

April 20/21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

4:00 pm at St. James

Marge Garritano

Joseph Valasca

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Emmanuel Joseph, Betty Sicurella

Patty & Tony Sparks

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Elio Carocci

Sandy Mason & Family

Monday, April 22nd,

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Paul E. Kerr

Tina Thompson

Tuesday, April 23rd

9:00 am at St. James

Tom DePiere

Ann DePiere

9:45 am at St. James

Scripture Study

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

Thursday, April 25th

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Parish Families

Friday, April 26th

No Mass

Saturday, April 27th

4:00 pm at St. James

Marge & George Rucinski

Vickie & Bill Takacs

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Parish Families

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Russ Mason

Sandy Mason & Family

Liturgical Ministers for April 27th & 28th The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm St. James

9:00 am St. Catherine

11:00 am St. Mary & St. Joseph

Lectors: Ann DePiere

Tommy Janik

Sandy Mason

Pat Kichton

Rich Patnode

Rachel Hrbolich

EM: Lorraine Confoey

Nancy Patnode

Lisa Kellner

Server: Michael Klodt

Gary Lippert

Joe Thiry

Readings for Sunday, April 28, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31, (53B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection:

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Church support for the weekend of April 13/14, 2024: Offertory: \$3,120.00, Easter: \$50.00, Communications: \$55.00, Seminarian Support: \$55.00.

May She Rest in Peace: In your prayers, please remember Linda Prachick, who passed away on Sunday, April 14th. Linda was a long-time member of Our Lady of the Lakes at St. James. Please keep Linda, her husband Charles, and their family in your prayers.

Women's Guild Meeting: Women's Guild meeting is Wednesday, May 1st, at 10:30 am at St. James.

Help is needed for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall: Please call or text Mary Adams at 330-547-8418 if you are able to help on any of the following days from 10:15 to 12:30: May 6th, May 7th, 8th and/or May 10th. Thank You in advance!

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women: All women are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Youngstown Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Wednesday, May 8th. It promises to be an inspiring day featuring personal testimonies by speakers, Bonnie Workman, *Our Lady of Good Counsel* recipient, and Sara Schroedl on her life behind the handlebars of a bicycle while cycling across America. The location is Little Flower Catholic Parish, 2040 Diamond St. NE, North Canton. Doors open at 8 am with a continental breakfast. Mass at 11 am. Mail reservation by Friday, April 26th. Indicate your lunch choice: Turkey, ham, or chicken salad. Please specify dietary needs. Mail \$20.00 check payable to YDCCW, to Mary Jane Malich, 4216 Fahrni Rd., Dalton, OH 44618. For more info call: 330-833-3756

Seminarian Support Collection: The Seminarian Collection takes place this weekend to assist with costs of tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry. During the year, they assist at diocesan events and speak at parishes and schools in their ministry assignments. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of seminarians and please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations. *For more information about our seminarians visit <https://doy.org/vocations/seminarians/>.*

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. But what does that mean? Shepherds were a common sight in His day. They were paid little so had little incentive to risk their life to protect someone else's livestock. Jesus makes it clear; He is not in the shepherding business for a paycheck. He is in it because He loves His Father. He lays down His life for His sheep. Like sheep, we all need someone to follow who we can trust. The peace of knowing that we are in the hands of the Good Shepherd is enduring. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, so that we can help more people find the same enduring peace in the Good Shepherd's fold. God will reward you.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday:

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you, to care for all that are close to us, to protect those who are threatened, to welcome those who are rejected, to forgive those who are burdened by guilt, to heal those who are broken and sick, to share with those who have little or nothing, to take the time to really know one another and love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you, to spread compassion to those who are far away, to speak for those who are voiceless, to defend those who are oppressed and abused, to work for justice for those who are exploited, to make peace for those who suffer violence, to take the time to recognize our connectedness, and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you and to be faithful to the calling you gave us to be shepherds in your name.
Amen.

Church Support Record: Sunday, April 14, 2024 Weekly: \$2,348.00

Candles: \$42.00 Easter: \$20.00 Initial Offering: \$8.00

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be on *Thursday, May 2 @ 6:00 pm in the parish office*. We had 12 people in attendance at our meeting on Monday, April 15 where we went over guidelines and some valuable preliminary discussions. Thanks to all who came!

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Come soar with us! John F. Kennedy Catholic School Lower Campus will host a Meet and Greet for families with incoming students in *grades K - 5 on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 2:15 PM*. Come and learn about our academics, environment, generous tuition assistance for all Ohio students, and more! These events will be at our JFK Lower Campus, 3000 Reeves Road, Warren, Ohio 44483. *Families are asked to pre-register by calling or emailing Mrs. Judi LaPolla, Director of Admissions, at 330-369-1804 or jlapolla@warrenjfk.com*. We can't wait to meet you!

MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH! ARE YOU AT RISK? *Life Line Screening* will be at Newton Falls First Church of God on **Monday, April 22, 2024** offering area residents *screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions*. These screenings are typically not a part of a routine physical. The tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, (leading risk factors for stroke), abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests. The 4 screenings (3 ultrasounds and an EKG) are offered for only \$149, take 60-90 minutes to complete and do not require you to disrobe. To learn more and to schedule your appointment call **1-877-754-9648**, **text** the word **circle** to **797979** or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://llsa.social/HS>. *When you are proactive with your health, you have a chance for more tomorrows.*