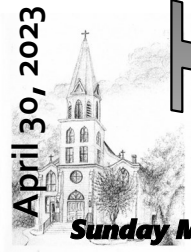


April 30, 2023



# Holy Mother of the Rosary

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Our Goal for Church	\$50,000
Windows Renovation is: \$50,000	\$47,500
<p><b>Windows Renovation. Please, make a donation toward our church windows renovation. This is our next big project to fix broken windows and make our church better look. It was suggested by our Parish Committee to put extra \$10 a week toward this project. It will be very appreciated. Last time we received another \$90. Now we have \$30,401. Thank you for all your donations.</b></p>	\$45,000
	\$42,500
	\$40,000
	\$37,500
	\$35,000
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	<b>\$27,500</b>
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**\$30,401**



- Happy Birthday!!!**  
**To All Born in April**  
 4 Lindsay Curylo  
 5 Edwin Renkowicz  
 6 Christine King  
 7 Frank Galat  
 12 Tom Maciolek  
 28 Joann Osinski  
 28 Carol Kielb

We'd love to celebrate everyone's birthday. If you like please tell about your birthay date to Father Pawel or Bunny. Thank you.

If anyone at Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish wishes to contact Fr. Pawel or to add something to the Sunday Bulletin please call at Rectory 413-592-2032 or email at: paulus75\_75@yahoo.com

**Mass Intentions**  
**April 30**  
 + Leon and Catherine Mazurkiewicz  
*Requested by Geri LaValley*

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**May 2 - Tuesday 4PM**  
*Healing Mass with the Rosary Prayer*

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**May 3 - Wednesday 4PM**  
*May Devotion with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

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**May 7**  
 + Geoffery Los  
*Requested by Family*

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**May 14**  
 + Janina Zachazewski  
 + Julia Dragon

Parish website: hmrpncc.org  
 Facebook: facebook.com/hmrpncc

**4th Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome*



For all Mass intentions please contact Fr. Pawel after Sunday Mass or anytime by phone or e-mail. If you want to have your intention on anniversary or birthday please let him note earlier. **First available date is: May 21, 2023. Save Masses for 2023.**

## ***PRAYERS FOR THE SICK***

**Helen Bozek** - at home

**Francis Galat** - Vantage Care at South Hadley, MA

**John Hollywood** - at home

**Theresa Kwatowski** - at home

**Cyndi Michon** - 18 Patrick St., Chicopee, MA 01020

**Ellen Mierzewski** - Ruth's House Assisted Living, 780 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA 01106

**Valeria Peters** - Arbors at Amherst, 130 University Dr. Amherst, MA 01002

**Stanley Placzek** - at home



**PLEASE SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER AND SEND A CARD**

**PASTORAL CARE AT HOME AND HOSPITAL**

*If you have a family member at hospital or home unable to take part in Mass and Sacraments, please notify Father Pawel as soon as possible to set the day and time for pastoral visit. In case of emergency you can call Fr. Pawel at any time to ask for visit.*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Tuesday Healing Mass will return this week. Mass with the Rosary Prayer will be celebrated on each Tuesday at 4 PM. Join us!**
- **May devotions will be celebrated on Wednesdays of May at 4 PM starting this week. Join us!**
- **School of Christian Living for youth and kids will be held after Sunday Mass.**
- **29th National Convention for United Women's Societies will be held on May 19-23, 2023 at Holy Trinity Church in Plantsville, CT.**

## **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

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.

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.