Bosak, Thomas Burkhart, Gayle Campbell, Larry Campbell, June Carlson, Jim Carter, Debra Coursey, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Fr. John Harvey, Margaret Hillyard, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Opis Murray, Chuck Napoli, Jim Paul, Tanis Pedretti, Jeanne Peredna, Rick Riley, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan and Susan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard, Joyce Schultze, Hannah Griffin, Jessye Henderson, Deacon Clayton Kort, (Caringbridge.org), Nate Beck, Shawn Higgins, Ida Milan

**Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List.  
Remember to pray for the soul of Louise Rummage and all deceased of SS Peter and Paul.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



# Mass Intentions for the Week



**Sunday, April 26, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 am-** †Eugene Napoli – Napoli Family

**5:00pm** – †Wybrand & Mildred Koppers – Bob Koppers & Family

**Monday, April 27, 2015 – St. Gianna Beretta Molia**

**6:45am** – The People of Sts. Peter & Paul intentions

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort**

**6:45 am** - +Roger Garritano, – Linda

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015 – St. Catherine of Siena**

**6:45 am** – +Eddie Santoro – Linda

**Thursday, April 30, 2015 – St. Pius V**

**6:45 am** – +Alan Garritano, – Linda

**Friday, May 1, 2015 – St. Joseph the Worker**

**8:00 am** – +Frank & Edna Napoli – The Napoli Family

**ADORATION WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 – St. Athanasius**

**4:00 pm** – +John Peredna – Jean Peredna

**Sunday, May 3, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 am-** †Beatrice Kerner – Mike Kerner

**5:00pm** – +Irene Koppers – Bob Koppers & Family

**This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Francis Cardinal George.**

There are still many available dates for Mass intentions in 2015. Please call the rectory if you need to request Mass intentions.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2015**

See what love  
the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.



— 1 John 3:1

- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** 30 minutes before every weekend Mass and other times by appointment
- **MARRIAGES:** **MUST** contact the Parish at least four months in advance and **MUST** participate in the (Pre-Cana)
- **BAPTISMS:** Arranged in advance. Please contact the Parish for additional information
- **SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Contact the Parish immediately **773-785-1200**
- **FUNERALS:** Please contact the Rectory prior to making any arrangements
- **MOVING:** Please notify the Rectory as soon as possible so Parish records can be updated

## Weekly Collections

### STEWARDED GOD'S GIFTS

**We are always grateful to the trust given through the weekly offerings may God continue to bless us with prosperity.**

Offerings - \$2,549.00

Weekly Budget - \$2,771.78

If you are unable to attend Mass, we remind you to either mail in your offering or drop your envelope in the basket next time you are present at Mass. Thank you.

#### **UPCOMING SECOND OFFERINGS**

May 3 - Monthly Sacrifice

Thank you for your many gifts. "The gifts build the church and the builder provides the gifts." (Eph 4:7) It is never too early to plan for the future. Please remember Sts. Peter and Paul Church in your will.