

Announcement
For the week of April 22, 2018

Happy Birthday to Fr. Noel Effiong, celebrated his birthday on Monday, April 16th.

Confirmation practice will be Tuesday April 24th at 6:30pm in the Church and Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30pm. We will not have Novena on April 24th.

Mother's Day is May13th, 2018. All Mother's/Ladies/Young Girls are asked to wear your Hat and Pearls in Remembrance of or to give Honor to your mother on Mother's Day.

The Priest Anniversary Mass and Celebration will be held at Our Mother of Mercy Church on May 10, 2018. All are welcome to attend the Mass at 10am and Pray for our Priests and for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life in the Church.

BFA DEADLINE: Fr. Noel is asking that the parish pay off the BFA by August of 2018. Those who have not pledged, please do so. We have less than 5 months for the parish deadline. Organizations and Groups of the parish are asked to help offset the BFA debt before the deadline.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.

Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for announcements and for other information.

April 22, 2018

GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)

WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER . KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).

BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTION.

THEME: We continue our celebration of the Lord's resurrection with some familiar images of him that can give us comfort. First, Peter uses the words of the psalmist in describing Jesus as the stone initially rejected by the builders that then became the cornerstone. Then John writes that Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Let us reflect on how Jesus, who died for us, can be the cornerstone of our lives.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.–

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: In the first reading, we hear Peter preaching about Jesus again. He uses the line from Psalm 118—"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone"—to describe Jesus. This becomes the refrain for the psalm. We then hear from John in the second reading and the Gospel, comforting us with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and us as the children of God. Let us consider the richness of these images as we listen to them today.

INTECESSORY PRAYERS
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Cycle B
April 21-22, 2018

Priest: Knowing that we are part of the flock tended by the Good Shepherd, we have the confidence to address our prayers to God...

Response: *Shepherd us, Lord.*

- For Pope Francis, that he may be a model of the Good Shepherd to his flock as he guides the Church in the world today, we pray to the Lord...
- That those in power in countries around the world may be sensitive to the needs of all of the people entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord...
- For a renewed commitment to caring for God's creation, that the condition of the planet that we leave for future generations may be healthier, we pray to the Lord...
- For those who serve God's people as priest and religious brothers and sisters, and for those who are considering this kind of vocation, that they may find inspiration in Jesus' model of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord...
- For all who have died, and for the intentions of this mass, **John Labrie, Hilda Broussard, Lambert Family, Arthur Gray, Marie H. Charlton, and Mildred Clement**, may they rejoice in the mercy of God, we pray to the Lord...
- In silence, we pray to the God of Mercy for our own needs and for the special intentions of others...*[pause for 10 seconds; we pray to the Lord.....*

Priest: Loving God, you have bestowed on us such love that we may be called children of God, and you sent your only Son, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us. Listen to the prayers we humbly offer to you today and grant them through Jesus Christ, Our Risen Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass
and turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass
This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

Second Collection

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