

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 APRIL 2021

Readings for Sunday, April 18: 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 25: 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 Wednesday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
20 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Health & Recovery of Alfred Tarlecki	
21 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie	Joanne Marcheskie & family
22 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Roman W. Mitz, Sr.	Tony Vitacco
23 Apr.	FRI. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Wife, Theresa
24 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
25 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members of Women's Society	St. Gabriel Women's Society

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

THE ROSARY is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

NOVENA FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH on Monday, April 19 at 7:00 PM. Join us for this Novena as we honor St. Joseph and ask for his intercession.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Our third graders will receive the sacrament of Eucharist next Sunday, April 25th. Please pray for our communicants - Jacob, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Ava - and plan on attending Mass at 9:00 AM to celebrate with them, as we are all a part of the church family.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Technology is great...except when it doesn't work! Several people noticed that the livestream of the 9:00 Mass last Sunday didn't happen. Not to point fingers, but it wasn't our fault. Our Internet service went down Sunday and Monday. I checked: we did pay the bill. I'm not sure what was wrong, but we're told it is fixed now. I guess we have to chalk it up to things that happen sometimes.

At any rate, because we didn't have Internet service, the Sunday Mass never got recorded or broadcast. One advantage to the system we have is that it's very automated, and once broadcasts are scheduled, we don't have to worry about anything. It's like that infomercial: we can set it and forget it. The disadvantage is that if something goes awry, we may not know about it until it's too late. Apologies for those who were trying to join us from home.

Tomorrow, April 19, at 7:00 pm, we will gather again for our monthly novena to St. Joseph. We had an amazing turnout last month, so I hope you will join us again this month. We will continue to pray the novena on the 19th of every month from now through November. If the 19th is a Saturday or Sunday, we will pray the novena prayers immediately after Mass. Otherwise, the plan is to pray the novena prayers at 7:00.

The first of several blood drives takes place tomorrow as well. Last I checked, almost all slots were full. Please remember that they can't accept walk-ins. If you're interested in donating blood and didn't get a chance to sign up, we do have more drives coming up again in May and in June. As I said a few weeks ago, the Red Cross really likes our social hall, so we will do our best to schedule drives here as often as they ask us to. Please see our website for more information and the most up-to-date schedule.

Next Sunday, several of our parish children will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 Mass. They were supposed to receive their First Communion a year ago, but the Covid shutdown last Spring forced the delay, so I'm sure they are very excited to celebrate this important moment in their faith journey.

Speaking of PREP, the agreed-upon prize for PREP Lenten challenge was that Mrs. Boyer and I would cook brunch for the winning class. We decided that, since all classes put in such a great effort, we would declare that everyone was a winner. After the 9:00 Mass this Sunday, I'll be rushing downstairs to put on an apron and grab a spatula. I wouldn't be surprised if some photos eventually find their way to the parish Facebook page. We're really proud of our PREP students for their response to the Lenten works of mercy project.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you tomorrow night for our novena devotions!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 11, 2021.....	\$3,540
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,335
Parish Giving -	\$205
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,460)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$205,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$179,203
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,371
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$25,797)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$629)

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Deposit.....	\$7,701
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$26,177)
Difference from previous year.....	\$380

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 24 AND 25, will be the Mother's Day Remembrance Collection.

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL. Call the Parish Office for more details.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 10/11:

4:00 PM Mass - 89
9:00 AM Mass - 106
Total Attendance - 195

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
610-326-7880

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

MARY HEGEDUS from Helen Chieffo, Bob & Vivie Fitch, Ron DiGiosia.

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. **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. MAY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 5 - #912 - unsold
April 6 - #174 - unsold
April 7 - #462 - unsold
April 8 - #093 - unsold
April 9 - #580 - unsold
April 10 - #612 - Steve Yarmush - \$50.00
April 11 - #806 - Steve Hersperger - \$100.00



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, June 19 from

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. Look for the GreenDrop truck where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items (kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos) also accepted. No furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling baby blankets - cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. Please call the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a blanket.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 17/18

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - NESTER

Deacon Murtha

Altar Server - HOLMES

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LA ROSA

Deacon Murtha

Altar Server - GERASIMOWICZ

April 24/25

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - VILLANO

Deacon Murtha

Altar Server - HOLMES

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - IANNOZZI

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion -
DONNELLY

Altar Server - DONNELLY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - The Catholic Charities Appeal is a time to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to those who need it most. Your support will provide education, food, shelter, and medical assistance. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation.



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on May 13 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM and May 14 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the church social hall. Prospective donors can sign up directly for the blood drive at

<https://rb.gy/sduxr> or call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - Every third Sunday at Malvern Retreat House, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Procession followed by a presentation and discussion about St. Joseph. On April 18 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM our focus will be **“St. Joseph - Young Husband of Mary.”** For more details, visit www.malvernretreathouse.com or call 610-644-0400.

EVENING OF REFLECTION ON ST. JOSEPH - On May 1, Father McGuinn will lead a Day of Reflection on St. Joseph at Malvern Retreat House. The theme will be **“The Wonders of our Spiritual Father.”** Cost is \$40 onsite; \$25 virtual. Begins at 5:00 PM with Mass and Consecration to St. Joseph. To register visit www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.

WOMEN’S TEA at Malvern Retreat House on May 2. Sam Kelley of Fierce Athlete will share reflections of the beauty of women. The day begins at 2:00 PM and ends at 4:00 PM. Join us onsite or virtually for a \$25 fee. For more information or to register, visit www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.

REDNER’S REGISTER TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner’s register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program is 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 your tapes. Containers for the Redner’s register tapes are in the vestibule of church.

RADA CUTLERY - The Women’s Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available include 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer and 8-1/2" serrated knife. For more information or to purchase the cutlery, please call Denise Buccaglia (610-468-4032).