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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3RD, 2020 YEAR A



Weekend Masses

SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 8:00 OR 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 8:15 AM
THURSDAY 6:00PM
FRIDAY 8:15AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 8:45-9:45AM
CONFESSION AND BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
8:15 AM MASS

PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY 1:30 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Father Jegan Peter

David Garrison-**President**
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John Davis
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Helen Payton
Victor Szczechowski

Parish Council meetings are held on
the 2nd Tuesday of the month
At 7:00pm in the Gottemoeller Ed
Center
*Next meeting TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation-Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism-Call the parish office

Sacrament of Matrimony-Pre-marriage preparation is available for all registered members. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call parish office for arrangements.

Sick Calls-If you wish to receive the Sacraments at home due to infirmity or hospitalization, call the parish office.

Welcome! If you are visiting our parish, welcome! If you are new in our community and are looking for a home parish we hope we have made you feel welcome enough to return. If you will be attending Mass regularly but have not registered, we invite you to do so. This will help the parish to better serve your needs. Registration forms are available in the church vestibules.

Need to update your parish information?

Go to the parish website at <https://stmtours.org/> set up an account with My Own Church.

***You must register with the parish office first before setting up an account.**

Weekend Mass Intentions**May 2 Saturday +Deceased**

8:15am +John Smith

Vigil +Richard Rokosz Jr

May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter-Good Shepard Sunday

+George Duquette

Weekday Mass Intentions**May 5 Tuesday**

+John Urbanowski

May 6 Wednesday

+Mary & Urban Scheidler

May 7 Thursday

Intentions of Altar Society

May 8 First Friday

+Virginia & Herbert Johns

May 9 Saturday

Vigil +Mary Helen & Norbert Arvin

May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter

+Lou Atkinson

Due to developments concerning the spread of the COVID-19, or Coronavirus, and for your safety, all public Masses, services and parish activities have been canceled, suspended or postponed until further notice.

The office is closed as most of the staff are working from home.

If you need assistance please email or call the office, all contact information is on the front page of the bulletin

If you have an emergency please call the parish office and leave a message.

St. Martin's Cemetery Cleanup

The mowing season has started, to better serve all families who visit this cemetery regularly and maintain the grounds in a neat and presentable manner.

Parishioners are asked to make sure that all old decorations, dead flowers or unsightly items which have been placed on or near the graves are removed. Please refer to your Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery grounds when placing gravesite items.

We try our best to allow decorations that abide by the rules and regulations. If there are any questions about what you can or cannot place on the graves, please contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping to keep our Cemetery looking its best.

Ministry Schedules

Thank you to our Liturgical minister volunteers!- EMHC, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers. Our new Mass volunteer schedules would normally begin on May 2/3. We will publish the newest schedule as soon as we know the date when we can gather for Mass again. Until then, we continue to pray for you and your families and look forward to being able to be together again. If you have any questions please contact Lynne at secretarysm@att.net

**Shepherd's Voice**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Peace of Risen Christ!

This Sunday is known as World Day of prayer of Vocation. We are called to bring God's call into fulfillment by inviting young people to discern God's call and to pray for more vocation to Priesthood and religious life. Priesthood is the special blessing from God, instituted by Christ for our journey of Salvation to our souls.

Every Fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday. It is because the readings used talk about the Good Shepherd who is Jesus Christ, ready to lay down His life for us, ready to defend life, ready to spread life, ready to give His whole life for His sheep every day. A true leader models his/her leadership on the Good Shepherd. We do see the different roles of the leaders all around the world in this time.

We are in an unprecedented time where we are clueless sometimes, confused sometimes, so anxious and panic most of the time. We are in war with COVID -19 Virus of which we do not have much knowledge and the means of attack and so on, but we still fight against the virus and by God's grace through the hands of doctors, nurses and first responders we have saved so many lives. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers. Sacrifice is not an emotional act but comes out of a strong will with the spiritual grace. They have been working for so many hours and days, not able to be with their families especially kids. They are missing so many things of daily life which we take it for granted or may not know recognize that. God is pleased with their sacrifice which brings care and love for human lives.

Ultimate need of any human person would be saving one's life at all times. We are at homes at all times which is hard for us not able to be active in the daily life. We have so many things to complain about in this time, but we need to remember that we are definitely to be grateful to God for so many blessings. More than freedom to do what we want; we need to realize that the ultimate purpose is to save our own lives by all means. We are spiritually called to be stronger, so that we may be attentive to the ultimate purpose.

We are so blessed with many of good and generous Parishioners who volunteer to the Parish needs, praying for many causes and needs, I thank all who support our Parish life through your stewardship at this time. Just like the Good Samaritans, we act and do good works of mercy and charity with the help of God.

To be the witness for His love,

Fr. Jegan

***Don't forget our weekly zoom meeting to pray the rosary every Saturday at 4:00pm**

Meeting ID: 749 6041 2162

Password: 0LYrQn

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74960412162?pwd=K0rzwyOfNz4>

(It will be on our Facebook page as well)



DIOCESAN

Starting this week, Diocesan publishing will now be printing our weekly bulletin!

Before the COVID-19 shutdown, Father Jegan signed up with Diocesan publishing to print our weekly bulletin. This will start May 3, 2020

What does this mean to you our parishioners?

Diocesan will deliver high-quality, color-filled publications at no cost to the parish. They will provide new digital print technology that makes vibrant color throughout the bulletin possible.

Diocesan will sell more advertising that makes them free. So our staff can spend less time worrying about our church printing and folding.

*the bulletin submission deadlines will be Thursday of the week before you want your submission in.

For those of you that receive the weekly bulletin via email you will need to sign up at <https://discovermass.com/search/St.MartinofTours,Martinsville> and it will bring you to our page. From there you can enter your email information and they will send you a link every week. if you prefer not to sign up for the bulletin, it will be available to view on our St. Martin's website or on the Discover site.

myParish App



with the Diocesan contract we are also offering an app for St. Martin's. With the shutdown we have not been able to launch this yet but stay tuned for more details.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers a daily Mass online

<https://www.archindy.org/>

Catholic Radio Indy offers Mass at 8:00am and 6:00 pm Daily

89.1 FM or www.CatholicRadioIndy.org

Word on Fire will offer a daily Mass for online viewing at:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

EWTN Sunday Masses are at 8:00 am and Noon.

Please check their website for daily Masses—Google EWTN.

Local Television Masses from the Heart of the Nation Catholic Mass can be found at

Broadcast Television

WHMB Channel 40.1 Sunday 9:30 am

WNDY Channel 23 Sunday 6:30 am

Family Members Serving Our Country

May all military personnel be safe as they protect us.

We remember especially: Clark Barco, David Burton, Azia Dwigans, Jason Fisher, Greg Johnson, Ashley Krulik, Jordan Krulik, Peter Klippel, Andrew Klippel, Tom Nichols, Joe Ooley, Michael Joe Osburn, Justin Pavey, Nicole Pavey, Kyle Richardson, Jacob Schultheis, Capt. Nathaniel E. Tiffany. God Protect them and keep them safe!

This Sunday's Readings

<https://www.loyolapress.com/>

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for His sheep.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.