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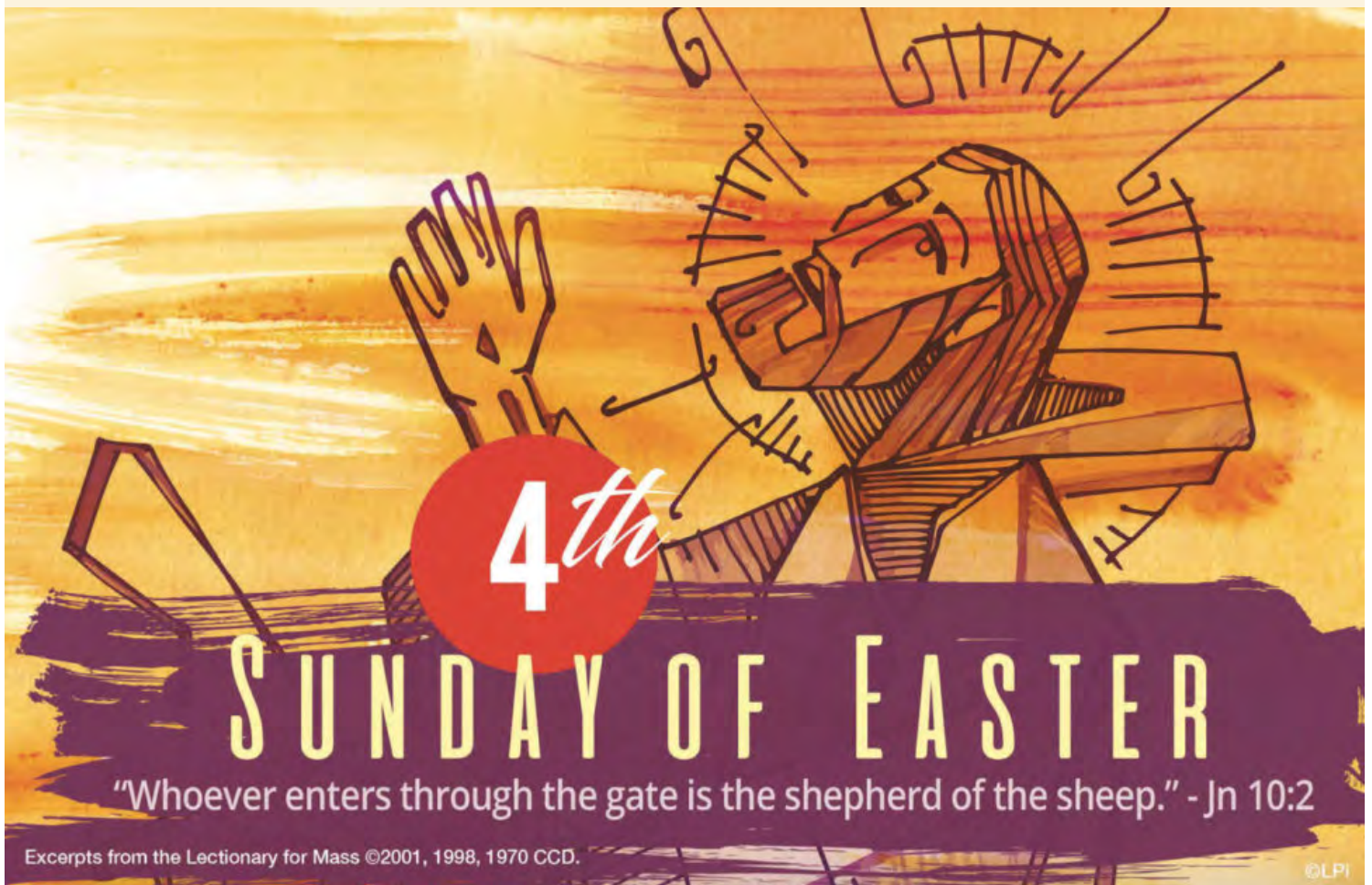
WEEKDAYS

6:30am, 8:30am and 12:00 noon
Saturdays: 8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)
6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:00 noon

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 30, 2023





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Dear Friends,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter, *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Because the readings always focus on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in all the years of the three-year cycle of readings, this Sunday has also become the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, especially and specifically vocations to the priesthood. As we are encouraged to place our hearts and lives into the hands of the Shepherd Who always loves and cares for us, we are asked to pray for more shepherds today, servant-leaders, priests, who would love us as Jesus did.

