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Scott Hahn



Readings:
Acts 4:8–12
Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 29
1 John 3:1–2
John 10:11–18

Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31](#)).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8](#); [John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15–17](#)).

Peter tells Israel’s leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel’s temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10–13](#); [1 Peter 2:4–7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today’s Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22–23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY

184 Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Served by:
Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer
Pastor

Rev. Cyprian Okongwu
Rev. Severine Msigiti
Rev. Xavier Kassase
Rev. Paul Shirima
Priests in Residence

Deacon. Leo Woodruff
Deacon

Paul Rajah
Music Director
CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday
through Saturday in Church

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every First
Friday of the month, 8AM-10am in
Church

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONSSACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on **Sundays** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Parish Center for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child’s birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest **1 year** in advance of the wedding date.

MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Parish Center.

Parish Membership: We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the office.

Parish Website: www.hnjeo.org

Rectory and Parish Office Phone: 973-675-4444

CCD Emergency Phone: 201- 953-5077

E-mail: info@hnjeo.org

Social Services: 1-800-227-7413

Saturday, April 20, 2024

5:00 PM Lili Rana

By Galanido Family

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

9:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Tom Abendschoen, Jr 7th Memorial Anniversary

By: Love from the Family

Monday, April 22 2024

8:00 AM Jean G. Mac Kenzie Memorial

By: Ann Pfeifer

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

8:00 AM Anthony Armando Special Intentions

By Anthony Armando

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:00 AM Peace within the Family

Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:00 AM Natalia Osorio Safe Travels

By: Osorio Family

Friday, April 26, 2024

8:00 AM Herminio Guanzon Birthday Blessings

By: Villanos Family

Saturday, April 27, 2024

8:00 AM Veronica Birthday Blessings, Thanksgiving, health & well-being

By: Andaya Family

5:30 PM James Howlett

By MaryAnn Bulgia

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

9:00 AM Denise Daniel Birthday Blessings

By: Daniel Family

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Today, we will recognize the Confirmation students at a reception in the front vestibule after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on April 21st. (Volunteers welcome and needed!)
- ❖ First Confession for those receiving First Communion will be held on First Friday on May 3rd at 7pm. Parents are encouraged to go to confession too. This would be a good example for your children.
- ❖ First Communion will be held on Sunday May 5th at the 11:30 am. Mass along with the May Crowning. Refreshments will be served after Mass. (Volunteers welcome and needed!)
- ❖ Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction is on every First Friday & First Saturday. This takes place after the 8am mass. On First Friday, we have a perpetual devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ and on First Saturday, perpetual devotion to Dive Mercy. This is a parish devotion in which all parishioners should attend a least 3 times a year.
- ❖ Important Liturgical celebration to prepare spiritual for:
 - May 12 – Ascension of the Lord
 - May 19 – Pentecost Sunday
 - May 26 – Trinity Sunday
 - June 2 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ our Lord
 - June 7 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - June 8 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- ❖ Please join us for a Luncheon honoring Deacon Leo's years of service on Sunday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m. at Hanover Manor. Please get your tickets ASAP.
- ❖ Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday, June 3rd, at 7 p.m. in the Fatima Center. All are welcome to attend. Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend or designate someone to attend on behalf of the Committee.
- ❖ We need more volunteers and people active in our parish life. We need ushers, people for the Liturgy Committee to help plan services, and people to revitalize the Men's Fellowship as a prayer group and for odd jobs. Please contact Peggy Jurow at 973 632 4413 to explore how you might be able to be more involved. It doesn't have to be a large time commitment.