

Announcements
For the week of May 7, 2017

Mother's Day is May 14th. All mother are asked to wear hats on that Sunday.

Baptism are the 2nd Sunday of the Month, May 14th and Baptismal class is May 10th at 7pm in meeting Room 1. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics and leading a life in harmony of Catholic faith.

The CYM will be having a Bale Sale after all Mases on May 13th and 14th. Please support our youth.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Church. We are asking for donations from parishioners to help with Project Graduation. Contact Mrs. Margaret Denson.

Save the Date....The Living the Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, May 20th in Our Mother of Mercy Hall from 9:00am until 2:30pm. All are invite to attend.

Knights of Columbus is offering six Academic scholarships of \$1000.00 each for school accepted freshmen entering College or Vocational College School for the upcoming academic year of 2017-2018. Please have your application completed no later than May 15, 2017. Application are in the Vestibule of the Church.

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Noel. Deadline for all announcements is 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.

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 other announcements.

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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 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:

Our long Easter celebration continues today with what is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Easter always relates one of Jesus' "Good Shepherd" sayings. Today is a good day to reflect on and be thankful for all the people who have been good shepherds in your faith life, and to pray for all pastors and priests as well as for vocations for the future of our Church.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

In our first reading today, Peter has clearly taken on the role of shepherd, encouraging conversion and faith among his listeners. As we hear all these readings today, let us listen for God's invitation to follow the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and to emulate him in leading others to growing faith as well.

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

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Priest: Having returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us pray for the needs of everyone in the world around us.

Response: *Shepherd us, Lord.*

- ◆ For Pope Francis and all the leaders in our Church, as they strive to follow Christ the Good Shepherd and encourage us to do the same, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For leaders in our country and the world, that they might follow the example of the Good Shepherd in caring for the needs of all those with whom they have been entrusted, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all those who are celebrating their Confirmation this Easter season, as they deepen their faith and commitment to the Lord, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For men and women in every faith community, that they might hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them into ordained and lay ministers, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ , we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For the eternal glory of our beloved dead in the presence of our risen Lord, especially **Shirley Sam, Richard Bodwin, Vida Mae Louis, Elecia Prados, Geraldine Bridges, For the Parish and Special Intentions for W. & P. White**, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ In silence, we pray for ourselves and others, through Jesus, for all our intentions spoken and unspoken... [*pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord.....

Priest: Tender God, your care for us knows no bounds. Lead us with your love, and graciously hear these our prayers that we make through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd and Risen Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

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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 use the white bags for the collections.
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**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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