

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS



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4th SUNDAY of EASTER - C



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other

Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

ALLELUIA

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Leokadija Nevulis and Alida Groen in't Woud	(VDG)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	Novena - for living and deceased Mothers	
	for peace in the world	
	†Mother Ona-Liucija and grandmothers	(GJ)
	†Daiva Vorps	(D.J.Didzbalis)
	†Julija Basevicius (1st anniv.)	(family)
	†Genovaite Tunkunas	(daughter)
	†Stasys Prakapas	(family)
	†Vladas Barkauskas (4th weeks)	(Jurenas family)
	for Peciulis' deceased family members	(M.Hagedorn)
	for Toronto "Gintaras" ensemble	
	living and deceased leaders, teachers and dancers	(R.J.Karasiejas)

2025

June 1

Cemetery day

June 7

Run for Hope

June 8

Confirmation

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Parish office
hours

June - October

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

July 1 - closed

August 4 - closed

September 1 - closed

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Spencer Gallop

11 AM - Lile, Lina and Aleksia Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (May 12): 7 p.m. Novena; special intention (NN);

TUESDAY (May 13): for living and deceased benefactors; Novena; in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family)

WEDNESDAY (May 14): 7 p.m. Novena; request grace of help for Fr.Volertas (A.K.Ambrozaitis);

THURSDAY (May 15): 7 p.m. Novena; in thanksgiving (GJ);

FRIDAY (May 16): 7 p.m. Novena; request grace of health for Elena, Terese, Valentina (friend);

SATURDAY (May 17): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (May 18): 9 a.m. †Algimantas Smolskis (S.Brough, D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Jonas Gudelis and deceased family members (D.Gudelis); †Petras Butenas (20th anniv.) (daughter and family); †Marija Matusevicius (26th anniv.) (family); in thanksgiving (I.Matus); †Jane Urbonavicius (1st anniv.) (family); †Rymantas Chaponis (family); †Juozas and Elvyra Vosylius (Brigita); †Regina Panavas (I.Stanaitis); †Fr. Antanas Saulaitis, SJ (R.J.Karasiejus).

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (05.04) & "Vilnius Manor"

Collections

42 envelopes - \$ 1,755

No envelopes - \$ 142.75

Direct deposit - \$ 2,130

THANK you for your generosity...

A True Angel

A mother is special, she's more than a friend.
Whenever you need her, she'll give you a hand.
She'll lead you and guide you in all that you do.
Try all that she can just to see you get through.
Good times and bad times, she's there for it all.
Say head up, be proud, and always stand tall.
She'll love you through quarrels and even big fights,
or heart to heart chats on cold lonely nights.
My mother's the greatest that I've ever known,
I think God made my mother like He'd make his own.

A praiser, a helper, an encourager too,
nothing in this world that she wouldn't do.
To help us succeed she does all that she can,
raised a young boy now into a man.

I want to say thank you for all that you do,
please always know Mom, that I love you.

George W. Zellars

MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS,

**Happy Mother's Day to you ALL!
May the Lord's peace, boundless
love and plentiful holiday blossoms
be with you all on this day of
celebration...**

My Mother

Mother of all, Loved with all her being,
Loved by all, the living, Your soul is with me,
Yet I feel alone, I was blessed, when you were here,
But I need your guidance now,
I feel lost without you, I feel like my heart is gone,
Please, help me in my time of need,
You have been missed,
But I feel as though I have forgotten you,
I don't want that.
I know Mother's Day,
Was the most important time of year,
For you and me, I miss you,
And the fun times we had,
The memories, Are not only great but hurt as well,
Reminding me every day how much I miss you,
Mother of all mother's,
Wife of all time, friend and great woman,
I will never forget you, Happy Mother's Day,
May your soul rest in peace,
Please keep remaining in my heart,
And watching over me, thanks for everything,
I love you and miss you with all my heart.

With all the love I have,
Louis A. White-Ross-Deliz Son, of Mary Frances Ross





The XI North American Lithuanian Song Festival "One Family - One Nation" in Cleveland from June 27-29 of this year.

The festival organizers and the Lithuanian community of Cleveland are excited to welcome up to 65 choirs from the USA, Canada, and Europe, along with 1,400 singers and over 100 dancers and theatre artists.

This will be a historic event!

