

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

My sheep hear my
voice; I know them,
and *they follow me.*

John 10:27



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel reading focuses on the parable of the Good Shepherd, highlighting Jesus' love, protection and willingness to lay down his life for his sheep (the Church). We are encouraged to recognize Jesus as our guide and to strive to be good shepherds, caring for others and protecting them from harm as well.

Whether as pastors, parents, teachers or anyone else for that matter, good shepherding involves loving those we care for, praying for their well-being and protecting them from harm. We can imitate Jesus' sacrificial love by putting others first, serving them and overcoming selfishness.

The Gospel reading also emphasizes that Jesus gives eternal life to his sheep. This promise is realized through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist, which nourish our souls and strengthen our faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: All of our Mothers, Living and Deceased

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

April 28-May 4 – \$ 5,847.73

Envelopes: \$ 2,907.00 – Online: \$ 2,940.73

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 94

10 a.m. – 151

'CALLED BY NAME' SUNDAY

Today is **Called by Name Sunday**! Cardinal Dolan is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to the priesthood.

To submit names, please visit

www.nypriest.com/calledbyname.

Men whose names are submitted will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Dolan, invitations to discernment events and support from the Archdiocese's Vocation Team.

Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

PRAYER

for WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

On this the 62nd World Day of Prayer
for Vocations:

God our Father,

*You made each of us to use our gifts
in the Body of Christ.*

*We ask that you inspire young people
whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow your will.*

*Send workers into your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and your people are strengthened
by the sacraments.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

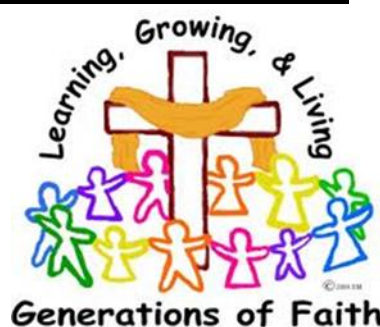
Amen

TIME TO THINK ABOUT NEXT FALL!

Religious Education

registration will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. this **Monday, May 12,** and **Wednesday, May 14,** for new and current students.

Questions? Call Peg Hoblin, the program's director, at (845) 361-5816.



CARDINAL'S 2025 APPEAL

We're about 70% there!

Our parish goal is **\$50,600** of which **\$35,315** has been received/pledged from 91 families as of May 4. Please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can make online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

Happy Mother's Day!



A Prayer for Mothers



Blessed Mother,
we ask that you
bless our mothers
who gifted us with life.

Please console them
in sorrow and disappointment,
give them a sense
of safety and assurance,
and relieve them of all anxiety.
We are grateful for their sacrifice
and ask that you grant them
joy, peace, health and happiness.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Pray for us.

Amen

THEY'RE ARRIVING

It's **Parish Raffle** time again, our main fundraiser. Your participation last year translated into almost \$9,000 for St. Paul's. By now, most registered parishioners who have not previously opted out have received five chances to win one of 23 prizes totaling \$68,000.

Extra tickets are available through the office or after Mass in the sacristy.

The raffle administrator, Catholic Parish Initiatives, hopes to use any surplus from ticket sales after costs to ensure that each participating parish has at least one winner.



A RESOUNDING THANK YOU



Give yourselves a round of applause for your participation in last weekend's **Food Pantry Sunday!**

Thanks to your generosity, Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard would be quite envious of our pantry shelves as the week began.

Of course, food does no one any good sitting on a shelf, and that won't be the case here. Twelve families have already reached out to us this week!

HIT A HOME RUN WITH FAMILY FUN

Chris Worthington and Deb Harrison, our youth ministers, are making a pitch to all parishioners to catch the excitement at the

Hudson Valley Renegades' Faith & Family Night on May 31.



There's a pre-game concert, baseball card deck giveaway to the first 1,000 to arrive, and the game followed by a post-game team autograph signing. **PLUS** when tickets are purchased using this QR code or the link posted on our website, \$5 per ticket slides home to the St. Paul's Youth Ministry!



Seats purchased this way will also be in the same vicinity, not scattered throughout the stadium.

So don't strike out – book your seats soon!

Questions? Call Chris at 845-248-3120.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13.

All parishioners are welcome to sit in. You can click on the link to the Zoom meeting right from the home page of our website, stpaulsbullville.org. However, if you have something to discuss, it needs to be placed on the agenda beforehand by contacting a council member or Fr. Sean.

Minutes are posted on the website; click on "Parish Council" in the menu bar to access them.

LOOKING TO LEND A HAND?

Our **Repast Committee** could use a few more folks to call upon. Volunteers are needed to prepare a dish for the buffet that feeds the family after a parishioner's Funeral Mass. Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve and clean up the hall after the repast.

Volunteers serve as they are available, and fortunately, are not asked all that often.

For more information, contact Pam Vogt at (845) 741-8111.