I have quoted this before but I do so again because when I first read it, it made such an enormous impression on me. A few years ago, on a pastoral visit to one of the parishes of Rome, the late Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI addressed the Parish Pastoral Council and everyone in attendance. He said this. "Every person carries within himself (herself), a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God, on what he (she) is required to do in history to build His Church, a living temple of His presence. And the priest's role is above all to reawaken this awareness, to help the individual to discover his (her) personal vocation, God's task for each one of us."

First, notice the Holy Father stresses that God has a calling for each one of us, a project of God, a way for each one of us to participate in the divine plan. I love the way the Holy Father puts it, "a personal idea of God," for each one of us. Think about that a little today. What does that mean for you? If God has an idea for me, how can I know it and if I come to know it, am I listening, answering and following? And who's the best example of this? Mary, of course. She heard the invitation from God through the angel. She could have said no. But she didn't and because she didn't God broke into our world in flesh and blood and the world hasn't been the same ever since. (And the month of May, which begins tomorrow, is still a good time to practice some extra devotion to Mary, in gratitude for her **Yes** to God.) Wow! Talk about "a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God." And God has one of those for you and me too.

And maybe that personal idea for some of our young men out there is to be a priest. I'm fifty-two years a priest this year, the last twenty six (well almost but shy by one month) as your pastor (the longest I've ever held down the same job). I've held down many different posts and rubbed elbows with many different people, including President Clinton, Pope St. John Paul II, the Pope Emeritus, when he was a cardinal. But more important than any and all of these is what I feel my life is about now. To help people discover the Divine Presence in their lives, person by person. I have four or five favorite quotes from scripture. One of them is from *The Book of Revelation*, chapter 3. "Here I stand knocking at the door. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me." After all these years I never get tired of seeing

this as my calling, one person at a time. For each one to know that Jesus is there, knocking, waiting to enter. Whatever the means, to help every man, woman, teenager, youngster to open the door. Then, when they open that door, they can do what the Holy Father suggests, discover God's personal idea for them. With all its frustrations, I wouldn't trade this life for anything else in the world. Daily events make me more and more believe that the world which we are creating, a world without God, a world without the light, love and life of Christ, the world we are creating for our children and grandchildren, a world which the *intelligencia* tell us will be better—that world will not be better. That world needs to hear from people of faith that Jesus Christ lives and He is the Answer to the deepest longing of our hearts and the real solution to our many problems and challenges as individuals and as a society. Maybe we got a glimpse of the emptiness of our world during the pandemic. Maybe we found out that so much of what went on in our lives wasn't quite as important as we thought, or as impactful for our happiness or sense of fulfillment. Maybe. Or maybe that lesson, if we ever considered it, is already fading in our "return to normal."

If you feel such a knocking at your heart, or if you know someone who has given any indication that they might be feeling such a knocking, let me know. If any of my words have registered, let me know. I would be glad to sit with you, listen to your story, share my own, and help you find out if you should open that door. And I know the other priests feel the same.

And speaking of vocations, I take this opportunity to once again invite the parish to join in the joyful celebration of Deacon Robert Burkot's ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by attending his 1st Mass to be celebrated here at 12:30PM on Sunday, May 28th, 2023. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. Another word on the **Annual Appeal**. You know that a good deal of my presentation on Pledge Sunday was on the support **Catholic Charities** receives from the **Appeal**, especially the homeless shelter program, the largest by a private agency in the State of New Jersey. You can still catch that presentation on the homepage of our website. I wanted to give an update on the new shelter built in Jersey City. It's going through its final inspections and licensing requirements and the first residents could move in in June with the dedication in mid-July. This 15 million dollar shelter is the result of the Archdiocesan commitment to Catholic Charities and the operation of the shelter is made possible through the **Appeal**. I'm told the mayor of Jersey City often mentioned the new shelter. If you have not done so already, join your fellow parishioners in supporting the Archdiocese in this and so many other programs by making a pledge to the **Appeal**. And make it by June 30th so the parish can be helped as well through the rebate program. Simply go the homepage of the website and click on the 1st link on the top left. Thank you.



