

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 15 APRIL 2018

**Readings for Sunday, April 15:** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48.

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

**Readings for Sunday, April 22:** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
16 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Honora Lockard	Rev. Gregory J. Hickey
18 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Frank Mitchell	Ron & Carol Fry
19 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Jasper Wambsher Family	Francis J. Czeiner Family
20 Apr.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Ruthann Long	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
21 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
22 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Marie Dellaquila	Husband & family



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.

**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



Flowers on the Altar are in memory of **ROBERT AND JOAN SABO** requested by their children and grandchildren.

#### WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

April 29 - Ladies Springtime Tea at 1:00 PM in the social hall. Tickets \$10.00 - on sale after the weekend Masses and at the parish office. Must have ticket to attend. Ticket sales continue until April 22.

**THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY** is looking for donations to be used as door prizes for our Ladies Tea. Due to the almost non-existent donations from community businesses, we are asking for your help with items, gift cards, etc. Thank you for any help. Donations can be dropped at the church office.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 21/22:

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Melanie Warzeski

Extraordinary Ministers - Cindy Nore, John Bracaglia, Nikki Gambino, John Nester

Altar Server - Michael Holmes

Greeters - Marie Hildebrand and Maria DiMarco

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Jack Bucciaglia

Extraordinary Ministers - Denise Bucciaglia, Jim Bucciaglia, Kathy Bernhard

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY**

**“If Jesus had an Obituary”**

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the Apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem in Judea. He is survived by His Mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of His adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father’s Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, he had a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Enjoy these beautiful days of Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am grateful to Fr. James A. Grant for covering for me. I have been on retreat this past week and will return on Monday night the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. I have remembered your intentions in my prayer while on retreat.

Have a good week!

Fr. Gregg Hickey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lori LaRosa and all the members of the Women’s Society for purchasing the new altar cloth for the main altar. It is absolutely beautiful and it enhances the altar. I am most grateful to the Women’s Society for purchasing the new round tables and chairs for the social hall. They really make a difference in the hall and we have received many compliments.

Fr. Hickey

**THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian devotions.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH**  
**MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:  
**JOHN KRUSZEWSKI** from Jeannine Ferrante.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 8, 2018.....	\$3,933
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,541
Parish Giving -	\$150
Easter Flowers Collection -	\$5
Easter Sunday Collection -	\$237
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,067)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$205,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$185,839
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,533
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$19,161)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$467)
 <i>APRIL 9, 2017</i>	
Deposit.....	\$4,325
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$25,756)
Difference from previous year.....	\$6,595



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening

Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

### LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 1 - #064 - unsold  
April 2 - #475 - unsold  
April 3 - #340 - unsold  
April 4 - #999 - Fr. Gregory J. Hickey - \$50.00  
April 5 - #935 - unsold  
April 6 - #300 - Kevin Villano - \$50.00  
April 7 - #336 - Pete Stroop - \$50.00  
April 8 - #588 - unsold

### MASS ATTENDANCE for April 7/8:

7:30 PM Mass - 191  
9:00 AM Mass - 159  
Total Attendance - 350  
Mass Attendance for April 8/9, 2017 - 429

### "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**  
610-326-1510

**"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!"** For further information, please call the parish office.

**MAGNIFICAT** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MAY issue at the parish office.

**BASKET RAFFLE** - Chances for a "Spring Time Fun" Basket will be on sale beginning next weekend, April 21 and 22 until May 13 after the weekend Masses and at the parish office. Chances are \$5.00 each. Basket includes a \$120 Gift Certificate for the Colebrookdale Railroad, \$100 in cash, \$50 in instant Lottery tickets and a spring/summer floral arrangement. Drawing will be held on Monday, May 14.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** - All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers for the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call Kathy at the parish office to volunteer.

**REDNER'S TAPES** - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this fund raiser are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use a card, we can not use the tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape card at the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.

**MOO MONEY FUND RAISER PROGRAM** - Our parish is a participant in the Moo Money Fund Raising Program offered by Turkey Hill. For every 500 milk lids turned in with the Moo Money label, the parish will receive \$25 from Turkey Hill. Money the parish receives from Moo Money will be used to offset our PREP expenses. Containers for the Moo Money lids are in the vestibule of church.

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL** has opened registration to new families for the 2018-2019 school year. The school offers an education for students beginning at 3 years old in the Pre-K3 program thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To schedule a guided tour, call the main office (610-326-6167). For more information about St. Aloysius Parish School visit the school website at [www.saintaloyssiusschool.com](http://www.saintaloyssiusschool.com).

**WEST END FIRE COMPANY FUND RAISING NIGHT** at Texas Roadhouse, Royersford on Wednesday, April 18 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Just mention you are there to support the West End Fire Company in Stowe when you arrive.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, STOWE** is having a 4 mile race on April 21 at 10:00 AM. The title is "Crush the Snake" and will be fun with food, drinks and prizes for all ages. Contact Pretzel City Sports or just show up.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Pottstown-Stowe Lions Club on Sunday, April 29 from 8:00 AM till Noon at the West End Fire Company, Stowe. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Cost: \$7.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors; \$5.00 Children 4-12 and children under 4 years old eat for free.

**GOLFERS AND NON-GOLFERS...have fun and protect life!** The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus is holding its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 4 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35.00 per person. Contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)) or Mark Nunan (610-754-7185 or [marknunan@dejazzd.com](mailto:marknunan@dejazzd.com)). All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. presiding. This Mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration required. To register visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** for adults 21 to 35 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Friday, April 20. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Includes live music, refreshments and presentation by Matt Falcone. Photo ID is required. For more details visit [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu) or call 215-785-6350.

**CONFERENCE** on "Matrimony: Rediscovering Its Truth" on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 AM to 6:15 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM - registration, coffee and donuts. Admission is \$50.00 per person - lunch will be served. Reservations are required. Sponsored by The St. John Neumann Chapter, Catholics United for the Faith. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, D.D., J.C.D. will be the principal celebrant at the 5:15 PM Mass. To register call 215-247-2585 or visit [www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org](http://www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, April 17 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville - doors open at 7:00 PM - talk starts at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, April 24 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Whales at 7:30 PM. For more information contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

**2018 FEAST DAY MASS OF SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA** on Thursday, April 26 at Nativity of Our Lord Church, Warminster. Rosary at 6:30 PM; Mass at 7:00 PM. After Mass, venerate First-Class and Second-Class Relics followed by refreshments in church's downstairs auditorium. For additional information call 215-657-3101 or email [jcw@saintgianna.org](mailto:jcw@saintgianna.org).

**EXPLORE THE WINES AND SHRINES OF PORTUGAL** on April 28 at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, Oreland from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Enjoy Portuguese wines and delicious food, while watching clips from the upcoming production of "The Faithful Traveler in Portugal." Cost is \$50.00 per person. Call 215-884-8575 or email [holy Martyrssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:holy Martyrssecretary@gmail.com) for tickets or more information.

**SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS LIVE IN CONCERT** on April 28 at Nelson Hall, Notre Dame de Lourdes School, Swarthmore from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Presented by Our Lady of Peace Parish. Tables can be reserved. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call OLP Rectory (610-328-9330) or Debbie Hanna (215-520-2097) for tickets.

**EVENING OF REFLECTION** directed by Sr. Shelia Galligan, IHM on Thursday, May 3 at Malvern Retreat House. The theme is "Forgiveness, the Best Revenge." Register by calling 610-644-0400 or online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).