

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY APRIL 21st 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER/ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Harry & Frank Dougerty:Req. by Bill Quilty

MONDAY APRIL 22nd EASTER WEEKDAY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass the intentions of our Parish Family

TUESDAY APRIL 23rd ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP & MARTYR, (RED)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24th EASTER WEEKDAY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for Peace.

THURSDAY APRIL 25th ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST, (RED)

8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY APRIL 26th EASTER WEEKDAY, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for Peace.

SUNDAY APRIL 28th 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER, (WHITE)

LESSON: Acts 9:26-31 **LESSON:** 1st John 3:18-24 **GOSPEL:** St. John 15:1-8

9:30AM Mass for the soul of departed Dominick Labaonski:Req. by the Labonski Family

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: MAY 10th Mother's Day; **MAY 31st** Memorial Day

MOTHER'S DAY: Will be observed on Sunday May 10th. It is a day to pay honor to all our Moms who ae with us, and to remember all our Moms who rest in the glory of God. We will begin the day by reading the names of our deceased Moms. You will find a sheet on the table, please print your mom's name. The names of the deceased Moms will be remembered during Mass throughout the year.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD: Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd, who looks after the sheep. He says the sheep hear His voice and follow Him. Actually it is the lead sheep that knows His voice and the rest follow. Unlike the hired hand who does not really care for the sheep. What does he care, he works for a pay check. So, if the sheep are injured or taken by wolves, he runs away, he will not risk his life for them. If he gets fired, who cares there are other jobs for shepherding. Think back to the Nativity of Jesus. How the shepherds came after the angel told them the Messiah was born. They went to see the new born Lamb of God, and watch over Him. But, also to meet the Good Shepherd. Jesus unlike the hired hand, will do everything for the good of the sheep. He binds up their wounds if hurt, protect them from the wolf. He will and did give His all for the sheep, by dying on the cross. We my dear fellow sheep belong to the flock Jesus speaks of. We belong to the Church, and hear His voice. Many are charged with the task of shepherding. Parents guide their children like a shepherd, protecting them and putting them on the right path of life. Jesus speaks of those who do not belong to His flock. In the old days to Catholics this meant people who were not Catholic. All Christians are part of the flock of Christ. There are also those who stray from the flock, Jesus rounds them up. That is where we help bring them back. We call people back to the Church. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who cares for us and lays down His life for the sheep.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.