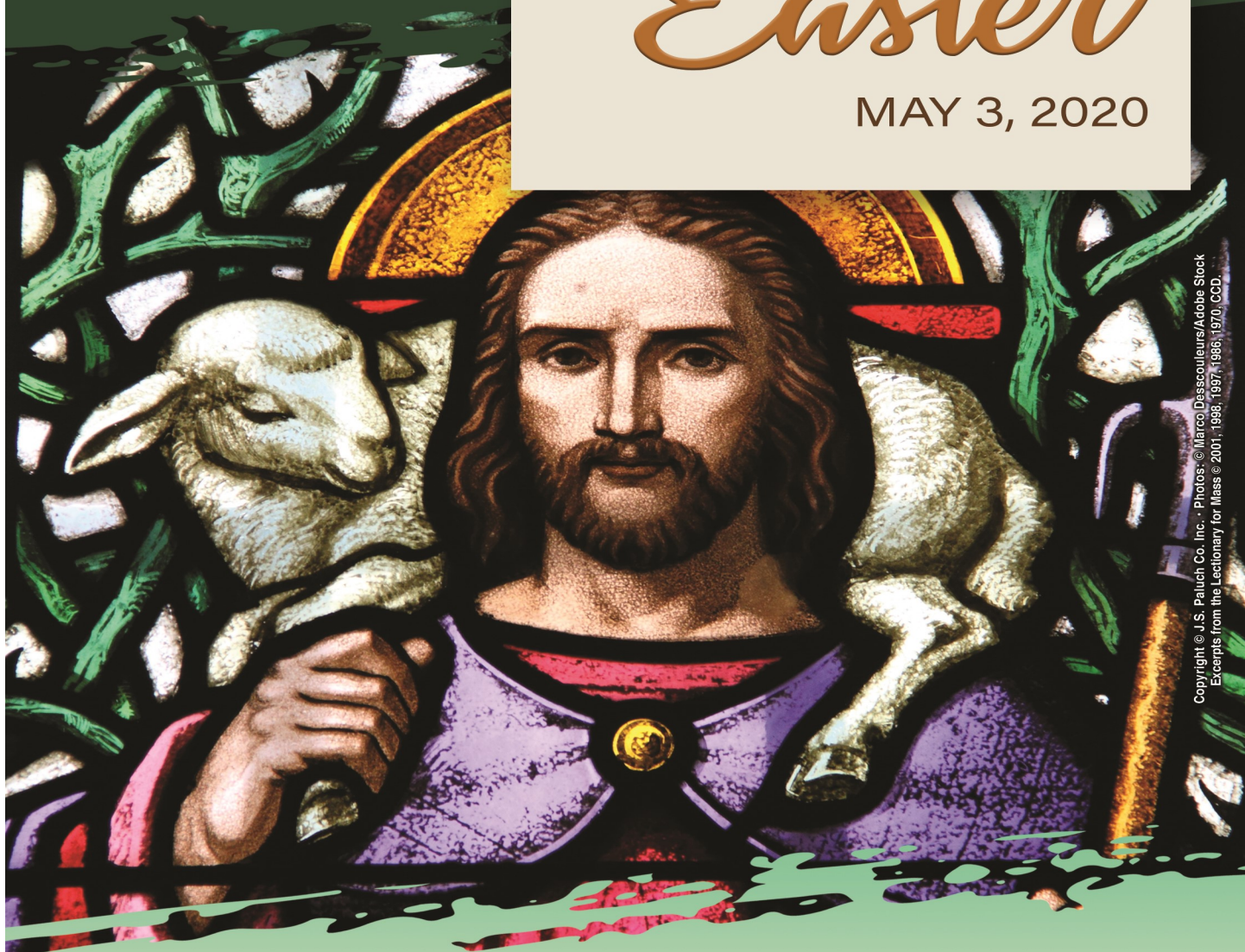


FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 3, 2020



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The shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them.

John 10:3

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Family Fest 2020 Update

To all St. Symphorosa Parishioners, Neighbors, Supporters, Faculty & Staff,

As we all know, our lives have changed dramatically over the past 60 days! The Coronavirus has impacted every facet of our workday, education, communication, entertainment and certainly spiritual life! Unfortunately, there still seem to be more questions than answers and many more uncertainties about how quickly our "old" way of life will return...or maybe "if" it will return?

It is with these countless levels of uncertainties that St. Symphorosa has made the decision to cancel this year's Family Fest! This is most unfortunate as there were many exciting changes planned and worked on by the Family Fest Committee Members since last August! This was meant to be a real St. Symphorosa/St. Rene (new) Parish Celebration!

