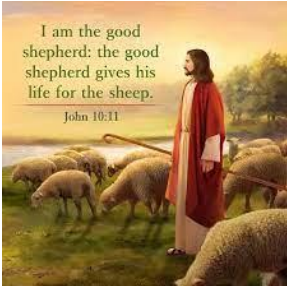



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Easter Season (3)				
Date <i>April</i>	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 20	SHJ	5pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter 	Needs & Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 21	SFA	9am		Betty Brodeur [RIP] <i>Jules Hubert</i>
	SJM	11am		Mary Korol [RIP] <i>Paul Bamford</i>
TUE 23	SFA	9am	For Vocations to Holy Orders 1245	Harold Ross [RIP] <i>Eleanor Ross</i>
WED 24	SFA	9am	For the Laity 1246 Exposition & Benediction	Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory <i>Jules Hubert</i>
	SJM	3:30pm	LW&C	
THR 25	SFA	9am	St. Mark	Carol Sherwood[RIP] <i>Wayne & Mary Raybould</i>
FRI 26	SJM	10am	LW&C	
SAT 27	SHJ	5pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter 	Elisabeth Marter [RIP] <i>Mary-Kim Marrin</i>
SUN 28	SJM	9am		Ed Vanattan [RIP] <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	SFA	11am		Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family

Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Apr 20 Sun, Apr 21	Lector – K. Foster	Lector – C. Carswell-Towns Usher – L. Forestell
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Apr 27 Sun, Apr 28	Lector – R. Lefort	Lector – S. Kostya Usher – B. Kerby

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Important Time Change to Masses This Sunday, 21st April 2024

- The Mass at **St Francis of Assisi** (SFA), Frankford **will be at 9am on this day only**
- The Mass at **St James the Minor** (SJM), Stirling **will be at 11am on this day only**

Why have Sunday Mass times been reversed for this day?

The Knights of Columbus Council 11655 will be hosting a luncheon for widows and widowers in Loogman Hall (St James the Minor Church) immediately after the 11am Mass.

- Sunday Mass times will return to normal the following weekend, 28th April 2024.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience which these changes may cause you.

March 2024:

901 people attended Mass in our Parish in the month of March

\$10,600.50 were donated towards the Parish Upkeep in the month of March

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Many years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old nephew, and I could tell that he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. “That’s James! I know him! He’s in my class!” he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone whom he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today’s readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that like a good shepherd He knows His flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but that He willingly chose to lay down His life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with Him. If we stay close to the Lord, we will know His voice when we hear it – in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path. Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my nephew recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized – without being able to articulate it – this need in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: “I know him, and he knows me!” But he did not leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us – not just to know us, and simply to recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter Him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts. Our spending quality time in prayer and in reading the Scriptures is essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, just like a good shepherd who speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.