

# 4th Sunday of Easter

**Sunday– April 26, 2015 Good Shepherd Sunday**

**9:30 – High Mass** in memory of Stanley Skowronski by Legacki family

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited.

**Thursday– April 30, 2015 Solemnity Joseph the Workman**

**Friday– May 1, 2015 Feast of Philip and James the Apostles**

**Sunday– May 3, 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**11:30 – High Mass** in memory of Frances Taylor from The Brown's

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour at the Parish Hall** with refreshments provided, everyone invited

**Sunday– May 10, 2015 Mother's Day 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter**

**9:30 – High Mass** for God's blessings to All our Mothers.

-**Mother's Day Breakfast** - Following Mass: Everyone invited, please join us for Parish and Family fellowship!

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## **Bible Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter –Year B**

### **1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

### **Responsorial Psalm 118**

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St John 3:1-2**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### **Alleluia before the Gospel from St John 10:14**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me

### **Holy Gospel according to St John 10:11-18**

*"Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."*

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### **Adult Bible Study for this week:**

**Part 2 of 2:** The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have **Good Samaritan** (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the **Prodigal Son** (Luke 15), and look for the **Promised Land** (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you** (Matthew 7:12)," **"Thou shalt not steal** (Exodus 20:15), and **"love thy neighbor"** (Matthew 22:39).

**The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after helps us to understand the true meaning.

**The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

**You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

**What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique

situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

**Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. (Hebrews 4:12).

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**ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY**

*Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!*

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

**PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN** Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

**PARISH DONATIONS** We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help!

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** Let us remember our Mothers in our special prayers. Let us honor them and gather together as Parish family for a brunch at our Parish fellowship hall following mass.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

-Mother's Day Sunday – May 10 – Mother's Day Breakfast  
-Memorial Day- Sunday May 24 Mass for Veterans and Monday Memorial Day Bridesburg Memorial Day Parade

**COLLECTIONS: \$397.00**

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