

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter



**Monday, May 4**

†Paul Engelman (*Mary & Family*)

**Tuesday, May 5**

†Alicia M. Herron (*Mary Engelman*)

**Wednesday, May 6**

†Victor Raia (*Michael D. Raia Jr.*)

**Thursday, May 7**

†Paul Andrews (*Toni Balestino*)

**Friday, May 8**

†Sr. Beverly Hmel I.H.M. (*Tom & Marie Petro*)

**Saturday, May 9**

†Patricia Shellenberger & Mildred Brady (*Family*)

**Sunday, May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Mass For the People  
†Nancy M. Fiore (*John & Shelly Wolf*)

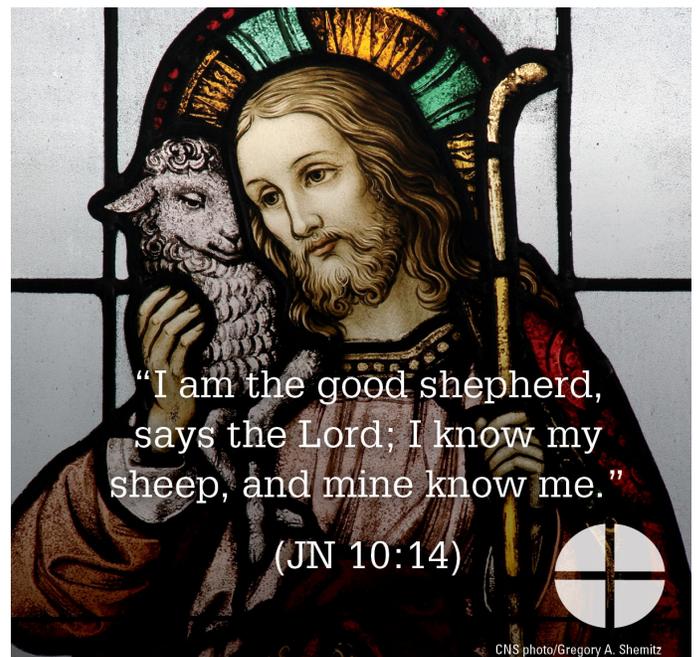
**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**Blessed Thomas  
Pickering**

1620-1679

Feast Day – May 9

This English Benedictine lay brother was a martyr of the Popish Plot. He professed vows in France in 1660 and was sent to London in 1665 as procurator of a small community celebrating liturgies in the chapel of Queen Catherine of Braganza. Though other monks were banished, he was allowed to stay. Because of the fictitious plot, in which Titus Oates alleged that King Charles II would be assassinated and the French king would re-establish Catholicism in England, three Jesuits, Pickering and a layman were found guilty of conspiracy.



PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 25-26,2020

Regular	\$8950.30	Christmas	\$ 35.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 43.00	Holy Land	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 75.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Home Missions	\$ 50.00	Perquisites	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 430.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 40.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00	Total	\$9788.30

**Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”**

At the beginning of May 2015, Pope Francis exhorted the baptized to trust in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, during the general audience of Wednesday, May 6, in Saint Peter’s Square. His exhortation is more relevant than ever in early May 2017!

The Pope invites pilgrims to “renew love for the Mother of Jesus” and “spend a little more time with her” in this month of May, during which she is traditionally honored: “Bring to her all your intentions with confidence,” the pope exhorted.

The Pope sees in Mary, the Mother of God, a particularly important support for the young, the sick and the newly married, as he said in Italian at the end of the audience:

“Last Friday we began the Marian month. Mary the Mother of God, dear young people, be your refuge in the most difficult moments; may she sustain you, dear sick people, in facing with courage your daily cross and may she be your reference point, dear newlyweds, so that your family may be a domestic source of prayer and mutual understanding.”

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Lockard whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to her family.

**What is a Plenary Indulgence?**

By Father Larry Rice

There are probably very few items of Catholic doctrine more misunderstood than the concept of indulgences. Yes, yes, I know. You’re thinking, “wasn’t that the thing about selling tickets out of purgatory that brought on the Protestant reformation?” Well, yes, and no. But mostly no. Clearly, there were times in our history when even the leaders of the Church misunderstood indulgences. But after the second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI significantly revised the application of this often misunderstood doctrine. So, let’s give it another look.