**Inspire: Catholic Young Adult Ministry
Meets This Friday—May 5th—7:30pm
Lower Level of the School Bldg.
(56 Passaic Street-Enter Rear Door)**

**"Funny? Funny how?: The Sacred & The Insane with
His HoliMess, the Comic Priest, Fr. Paul Houlis!"**

You won't want to miss this stand-up comedy event filled with lots of laughter. Our First Friday meeting will take place Friday, May 5th at 7:30PM in the lower level of the school across from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood (52 Passaic St.) Social to follow at the Glen Rock Inn in Glen Rock, NJ.

We will be collecting donations of peanut butter, jelly, and Pop-Tarts for the Fr. English Food pantry drive. All non-perishable donations are also welcome."

STEWARDSHIP

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This promise of the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel should give rise to hope in the hearts of all believers. Those who follow the Shepherd, hearing His voice and walking in his way will experience an abundance of life, no matter the circumstances of an individual's life. The Christian Steward acknowledges this abundance and offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** in gratitude. How do you show gratitude for your abundance?

The Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$13,704. God bless all who so generously support and advance the mission of the Gospel



**Ridgewood Knights of Columbus
Council 1736**

Shake the Can ~ April 28—30, 2023

The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will don their yellow vests and "shake the can" the weekend of April 28-30. Each year we collect donations in downtown and after the OLMC weekend Masses in support of those with cognitive disabilities. The proceeds support local charities, a list of which can be found on our website: www.ridgewoodkofc.org. The Knights welcome both cash and electronic donations. If you would like



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2023 Annual Appeal

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From the drop-down menu**

Checks (payable: 2023 Annual Appeal) may also be placed in the collection basket, the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped off at the rectory.

Note: Pledges received by June 30 directly impact the parish's rebate. Please prayerfully consider pledging now.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Clothing & More Drive Next Weekend **SPRING** Closet Cleanout

Saturday, May 6TH: 1:00pm-5:00pm
Sunday May 7TH: 8:30AM-11:30AM

Drive-Thru Drop Off at The Holmes Building
(Located on the right of Saint Catharine's Church)
905 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes; Shoes;
Accessories; Handbags; Belts; Scarves; Ties; Hats; Bedding;
Curtains; Tablecloths; Towels; and...
Stuffed Animals; Small Toys (2 ft. or less); Bikes; Scooters;
Car Seats & Strollers!

Please bag & tie items in sturdy garbage bags.
Please bag shoes separately.

Items Not Accepted: Sporting Equipment; Board Games; Books;
Puzzles; Pots & Pans; Electrical Devices; Glass; Large Toys; Cribs;
Highchairs

Questions?

Contact Monika Rocks, monika.rocks4@gmail.com

All proceeds from donated items benefit AoOL students!

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

4/21/23	\$100	Janet Maguire, #623
4/22/23	\$50	Paola Joosten, #269
4/23/23	\$50	Valerie Dello Buono, #1310
4/24/23	\$50	Kristy DaSilvia, #261
4/25/23	\$50	DeVita Family, #629
4/26/23	\$50	Jennifer Nazzarese, #1296
4/27/23	\$50	Jennifer Nazzarese, #1298

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection Next Weekend—May 6 & 7

Contributions to this appeal strengthen the Church at home by supporting another Catholic faith community in the home missions. Your generosity is appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith



OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S 5TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 15 | 6PM-8PM | PARISH CENTER
ENTER THROUGH PASSAIC STREET DOORS

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to our 5th Annual Catholic College Night!

