

# 4th Sunday of Easter



APRIL 30, 2023

## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**Second:** 1 Peter 2:20b-25

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

**FOCUS:** *The sheep follow Christ because they recognize his voice.*

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us. He is present, leading us. Christ does not speak only in miraculous visions or through powerful movements of the heart. God speaks through Scripture and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter to preach, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Peter proclaims Christ crucified and the people are cut to the heart, asking what to do. Peter calls them to repent and be baptized, and about 3,000 people were added that day. In the second reading, Peter writes of the suffering Christ endured that we might live for righteousness. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the shepherd and the gate who protects and guides his sheep.



## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Michael Wood, Richard Mercado and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: Rosalina Rodriguez, Richard Diaferio Nancy Wood and Michael Wood

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

8 p.m.: 88  
10 a.m.: 169

## EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

**Blessed Carlo Acutis** was born in London on May 3, 1991, and raised in Milan by wealthy parents who were not particularly religious. Still, upon receiving his First Communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying in front of the Tabernacle before or after every Mass.

In school, Carlo defended peers from bullies. He volunteered to work with the homeless, enjoyed soccer and was considered a "computer geek" because of his passion and skill with computers.

Using that skill, Carlo spent four years creating a website that cataloged the worldwide locations of Church-recognized Eucharistic miracles (wherein the Eucharist takes on the biological qualities of human flesh or blood or both). He completed this compilation of photographs and historical descriptions in 2005 – a year before his death from leukemia. Sadly, he never realized his dream of visiting each site.

His work, now the **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** on 187 panels – along with a first-class relic of Carlo's (known for healing) – will be at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point from **May 4** through **May 9**. Visit [www.marianshrine.org](http://www.marianshrine.org) to check times and events.



Can't Sleep?



Instead of counting sheep,

How about

Talking to the  
**Good Shepherd?**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."  
- Jesus Christ

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

April 16-23: Totaled \$ 6,652.53

Envelopes: \$ 1,949.00 – Online: \$ 4,703.53

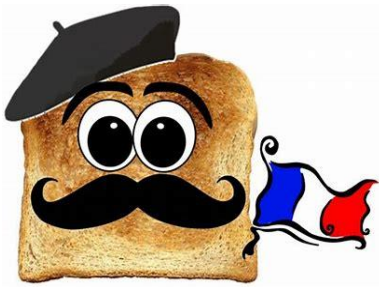
**THANK YOU!**



**LET THEM EAT CAKE ...  
AND FRENCH TOAST!**

The Gallic Rooster was first used as a religious symbol, the sign of hope and faith, during the Middle Ages and then it became associated with the emerging French nation. Even though French toast isn't really French at all, the rooster had a connection to last Sunday's event – itself a sign of hope and faith as almost 100 people gathered for breakfast after Mass for the first time in more than three years!

And to ensure the hungry crowd would be met with French toast, scrambled eggs (a rooster played a role in those, too!), sausage patties, hashbrown potatoes, biscuits and pork gravy, fresh fruit, juice and coffee, our dedicated kitchen crew – some with youth in tow – had to rise with the crowing rooster to get to the St. Paul's kitchen by 8 a.m.



Yellow table runners and comical placemats greeted folks as they filled the hall. Fr. Sean had to ring the bell several times to quiet the lively conversation so he could say grace before the meal. Then the beeline was made to the buffet.

Our catechists, charged with instilling hope and faith in our children, were recognized at this breakfast, too. Jessica Carpino, coordinator of Religious Education said a few words of appreciation to the 16 in attendance, and Anne Savastano baked her famous celebratory Fiori di Sicilia cake just for the occasion.

Kim Porpora, Religious Education's administrative assistant, decided to continue the day's theme at dinner – when she ordered French onion soup!

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**FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...**


Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just “happens.” Instead, it’s the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.





The Archdiocese of New York's **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 4**, at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2023. Couples must register through the office by May 15.

But here at St. Paul's, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. Our Masses the weekend of **May 27** and **28** will honor those marking their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you've reached either milestone.

**IN THE LOOP**

 Heloiza Asaro wants to make it known how grateful she is to the person who prevented a late fee from being assessed on a Home Depot bill! Heloiza was to mail her daughter's payment, but inadvertently dropped the envelope while exiting Palm Sunday Mass. When she realized it was missing, she retraced her steps, but the envelope was nowhere to be found. Clearly, a kind parishioner had already picked it up to send it on its way as the next statement reflected the payment.

 Did you know that you can download **The Good Newsroom app** either on the Apple App Store or on Google Play? It's free and an easy way to stay up to date on what's happening throughout the Archdiocese of New York – as more than 5,000 people already know.

 Our **Food Pantry** doesn't stay stocked for long! Know that your donations of **unexpired** and non-perishable foods are greatly appreciated. Almost all our pantry staples are low at this time. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made on WeShare. Thank you

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE**

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to mission and charitable works, your generosity makes a difference. As of Tuesday, April 25, **\$ 43,310** toward our goal of \$48,200 has been received/pledged by 110 families. Thank you.



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