An indulgence, either partial or plenary, remits all or some of the temporal punishment that is due for sin. So, what exactly is this “temporal punishment?” Let’s use an analogy. Say you throw a rock through my window and shatter it. I may forgive you for throwing the rock, but still expect you to pay to replace my window. That’s the temporal punishment that’s a consequence of sin. God forgives us when we repent. But something more may be necessary to indicate a change of heart and turning away from the things that lead to sin.

Pope Paul VI did away with talking of indulgences in terms of time, because it was confusing and missed the point. So we speak of indulgences today as partial or plenary. To gain one, there are specific conditions that must be met. One must make a sacramental confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope, as well as whatever additional conditions are established for the particular indulgence you’re seeking. They can’t be bought, and they’re not a free ticket out of purgatory, since they’re not free. But what they cost is a demonstration of inner conversion. Their point is the conversion of heart. These external actions and prayers are just the manifestation of that change.

The most common ways to seek a plenary indulgence is to spend a half hour in Eucharistic Adoration, or pray the Stations of the Cross, or pray the rosary in a church, with your family, or with a religious community, or to read or listen to the Sacred Scriptures for half an hour. And of course, add to that the sacramental confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intention of the Holy Father. If you can manage that, then a plenary indulgence is within your reach. Just don’t blow it in the church parking lot on the way home.

## Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

*The Response is: **Mary, pray for us.***

Mary, Mother of all Life,  
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception  
to the moment of natural death. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Compassion,  
You showed us how valuable a single life can be;  
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our  
care. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,  
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.  
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; **R.**

Mary, Mother Most Holy,  
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;  
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be  
holy. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce  
your heart;  
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their  
children. **R.**

Mary, Full of Grace,  
You had a choice in responding to God's call;  
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,  
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. **R.**

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,  
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's  
healing,  
Especially those involved in abortion;  
Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son.  
**R.**

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,  
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable  
members of society;  
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the  
God who gave them life. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore in your womb him  
whom the heavens cannot contain;  
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives  
And show the world the extravagant love of God. **R.**

All:  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or  
sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this  
confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you  
we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of  
the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy  
hear and answer them. Amen.

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## St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents... England's Treasures.

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a  
tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the  
Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian  
town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman Spas.  
Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey  
and the mystical ancient Stonehenge. See the  
sights of London with a local guide and savor a  
traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double)  
includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and  
fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure please call/email  
Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org  
or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking  
#987192).

## May 3, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter (JN 10: 1-10)

### Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY  
and warns anyone who offers "another way" to  
happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words!  
Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for  
happiness. Look to yourself where God is present  
and "calls you by name and leads you to  
abundant life."

### **HELPING THOSE IN NEED**

Despite the challenging circumstances for public health, the many services that our SVDP Council and Conference offer local households coping with poverty remain crucial—and even all the more needed now. To the extent possible, we are adapting the ways we provide service to meet those needs.

This is a difficult time for all of us, but for some people (the elderly, those with compromised immune systems, those with chronic health issues, and those with respiratory issues) have more challenges. Those individuals in these groups should be staying home as much as possible.

To that end, if you know of someone who needs assistance please let us know and we'll do what we can to help them out. Thank you and God Bless!

### **SPRING HOUSEKEEPING**

Your donations are the lifeblood of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Aside from monetary donations, they also accept clothing, furniture, household items and other reusable items for sale at the Thrift Store. Unfortunately, with our SVDP Thrift Store being closed due to COVID-19, we are unable to bring in the much-needed donations for the store.

With the “Stay in Place” order in effect, many of us are doing our spring housekeeping early. Therefore, we would ask that you please keep us in mind and hold what you can for donation to the store once they reopen for business. We will let you know when that will occur and you can then simply drop off your items at the store at 1215 7th Avenue, Altoona.  
Thank you and God Bless.

### **St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

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.”

**By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need.  
Thank you!