Currently, twenty seven Catholic colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full listing of the schools attending please visit the parish website.

If your alma mater is missing from the list, please call or email them and find out why they have not confirmed to be here!

Great Mission 2023

Faith comes from hearing.
What must we hear to have faith?

Come!

Starting Sunday May 7th—4:30pm
Van Neste Square

There will be 5 meetings during the Sundays of Easter to help our faith. Saint Paul says: "God wanted to save the world through the foolishness of the preaching (Kerygma)" What is the Kerygma?

If you have any questions, please contact
Fr. Anthony Palombo, 202.444.2000 x202
apalombo@olmcridgewood.com



"The Letter"

A Message for Our Earth

St. Catharine's Community Hall—Glen Rock
Tuesday, May 23rd—7PM

You're invited to an open screening of "The Letter," a moving film that turns its lens on Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato si': On Care of Our Common Home," and five individuals who are living this encyclical in different ways. The event is free. There will be a discussion after the film and refreshments will be served.



Please prayerfully consider joining fellow parishioners by supporting Our Lady of Mt Carmel through a recurring online gift.

Look for the **WeShare** link on our homepage or call 877.316.0260

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
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Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Better yet, sign up for a scheduled hour once a week, every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God.

SCHEDULED ADORER URGENTLY NEEDED

SUNDAYS: 2AM-3AM; WEDNESDAYS: 3PM-4PM

FRIDAYS: 4AM-5AM; SATURDAYS: 3PM-4PM

Contact Cynthia Torres, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



**LOYOLA JESUIT CENTER RETREAT
MORRISTOWN, NJ
MAY 12-14, 2023**

THEME: FOUR SPIRITUAL DECISIONS WE MUST MAKE

Please join Women & Men from our parish for a quiet listening Retreat. A retreat is a time to come away from the busy world and reflect on your spiritual life. It will offer you a time to rest, pray and grow closer to God. The weekend includes a detailed review of the Retreat Theme, Daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful experience, and the cost is a free will offering. All are welcome at Loyola regardless of financial status. For more information or to register, contact:

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Bob Reilly, 201.447.2430
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Online registration available at www.loyola.org



**WORLD YOUTH DAY
PENNIES FOR PILGRIMS
COLLECTION MAY 6TH * 7TH**



Young members of our parish will be collecting Pennies for Pilgrims at the doors of the church following all Masses. Funds raised will defray their travel cost to attend World Youth Day this August in Portugal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Bedoya, Fred Bruno, Reynaldo Caling, Art Carpenter, Peter Colgan, Maria de la Rosa, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Dennis Maloney, Juan Martinez, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Bea O'Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Barbara Sidote, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Apr. 30	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PC) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)
Mon. May 1	1:00PM Staff Meeting (MR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Confirmation Service Proj. Pres. (PC) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
Tues. May 2	4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 5:00PM Junior Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Confirmation Service Proj. Pres. (PC)
Wed. May 3	9:00AM MOMs Mass & Brunch (Chapel, PC) 12:45PM WCST Knitting (Library) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (PC)
Thurs. May 4	7:00PM Christ Life (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel)
Fri. May 5	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. May 6	9:00AM Summer Heatt & Men's B-ball (Gym) 9:30AM Candidate/Sponsor Day (PC) 10:00AM First Communion (Church, MR) 12:00NN First Communion (Church, (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PROJECT HEALTHY BONES

Project Healthy Bones is a 24 week exercise program offered to men and women at risk for, or who have, osteoporosis. The program is offered at community sites throughout the state. For more information on how to participate, go to:

www.valleyhealth.com/events/project-healthy-bones-0

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023**



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James Clifford, Milton Cuevas,
Daniel Cummings, Souad Dagher,
August D'Agostino, Rita Di Modugno,
Grace Elicona, Domenico Galasso,
Victoria Greco, Greg Hillerman,

