

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish Update: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me."  
(John 10.14)*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	
Office Closed	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Janice Pay (J Sim)	
	Sp. Int. of Mathew Silveira (D&E Silveira)	
<b>Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena – Memorial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Natalie & +Desiree Crete (A&C Crete)	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St. Marie De L'Incarnation – Memorial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)	
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Giuseppe Dragone (L&S Molinaro)	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession	
5:00 p.m.	First Communion	
	St. Teresa of Calcutta School	
	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Vendittelli, DiFabio, Duemo,, & Dumont Families (C&L Vendittelli)	
	Sp. Int. of Noah Silveira (D&E Silveira)	
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Catherine & +Ron Winterbottom (Serwatiak Family)	
11:00 a.m.	+Luigino Minicucci (M Minicucci)	
2:00 p.m.	First Communion	
	St. Ann School	

### From a Deacon's Heart World Day of Prayer for Vocations

\* Pope Leo XIV has released his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on April 26. Pope

Leo titled his message "**The Interior Discovery of God's Gift.**" Below are some excerpts from a March 25, 2026 Vatican News article about his message.

\* *Pope Leo XIV called the day "an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts." He also called it an opportunity to "explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us."*

\* *Pope Leo wrote that Jesus describes Himself as the "Good Shepherd," ready to give His life for His sheep, thus revealing God's love, "He is the Shepherd who draws us to Himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows Him." ... but only the one who pauses, listens, prays, and welcomes the Shepherd's gaze can say with confidence, "I trust Him; life with Him can truly be beautiful."*

\* *... The Pope invited everyone to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected, and accompanied so that it may bear abundant fruit. "Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment, can God's call blossom and mature."*

\* *The Pope continued ... "every vocation begins with the awareness and experience of God who is love. The Lord knows us profoundly and has envisaged for each person a unique path of holiness and service," ... this awareness must always be reciprocal, for "we are invited to know God through prayer, listening to the Word, the Sacraments, the life of the Church and works of charity for our brothers and sisters."*

\* *The Pope called on young people to listen to the voice of the Lord, who invites them "to a full and fruitful life," calling on them to put their talents to use and to unite their limitations and weaknesses with the glorious Cross of Christ. ... Through the intimacy of friendship with Jesus, the Pope said, they will discover how to give of themselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life. Every vocation," he said, "is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy."*

\* *A vocation, therefore, he explained, is not "an immediate possession - something 'given' once and for all," but rather a path that unfolds much like life itself. "The gift we have received must not only be protected but also nourished by a daily relationship with God in order to grow and bear fruit." ... "Pause, listen, and entrust yourselves," he said. "In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."*

\* *Finally, Pope Leo implored the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, to "always accompany you on this journey!"*

pax et bonum *Deacon Maurice o.f.s.*

**Thank You** to our **St. Patrick's Shamrock Club** for all their continued support. In 2025, payments including donations totaled \$19,454.51. Please see the attached detailed list included with our 2025 Financial Report. We appreciate all that this ministry does for our Parish. Thank you!

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**CWL CORNER**  
(Catholic Women's League)  
"Blessed are the Poor"

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to [cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com). Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Our CWL celebrate the **Feast Day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel** on April 26. Records dating from the pontificate of Paul II (1464-71) relate that the picture of Our Lady, at first called "La Madonna del Paradiso" and now better known as "Madonna del Buon Consiglio", appeared at Genazzano, a town about twenty-five miles southeast of Rome, on St. Mark's Day, April 25, 1467, in the old church of Santa Maria, which had been under the care of Augustinians since 1356. The Catholic Women's League of Canada adopted Our Lady of Good Counsel as its patroness in 1923. Her image will now be part of our parish church.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Please support the **annual Choose Life Diaper Drive** by bringing in baby essentials. Your donations may be dropped off in the Parish Hall by Sunday, May 3. They will be delivered in time for Mother's Day!



May 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn Maurice	K Gilmore	R Eckstein
Lector	T Cheslea	C Prendergast	C Dutta
Hospitality Ministers	P Waters M Ford C Tracey	Zacharchuk Family	G LaRoche H Green M Mouradikian

### WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	
Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 4,240.00
Loose Collection	CAD \$ 485.00
	USD \$ 0.00
Development & Peace (collection)	\$ 0.00
Development & Peace (mailed directly to)	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 4,770.00</b>

**Our Special Needs \$ 31.00**

*Thank you  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*

**Dear Church Family**, our mom, Ruth Egan was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday, April 21. She is at home, receiving 24-hour care, waiting for a long term care spot. Our family is very grateful for your ongoing prayers and support. We are especially appreciative of Father Richard's visits and care; he is a beacon of light for mom. Please continue to hold Ruth in prayer. Her strong faith and her Church Family are the anchor of her existence. Her move to long term care will be very difficult. Praying you are all held in Christ's light as we walk one another home. Trisha

**Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School–June 29 to July 3, 2026:** registration forms are now ready and available at the back of the church. This year's theme **Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!** Don't miss out on the fun!!



**Our Parish Photo Directory:** This Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the photo shoots begin at 1:30 p.m., downstairs in the Parish Hall. Please arrive on time for your appointment. Thank you for your support in making our Parish Photo Directory such a success!

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends** in the Diocese of St. Catharines will be at the Jericho Retreat Centre in Wainfleet, Ontario. Please arrive Friday evening by 6:30 pm to settle in, so that we can start promptly at 7:00 pm. The program completes on Sunday around 2:30 pm. Couples are expected to be free of other commitments and remain at the Jericho Retreat Centre for the entire weekend. **Register** by completing the form: [https://ceecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CATHOLIC-ENGAGED-ENCOUNTER\\_Niagara-Registration-Form-2026.pdf](https://ceecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CATHOLIC-ENGAGED-ENCOUNTER_Niagara-Registration-Form-2026.pdf) **In-Person Weekends** at the Jericho Retreat Centre are now available. **May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 and Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Cost \$575** Includes 2 nights' accommodation and five meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper; Sunday breakfast, lunch). Please send completed forms to [ceeniagara@gmail.com](mailto:ceeniagara@gmail.com)

**PRAYER ANGELS** Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 [mgmartin113@gmail.com](mailto:mgmartin113@gmail.com)

*'He who prays most receives most.'*

*St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori*



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