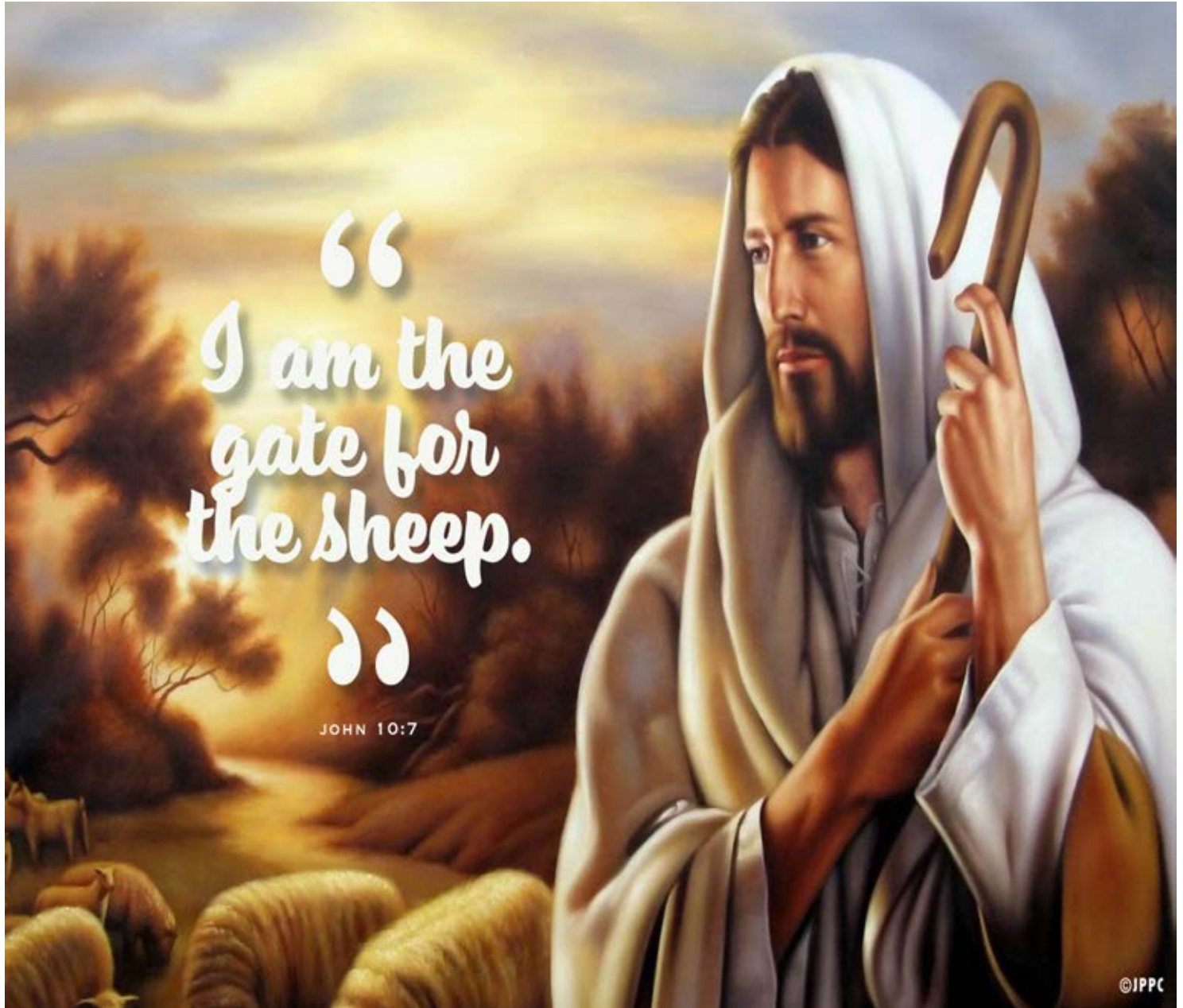


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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS</b>	<b>8:45AM, Monday-Saturday</b>
<b>HOLYDAY MASSES</b>	<b>6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; and 7:00 PM</b>
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	<b>Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment</b>

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*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Most mornings (before the pandemic) found me driving a fairly busy route to the parish church where I assist with Masses in my working retirement. I get a form of the “morning rush hour” so loved by the TV traffic reporters. Be that as it may, I often wind up riding behind either a driver who favors 43 mph in the legal 50 mph, or in front of another with a keen desire to inhale my exhaust as he/she is doing 60 in the same zone and urging me to speed up. On one of those mornings traveling amid South Jersey farmland I found myself alongside a scene of sheep “safely grazing” in a field. Munching contentedly their farm grown breakfast, they were a sharp contrast to the human activity.

This “Good Shepherd Sunday” offers us an opportunity to consider that ancient occupation, mostly missing on modern job applications and what it might teach us. Shepherding in Jesus’ time had all the dimensions of a “24/7” task, as we might describe it. The person so designated had to literally live with his herd of dependents around the clock. He or she had to be an outdoor type, sometimes compelled to be the actual “gate” as they stretched out at night across the gap in the stone fence that acted as a pen. The pay was usually nothing to blow a ram’s horn about. Still it was good work, enough for a person to take care of him/herself and any dependents. And if the shepherd was truly good, there developed a healthy respect for their woolly charges. Such a person was the exact opposite of those wandering strangers seeking only a paycheck, with no interest whatever in the sheep.