While the loss of the 2020 Fest is difficult for our new St. Symphorosa/St. Rene "unified" Parish to comprehend....the goal of keeping everyone safe and healthy makes this decision a "no brainer"! Rest assured that we can and will create other new/exciting parish events as the situation permits. To be clear, the cancellation of the Fest will result in a \$100,000 shortfall to the parish....However, this was not a parish financial decision....this decision was made based on all of the unknowns regarding the potential for ongoing health related concerns pertaining to large gatherings of individuals! Our #1 goal remains in keeping everyone in the St. Symphorosa/St. Rene communities safe and healthy, during the summer months and beyond! There **WILL** be a time to Celebrate and party together, but we are not quite there yet...Stay tuned...we will keep everyone updated as we contemplate other celebrations during the upcoming months! Finally, Fr. Idzi has sent out a special letter to all active St. Symphorosa Parishioners....so please look forward to reading Father's comments.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and this event,

Fr. Idzi and the Family Fest Committee

Please Be Aware!

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING.**

**REPORT
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
TO THE POLICE**

On Friday morning April 24th at approximately 6 am, there was a robbery that took place in the Parish Parking area between the I-Building and the Sharp Center. The offender was a Hispanic male about 5'9" tall, wearing a black hoodie and mask (of course)!

During these difficult times, as everyone is now wearing masks, please be extra cautious as you are out in public! Also, If you have any information about this incident on campus or if you see anything suspicious on campus in the future...please contact the Parish Office, after you notify the Police Department.

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Pastor

Rev. Ted Bojczuk
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Norman Trela
Retired Priest

Ken Hilliard
Operations Director

Deacon Raul Duque
Music Director

Magdalan Barry
Parish Secretary

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Office Coordinator

Judy Banasiak
Religious Education
Coordinator

Kathy Berry
Principal

Chris Garza
Assistant Principal

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:

7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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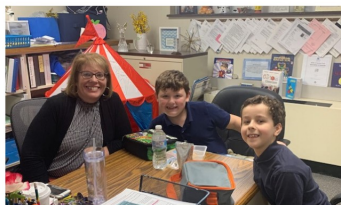
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saint snippets

"Let no one have contempt for
your youth, but set an example
for those who believe, in speech,
conduct, love, faith and purity."
-1 Timothy 4:12

St. Nunzio Sulprizio

19th-century Italian who lived a brief life
filled with faith and piety, even in the midst
of very poor health. He was canonized in 2018.

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May 5



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed
Sacrament for the month of April is offered for the
following intentions:

For repose of the soul of Bert Rendak
given by Barbara Rendak & Jonathan Rendak Family

For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham
given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Jeanette Sullivan
given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the
Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into
His eternal presence.

COVID-19 Parish News

During this time, we would like to inform all parishioners within our parish of a few important things.

As per a Cardinal Decree, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. During this timeframe, our priests are still offering daily Masses in the intention of all those affected by the current state of affairs. During these private Masses they are also continuing to pray for those intentions which had been requested each day.

With the "Stay-at-Home" order given by Governor Pritzker, our church and parish office are now closed. Calls have been forwarded and will be answered by our secretary, Mrs. Maggie Barry, during this time. May everyone stay safe and healthy during this time. God Bless!



Join us for Sunday Mass from Holy Name Cathedral

Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, will be livestreaming every Sunday for the many faithful to join in and participate in the Mass. Masses are available to watch anytime beginning at 4pm on Saturday's at the provided links. The livestream is also available on the Holy Name Cathedral facebook page.

<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

[YouTube.com/catholicchicago](https://www.youtube.com/catholicchicago)

A Prayer During This Uncertain Time

From GIA Publications, Inc.

Lord Jesus,
You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people.

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love.

Heal those who are sick:
 may they regain their health and strength.
Heal us from our fear,
 which prevents us from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride,
 which makes us certain of our health and life apart from you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs.

We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, you, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

JOIN US....

On social media via



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Facebook

www.facebook.com/stsymphorosachurch/



**Dates: March 2, 2020 to
March 22, 2020**

**Transactions: 105
Amount: \$2,532.00**

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**Transactions: 160
Amount: \$6,819.00**



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<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stsymphorosa>

Visit the above website or you can visit our Parish Website at "stsymphorosa.org" and click on the "Donate" tab. Please follow the directions online. It's simple! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.



Due to the recent suspension of all public Masses stewardship and split the pot information will not be available.