Edward Hughes, Marie Idone, Robert Kane, Erin Li,
Frank Lucas, Richard Mandeville, Juana Marmolejos,
Alejandro Morales, Gerard Rolling, Kenneth Sutherland
Howard Walsh, Elizabeth (Jean) Wheaton, Joan Wingender

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, May 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

+ **6:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**

req Patricia & David Hughes

+ **8:30AM Richard O'Day**

req Mary Ann Blau

+ **12:00NN Rev. Vincent J. Quinn**

req The Wells Family

Tuesday, May 2 *Saint Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

+ **6:30AM Joan & Al Scrivanich**

42nd Wedding Anniversary

req Their Children & Grandchildren

+ **8:30AM Eric Rabinowitz**

req His Family

+ **12:00NN Cesar Bocanegra**

req His Family

Wednesday, May 3 *Saints Phillip and James, Apostles*

+ **6:30AM Kerin Lyons**

req The Mulvey Family

+ **8:30AM Robert Minicus**

req The Kranenburg Family

+ **12:00NN Catherine Sorrentino**

req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, May 4 *National Day of Prayer*

+ **6:30AM Carmela Romano**

req Her Family

+ **8:30AM Deceased Members
of the Rippas & Scaneo Families**

req Art & Rosemary Rippas

+ **12:00NN Zoila Alarcon**

req Her Family

Friday, May 5

+ **6:30AM John Shea**

req Jason Magna

+ **8:30PM Gerri Zaklan**

req Jeannie Papsun

+ **12:00NN Gail Cruwell**

req Her Ridgecrest Friends

Saturday, May 6

+ **8:30AM Basil Pizzuto**

req The Alvaro Family

+ **5:30PM Amelia & Andrew Bruno**

req Grace & Pat Gallo

Sunday, May 7 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

+ **8:00AM Carmen Iozzia**

req The Culley Family

+ **9:30AM Joseph Cruise,
Donald Cruise & Edward Cruise**

req Pamela Cruise

+ **11:00AM Herme Santos**

req Terry Sanabria-Reedy

+ **12:30PM Carmelo Merlino**

req Alina & Kurt Swanson & Family

+ **3:00PM Santa Maria Medina**

req Lituania Estevez

6:30PM For the People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Today's excerpt concludes Peter's Pentecost address. Standing with the other eleven, Luke demonstrates their unified witness to Christ as the restoration of the Twelve as their legitimate claim as the renewed Israel, expressed centuries before through God's choice of the twelve sons of Jacob. Peter repeats the Good News, this Jesus of Nazareth, whom they put to death, is Lord and Messiah, risen from the dead. As God's chosen people, they have been called to repentance, baptism and the gift of the Spirit.

2. 1 Peter 2:20-25

Aware that persecution for their faith may be in their future, the author is confident that the suffering Jesus should be the guide and inspiration of the Christian community. Through His suffering, Jesus has brought forgiveness and healing and through His death He has been honored by God and made both Lord and Christ. In His suffering and death, He is both shepherd and guardian of souls.

3. John 10:1-10

Images of Jesus as shepherd and gate are intertwined in today's Gospel excerpt. As shepherd, the emphasis in the passage is on the mutual recognition between the shepherd and the sheep. Each knows the other, both by sight and by voice. Such a relationship is not possible with a stranger or a false shepherd, the hired hand. Though the latter is not identified, Jesus may be alluding to the priestly leadership with whom He has just been in controversy. But the primary Christological identification in this passage is Jesus as gate. The entire purpose of Jesus' incarnation is abundant life which comes only in and through Jesus Himself. Jesus is both the gate that opens the way to the Father and the shepherd who leads His followers through.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever felt that you were personally called by Christ, not to a religious vocation but to some work He wanted you to accomplish?
2. Jesus says He is the gate. When He opens a door for you, possibly to a new or deeper relationship with Him, do you go through it?
3. Who are the thieves and wolves of our society today?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	5/6	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	5/7	8:00AM	Msgr. Sheeran
		9:30AM	Fr. Frank
		11:00AM	Fr. Anthony
		12:30PM	Fr. Frank
		3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
		6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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