

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:

Sue Morales, Leonard Wein, Sofia Anderson, Peg Torma, Dennis Sperico, Hitt Family, Mary Anne Falcone, Don, Carmen, Raymond Bivens, Jr., Helen Pratti, Agnes Henry, Rose Gunderson, Ronnie Hunter, and Robert Bivens.

**Reconciliation at St. John
this Saturday, May 2, 3 to 3:30 pm.**

Holy Day of Obligation

Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 14.

St. Peter: 8 am and 6 pm

St. John the Baptist: 9:30 am and 7:15 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal

Confirmation rehearsal will begin promptly at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19 at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta.

Mary "Betty" Porterfield

Mary "Betty" Porterfield is now in a nursing home. If you have a chance, please send her a cheerful card, or if in Margaretville, stop by for a visit: Mary "Betty" Porterfield, Room 201 Mountainside Residential Care Center 42158 State Highway 28 Margaretville, NY 12455

Faith Formation

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 3, at St. John the Baptist 11:15 am Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta.

Confirmation: Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in Oneonta.

OFFERINGS

St. John: \$1,785

Holy Family: 414

St. Peter: 1,029

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep: He calls them, He feeds them and He guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus Himself told His disciples, so that "the Lord of the harvest may send out laborers into his harvest" Luke 10:2. Jesus' command came in the context of His sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom He then sent out, two by two, for the mission Luke 10:1-6. Since the Church "is by her very nature missionary", the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by Him, in consecration to Him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God.

~ Pope Francis

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

A good parent is like a good shepherd. We spend our time, money, and worries on our children. In essence, we lay down our lives for their good. Remember that you, as a parent, also have The Good Shepherd who cares for you in the same way.