We ask all parishioners, if they desire, to please mail in their weekly contribution, bring them by the office, or consider making a one time donation on our e-giving site.

We thank you all for your continued support and pray that we all stay healthy and strong during this time.

RED RIBBON PROJECT

Show Your Support!

To say that these are trying times would be a tremendous understatement. However, the Transformation Team is coordinating a project for all of our community to work together, while still observing all of the social distancing restrictions!

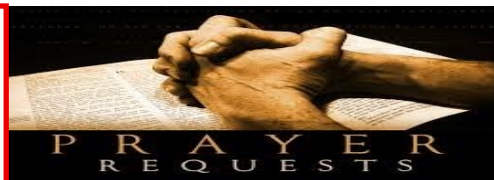
Accordingly, you are invited to show your love and support for our Parish Faith Community by participating in our new "I Love St. Sym's Red Ribbon Project". Each Parish family can receive and secure a red plastic bow to a tree, post or front porch! The goal will be to color our neighborhood with this symbol to express the love we all have for our Church!

To obtain a "no cost" ribbon, please contact the Transformation Team at (773) 814-6116 or send an email request to:

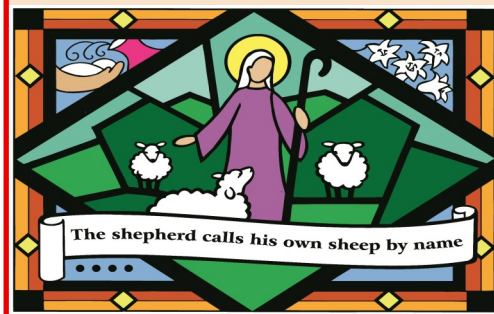
symsribbonproject@gmail.com.

Upon notification, a red ribbon will be delivered to your mailbox within four (4) days. If you need assistance in displaying your ribbon, we will be glad to help.

Now the best part... Once displayed, we invite you to take a picture of yourself and family next to the ribbon. Be creative! Then forward a copy of the photo to the email above or simply drop a copy of your "Cool" picture of Sym's support into the mail slot of the Parish Office. Photos will be posted on social media, our website or included in the Parish Bulletin...



Each Friday, we will post a prayer request on our social media pages. If there is something that you would like us, as a family celebrating Faith to pray for, please add it in the comments section. These prayer requests will be prayed for during our intercessions at our weekend masses.



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of May is for Deacons.

We pray that deacons, faithful to their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



Prayer on Good Shepherd Sunday

Lord, You are my shepherd so I will lack nothing.

You restore my soul!

You lead me on the right path because
it is Your nature to do so.

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will not fear because You are with me.

I thank You for equipping me with Your rod
and Your staff so that I can be comforted.

You anoint my head with oil
and ensure that my cup runs over with abundance!

Thank You for this good shepherd Sunday
and for Your goodness

and mercies all the days of my life,
Amen.

Psalm 23:1-6

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Saint Athanasius, Bishop

5:00pm †Carol Golab (*Kathy Hynes*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
9:30am †Mary Charnota (*Jas Sullivan, Sr. Family*)
†Kieran Normoyle (*Family*)
11:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Mr. & Mrs Czochara and Family (*Fr. Idzi Stacherczak*)

Monday, May 4, 2020

8:00am †Charles DeLauriea (*Wife*)
†Charles DeLauriea (*Friends*)

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

8:00am †Beatrice Lucio (*Family*)

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

8:00am †Roberto Rodriguez (*Ines Rodriguez*)

Thursday, May 7, 2020

8:00am †Tom Markham (*Family*)

Friday, May 8, 2020

8:00am †Stanley Karbarz (*Fr. Idzi and Family*)

Saturday, May 9, 2020

8:00am †Helena Oblazna (*Daughter Janina and Family*)
5:00pm †Suzie Graziano (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Wesley Kupiec (*Wife and Children*)
†Theresa Pudelek (*Pudelek Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Mother's Day

7:30am †Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
†Mary Suchy (*Family*)
†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
9:30am †Rosa Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)
†Loretta Pozniak (*Pozniak Family*)
†Paul Hojdik (*Family*)
11:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Mr. & Mrs Czochara and Family (*Fr. Idzi Stacherczak*)
†Lillian Byrne & Ellen O'Leary (*Mike and Bea Byrne*)
†La Verne Slowinski (*Daughters and Families*)

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism: Second & Fourth Sunday at 1:00pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session: First Thursday of every other Month at 6:00pm. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Kim Argires
Ignatius Battiato
Jeff Beginski
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
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Dennis Kline
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen

Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

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SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

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Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.