The XI North American Lithuanian Song Festival "One Family – One Nation" will take place June 27-29 in Cleveland! We warmly invite you to attend Sunday Holy Mass, which will be concelebrated by His Excellency, the venerable Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, and the venerable Father Lukas Laniauskas, Spiritual Leader of the XI Song Festival, along with other priests of our parishes. Tickets for the festival concert and the banquet are available at: <https://dainusvente2025.com/your-visit/>. On the same website, you will also find an invitation for craftsmen and businesses to register for the fair, as well as a call for accordion players who wish to join the festival's accordionist group. We also welcome companies, parishes, organizations, individuals, and families to place advertisements in our special festival publication: <https://dainusvente2025.com/ads/>



12th Annual Run for Hope – June 7th.

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipėda, LT.

Pre-registration is open until May 9th: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children. You will also be able to register on the morning of June 7th: adults \$35, children \$25.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/KremEbHXgMwRm9J7A>

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com (please indicate your name)

In person registration will take place each Sunday after Mass, downstairs in front of the parish café.

You can make a donation by writing a check to: *Franciscan Fathers*; Memo: *Vilties Bėgimas*. You can leave the checks at the parish office.

If you have any questions, please contact:

gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca

Support the fight against cancer with the Run of Hope cream!

We invite you to contribute to a noble cause while taking care of your skin and supporting the Oncology Center in Klaipėda!

By purchasing the all-natural **Run of Hope cream for \$15**, you're not only caring for your health, but also helping in the fight against cancer. The cream is made from natural ingredients that moisturize and nourish the skin, helping to restore its elasticity and softness. It's a perfect choice for those who value natural products and take care of their body.

All profits go to the Oncology Center so that together we can support patients facing this difficult challenge. Every purchase you make contributes to research, treatment, and assistance for people battling cancer.

Don't wait – care for your skin and make a difference at the same time!

You can buy the cream in the café foyer after Holy Mass!



Lithuanian Bishops Ask for Prayers for Peace in May and June

Due to the war in Ukraine, an atmosphere of insecurity and fear for the future is felt in Eastern Europe and Lithuania. This negatively affects our minds and hearts. The mission of the Church is to send a message of peace and comfort, which is especially offered through united prayer.

Dear brothers, priests, deacons,

Dear faithful,

In this special Jubilee year for the Church, Pope Francis has invited us to be pilgrims of hope, so that the strength of hope may fill our present (cf. SNC, 25). This is a very important call for today's world, which is tossed by waves of anxiety. Because of the war in Ukraine, an atmosphere of insecurity and fear for the future is felt in Eastern Europe and Lithuania, negatively affecting our minds and hearts. The mission of the Church is to send a message of peace and consolation, which is especially conveyed through united prayer.

Now is a good opportunity to bear witness to the power of faith and to invite one another to gather in prayer, to recognize anew that the Holy Eucharist is a source of grace from which flows the gift of God's nearness and comfort.

Dear brothers and sisters,

We sincerely invite you during the months of May and June this year to strengthen the cherished practices of the Rosary and the traditional May and June devotions. These can become a new opportunity to revive our faith and hope, to bring peace, and to envelop Lithuania in prayer for peace.

We present to you the prayer schedule proposed for the months of May and June, with the intention of praying for peace. These are familiar and well-known prayer practices, a more detailed description of which is provided below. We sincerely invite you to respond to this initiative from us, the shepherds of Lithuania, so that it may blossom into peace and calm in our hearts and in the world.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Ps 46:2)

The Bishops of Lithuania

Easter

Jubilee Year 2025

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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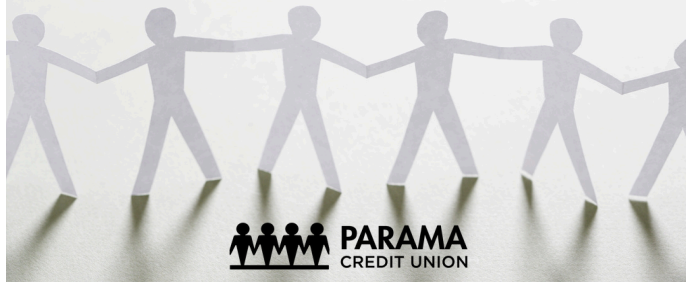
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