Our Lord was in such good touch with the reality of His day that when He assumed the teacher’s role, He described Himself as the Good Shepherd with all that implied. Is it any wonder that St. Peter’s current successor, Pope Francis, has urged his bishops and priests to acquire “the smell of the sheep?” That means of course the lay faithful of the Church, the chosen flock. The pain of this pandemic is that we priests can only have a virtual connection with them.

Bud Wilkinson, a famous football coach, was once asked, “What contribution does professional sport make to the physical fitness of Americans?” To no one’s surprise, he answered, “Very little. A professional football game,” he said, “is a happening where fifty thousand spectators, desperately needing exercise, sit in the stands watching twenty-two men on the field, desperately needing rest.”

Let that description never fit our Church dear friends. Especially in this unusual time, Our Good Shepherd asks all of us to be faithful to our prayer life; read a good spiritual book if we can; be patient with our stay at home circumstances, and at least join in on one or another of those online Masses. Above all, He wants us to trust in Him, keep our hope in Him, and know that this testing time will pass.

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**Saturday, May 2**  
**Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**8:45 am Special Remembrance Mass**  
**5:00 pm John & Paul Nolan**

**Sunday, May 3**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00 am Julia Kamienski**  
**10:00 am Elizabeth Lenihan**  
**12:00 pm Margaret & Herbert Peterson**

**Monday, May 4**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am Evert Olsen 100th Birthday**

**Tuesday, May 5**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am Poor Souls**

**Wednesday, May 6**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am Charles Williamson**

**Thursday, May 7**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am Clara & John Sexton**

**Friday, May 8**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am Jean Gulino**

**Saturday, May 9**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**8:45 am People of the Parish**  
**5:00 pm Anne Saporito**

**Sunday, May 10**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00 am All Mothers of the Parish**  
**10:00 am All Mothers of the Parish**  
**12:00 pm All Mothers of the Parish**



**PLEASE PRAY For.** Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista, Gerry Nolan, Dale, Joyce, Claire.



**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor; USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.



**Sanctuary Memorials**

Parishioners can offer a donation of \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle near the tabernacle - to burn in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses. **Many dates still available for 2020.**



**At this time with no daily or weekend Masses, your loved ones are being remembered at a private Mass.**



**This week the Sanctuary Candle is for Elaine Murray & the Bread & Wine are for Elizabeth Lenihan 5th Anniversary**



John Van Houten, Doris Hayes, Theresa Maglio, Joseph Kubala, Paul Colitti.

*Rest In Peace*

**God's Plan for Giving** – *“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.”(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

The Collection for 4-23-2020 \$7,5419.00

N.B. *The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.*

Please note you can also mail in your envelopes.

### **Electronic Giving**



This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. *We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – [patty@olbs.org](mailto:patty@olbs.org) – if you have any questions.*



### **New Hymnals**

We have had 370 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. *The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – [olbs.org](http://olbs.org).*



Our monthly **SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS**, is celebrated on **the first Saturday of each month at 8:45 am**. Our wasl be celebrated on **May 2**. Those who will be remembered at this Mass are: Kathleen Kaczynski, Charles T. Hennigan, Liliane Antaki, Prayers and protection for unborn babies and their mothers, Theresa Burke, Timothy Caldwell, Joan Tolan, Deceased Members of the Dorchak & Meehan Families, Deceased Members of the Canzanella & Goeller Families, Salud & Pacifico Natividad, Delfina & Cipriano Baldo, August Sica, Mary McFarland, Marie B. Addis, John Van Houten, Anina Marhre, Elizabeth Cappiello, Sophie Napolitano, John Derites, John Wickens, Eileen Pennell, Gary Biondi, Mary Dick, Elsa Seiner, Dorris Hayes, Theresa Maglio, Joseph Kubala, Paul Colitti.

### **Do You Need Prayers?**

We have a **Prayer Chain** at OLBS. What is a **Prayer Chain**? It's a group of parishioners who have committed themselves to pray for people in our parish or their families who have a special need for prayer, e.g., out of work and need a job, a serious illness, surgery, etc. **What do you need to do?** It's very simple. Call the rectory and tell us the first name **ONLY** of the person who needs prayer and, if you wish, what the reason is for the prayer. *(That last part is not required.)* We are waiting to pray for all those who need our prayers; so, call the rectory at 973-226-7288 or email [deborah@olbs.org](mailto:deborah@olbs.org) with your prayer request.



### **Reading I: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

St Peter's Pentecost sermon sets the pattern for future such speeches. First is a connection with current events; then the Jesus kerygma, framed as a reproach of the listeners; then some Scriptural reference(s) and a call to repentance.

### **Reading II: I Peter 2: 20b-25**

Here we have a part of a primitive Christian hymn. In it, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah becomes both the Good Shepherd and our guardian.

### **The Gospel: John 10: 1-10**

The parable of the sheepfold precedes a consideration of Our Lord Jesus as both the Gate and the Good Shepherd of His flock.

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