

ST LAWRENCE

APRIL 22, 2018

Come, Pray, Belong

Sunday Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter

**“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 that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Expressions of Prayer



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *The Church invites the faithful to regular prayer: daily prayers, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the feasts of the liturgical year (CCC 2720).*

1) Vocal Prayer Vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life; it is founded on the union of body and soul in human nature, associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart, following Christ's example of praying to his Father and teaching the Our Father to his disciples (CCC 2722). Through his Word, God speaks to man. By words, mental or vocal, our prayer takes flesh. Yet it is most important that the heart should be present to him to whom we are speaking in prayer: "Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls (CCC 2700).

2) Meditation Prayer Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking. The required attentiveness is difficult to sustain (CCC 2705). Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is a great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him (CCC 2708).

3) Contemplative Prayer Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery (CCC 2724). Entering into contemplative prayer is like entering into the Eucharistic liturgy: we "gather up" the heart, recollect our whole being under the prompting of the Holy Spirit, abide in the dwelling place of the Lord which we are, awaken our faith in order to enter into the presence of who awaits us. We let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to him as an offering to be purified and transformed (CCC 2711).

Announcements

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK PRO-LIFE YOUTH RALLY *Heal Their Wounds: Becoming a Minister of Mercy* Last year 1,901 people died in New Jersey alone from opioid addiction. This epidemic is destroying lives and families. The Pro Life Youth Rally on Wednesday, April 25th hosted by the Respect life Office will address this epidemic. Guest speaker: Kayla Grammer on addiction and recovery. MC- Dr. David Hajduk, Theology Teacher & Youth Minister. **We encourage as many students to attend. Cost: \$10 per student. For more information, contact: Cheryl Riley - Rileyche@rcan.org or 973-497-4350**

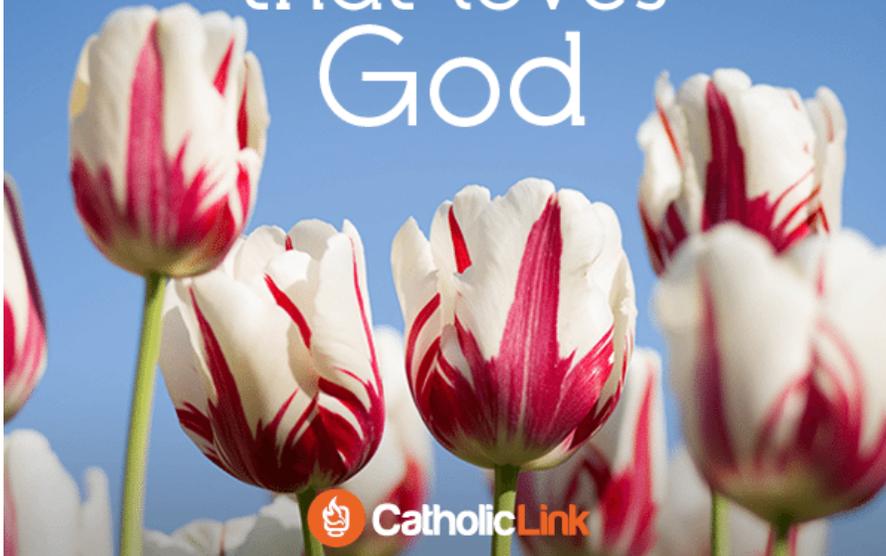
LITURGY FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILD HAS DIED The 31st Annual Liturgy for Parents Whose Child Has Died will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ. All parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age are invited to attend with their families and friends. The mass includes a personal witness and the reading of each child's name. **Pre-registration is requested by contacting Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.**

SYMPOSIUM ON PARISH RENEWAL The Monsignors - Thomas Kleissler and Thomas Ivory- will present a Symposium on Parish Renewal on April 19, 2018 from 12:00-7:00 PM at Seton Hall University. Registration is \$45 per person. Keynote Speaker: William Simon, Jr. Chairman and Founder of Parish Catalyst and author of Great Catholic Parishes. Evening prayer and preaching by: Joseph Cardinal Tobin Archbishop of Newark. **For more info visit: www.renewintl.org/celebrate40. Join for a day filled with insights and discourse on pastoral renewal!**

OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT PETER'S PREP Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 6 from 1:00–3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. **For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6389.**

SINGLE PARENT SUCCESS The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office is sponsoring a special event to honor single parents on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 6:45pm to 8:30pm at Notre Dame RC Church, 359 Central Ave, N. Caldwell, NJ 07006. If single parenting leaves you feeling overwhelmed or inadequate some days, or overlooked in terms of your needs, join Loyla Louvis from Mothers in Training, LLC. for an insightful look at 5 strategies every single parent should know. Loyla Louvis is a parenting coach, a mentor, a public speaker, and last but not least, a mother and wife. If you are a single parent, were raised by a single parent, a grandparent raising children or have ever been a single parent you are welcome to come! Babysitting and food provided. Free of charge! **Must RSVP: <https://www.smores.com/dnqb9> or email Lauren.Egan@rcan.org**

It is always
spring
 in a heart
 that loves
God



May 10
 at
7:00 pm



Confirmation Mass

with **Celebrant Bishop John W. Flesey**
 at Saint Lawrence



Caretaker needed for elderly woman. 4-5 hours per day. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office and speak with Elizabeth for more information. (p) 201.863.6464

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT \$5,367	BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE 4/1/18 \$214,675
COLLECTED AMOUNT 4/1/18 \$7,534	COLLECTED YEAR TO DATE 4/1/18 \$173,191
*INCLUDES E-GIVING	
DEFICIT (\$41,484)	

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PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8 AM (no music) • 10:30 AM • 12 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 3 PM - 8 PM
 Tuesday • Wednesday 9 AM - 3 PM
 Thursday 9 AM - 10:30 AM
 Friday • Saturday • Sunday Closed

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Tuesday • Wednesday 9 AM - 3 PM
 Thursday 9 AM - 10:30 AM
 Sunday 8 AM - 1 PM
 Monday • Friday • Saturday Closed

The Weekday Mass also serves as Funeral Mass as needed. No Daily Mass on Mondays, Fridays or Saturdays unless a funeral is requested.

DAILY MASS

Tuesday ▶ Thursday **Mass 9:30 AM**

Other Daily Masses available in the Deanery:

St Ann	Monday ▶ Friday	7 AM
St Francis	Monday ▶ Friday	8 AM
St Peter & Paul	Tuesday ▶ Friday	12:10 PM
OLG	Monday ▶ Friday	12:30 PM
OLG	Monday ▶ Thursday	7 PM

ST JUDE PRAYER After the Sunday noon Mass

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 22

8:00 am † Anna & Joseph Rana
 10:30 am † Richard Stratton
 12:00 pm † Michael & Maria Dunlea

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 am † Inge Market

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 am † Thomas Chepic

Thursday, April 26

9:30 am † Richard Stratton

Sunday, April 29

8:00 am † Roseanne & Francis Andreula
 10:30 am † Murial Rose Wittmann
 12:00 pm † Elizabeth Cosentino
 20th Anniversary of Death