

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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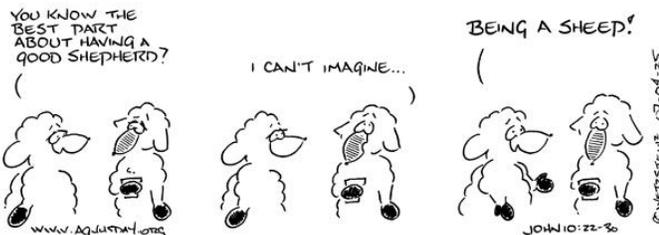
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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the “good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.” It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of “trampling” on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today’s scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today’s scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm

Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Juan Areiza

Priest in Residence: Fr. Wise

Deacons:

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP McGuire, OFS

Dcn. John Barone



GOD IN THE ORIGINAL

You have seen pictures of the Grand Canyon. You may have talked with people who went there. But you cannot appreciate the Grand Canyon fully unless you see it with your own eyes.

You may have heard a recording of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony. You may have talked with people who heard it once. But you cannot fully appreciate its power unless you hear an orchestra play it live.

All reproductions and recordings have remarkable power, but only the original touches people to the depth of their heart.

We all have had an experience of God. And that experience is real. Especially in holy communion we experience the real presence of Jesus. Yet something more awaits us. Someday, when we are freed from the limitations of the human body, we will experience God fully – in the original. John writes, “Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”

We do not always experience God. When we do, it fills us with joy. Imagine our joy at the end or time, when we will always experience God. Written by Paul Turner. (c) Resource Publications 2008

Fourth Week of Easter

(April 22 – Apr 28, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	Vinzenz Gruensteidl <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Jerry Albers <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Louise Schnabl <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	1:00 p	†	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
9a	Mon	†	Eva Allen <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
9a	Tue	†	Terry Reuter <i>by Nita Stone</i>
9a	Wed	†	Cornelius James Crews <i>by Stephanie Miller</i>
9a	Thu	†	Don Breslin <i>by Marge Breslin</i>
9a	Fri	†	Michael O'Neill <i>by Dell O'Neill</i>
9 a	Sat	†	Phil Hancock <i>by Marie Hancock</i>
4:30 p	Sat		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>



Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light
burns this week for the repose of the
soul of **Tom Nay** requested by **June Tyler**

April 15, 2018



First Collection

\$7097.53

Door Collection

\$1269.11

Habitat for Humanity

Next Week Second Collection:

Home Missions

Thank you for your generosity!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Tues, April 24 @ 1 pm & 6:30 pm

The Respect Life Committee is seeking involvement of parishioners who have a passion for life - life at all stages – from conception to natural death, for the suffering, the sick, the dying. Do you have an interest in a particular pro-life issues? Come to the meeting next week and share your ideas. Maryjane Wyslocki and Clare take leadership in the Respect Life Committee. Call Mary Jane 321-960-6351 for more information. Give your input as to what issues to address.

UPCOMING BIG EVENTS

Party for Fr. Juan – May 31, 2018 is the tenth anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of Fr. Juan. It is also the fifth anniversary of Father's placement at St. Francis of Assisi Church. We must celebrate. Details later but mark your calendars now.

Parish Picnic – June 3, 2018 at the church. Yes, we said "at the church." It seems that the weather is always an issue with the parish picnic. This year we will outsmart the weatherman and shall feast outside behind the church, or in Marian Hall. Smell the burgers cooking? (Not yet).

Please Pray For

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| ✓ Jo Schilling | ✓ Victoria |
| ✓ Lynda Bernhardt | ✓ Wayne Weible |
| ✓ Tarah Burrell | ✓ Joan Tufford |
| ✓ Brendan McGuinness | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Kathy Wheeler | ✓ Bob Wilson |
| ✓ Joe Muir | ✓ Marge Breslin |
| ✓ Ray Kelly | ✓ Maureen Wilson |
| ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh | ✓ Com. Thomas Van |
| ✓ Your Spiritually | Scoten |
| Adopted Baby | ✓ Rita Casey |

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Bible Study on the Blessed Mother

New Bible Study on Mary will begin on May 6. **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** is from Ascension Press and will be 8 weeks. Classes are at 10 and 7 on Mondays. Signup sheets in the vestibule of the church and Marian Hall.

Young Married and Engaged Couples

A Date Night at the church! Hang out with other Catholic couples for a great dinner and good conversation as we start a group just for young marrieds. Free child care for those who need it. Contact Colleen Orchanian to RSVP. Bring a dish to pass. Saturday, April 28 at 6:00.

Funeral for Rita De Lorme

There will be a Funeral Mass for Rita de Lorme Saturday, April 28, 2018 @11 am. Rita lived in Young Harris with her husband Howard. Reception will follow. Side dishes would be appreciated.

Parishioner Susan Anderson's Book

Parishioner Susan Anderson has authored a book about her adult son, Paul. *Paul's Prayers: A Mother's Account of Raising an Autistic Son* is available in the parish gift shop. Paul is also a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi. He is the oldest of six children of Rob and Susan Anderson of Hayesville, NC. Congratulations Susan and the entire Anderson family!

Pope Francis on the Resurrection

Jesus' resurrection breaks the power of death. "It is the mystery of the thrown-away stone, that ends up being the cornerstone of our existence," Pope Francis said last Easter. Through Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we are assured that no confusion, fear, or grief is beyond the reach of God's eternal plan of love. ©Catholic Life and Faith, 2018

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

EL BUEN PASTOR

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua tradicionalmente se conoce como el "Domingo del Buen Pastor". Hoy escuchamos las palabras del Señor cuando se llama a sí mismo "el buen pastor que da la vida por sus ovejas." A veces es tan difícil para nosotros comprender la realidad de que alguien esté dispuesto a dar su vida por alguien. Esto es muy cierto en una sociedad que pone tanto énfasis en el poder y en el avance social, con frecuencia a expensas de "pisotear" a otra gente para escalar a la cima. Las Escrituras de hoy nos muestran a quién debemos imitar –al que da su vida por las ovejas. Las Escrituras de hoy nos retan a descubrir la manera de llevar vida a los que están a nuestro alrededor –a construir y no a destruir.

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**Mexican
Breakfast**

May 20, 2018

**Tickets Available after
Masses \$9, \$5 kids, \$ 25 Fam**



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