

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
April 2023/Cycle A**

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 2, 2023

“Truly, this was the Son of God!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

The Resurrection of the Lord – April 9, 2023

“Christ indeed from death is risen...” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023

“If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions April 2023/Cycle A

*The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar.
Please consider including them in your mass intentions.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 2, 2023

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Words of love and mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

The Resurrection of the Lord – April 9, 2023

That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023

That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023

For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord

***Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023 - World Day of Prayer for
Vocations***

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023

That the Holy Spirit will guide and comfort men and women discerning their vocations, we pray to the Lord.