

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 APRIL 2021

Readings for Sunday, April 25: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

Jesus is the “stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.” He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God.

Readings for Sunday, May 2: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

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 5:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
27 Apr. TUE. 9:00 AM	47 th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Kathy Bernhard	
28 Apr. WED. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, Mary
29 Apr. THU. 9:00 AM	Justine Selfinger	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
30 Apr. FRI. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie	Janet & Dave Slaby
1 May SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 May SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	

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).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Please pray for our communicants - Jacob, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Ava - as they receive their First Holy Communion today!

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MAY issue at the parish office. Please call prior to coming for your book.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 24/25

	<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lectors	Villano	Iannozi
Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon	Donnelly
Altar Servers	Holmes	Donnelly

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 1 & 2

	<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lectors	Nester	LaRosa
Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon	Deacon
Altar Servers	Holmes	Gerasimowicz

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the four children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday morning! They have been preparing for this moment for quite some time, and it is a great joy to be with them as they receive this most Holy Sacrament.

We had the first of several blood drives here at the parish on Monday. While there were a few cancellations, everything appeared to go well. The Red Cross was able to collect 31 donations, which will save up to 93 lives in the area. I want to thank the volunteers who came out last week to help set the room up; they did so with amazing speed. Blood drives are also scheduled for May and June. For more information or to sign up to donate, please visit our website.

Our novena to St. Joseph this past week was also well-attended. With the novena, the camera in the church was angled toward the St. Joseph altar. If you streamed Tuesday's Mass, you'll notice the camera stayed aimed over there and you couldn't see the main altar or pulpit. Oops. Someone forgot to reset the camera after the novena. I won't say who that someone was, because I don't want to throw myself under the bus. We will gather again at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 19 as we continue those devotions (and hopefully remember to adjust the camera before and after).

Another calendar note: next Sunday, May 2, we will have our May Crowning in the church during the 9:00 Mass. Our PREP children will be in attendance, and one of our First Communicants will be selected to place the crown on the statue of Our Lady.

On a different note, a word about phone calls to the parish. The main phone number is (610) 326-5127. If you need to contact the office, or if you're trying to reach me, please use this number during our normal business hours. While there is another phone number that will ring in the rectory, please refrain from calling that number unless there is an emergency after hours. The reality is that I am not always able to pick up the phone when someone calls directly. If it is after-hours and you have an emergency, the call may still end up going to voice mail, again because I may not be able to pick up right away. If it does, please leave a detailed message and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

One of the reasons I mention this is that our phone system is long overdue for an upgrade, and we're starting to look into our options. As we try leverage the technology that is out there to make things work better, we could see changes to how our system works, and some of our additional phone numbers could end up going away. Of course, in today's world, e-mail always works, and for non-emergencies, I can often respond more quickly to an e-mail than I can to a phone call.

Enjoy this last week of April, and congratulations again to our First Communicants!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan



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 are also accepted. No furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.



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>. You can also visit our website or call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 18, 2021.....	\$5,417
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,489
Parish Giving -	\$415
Easter Collection -	\$1,513
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$417
Year to Date Budget.....	\$210,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$184,620
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,396
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$25,380)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$604)
<i>APRIL 19, 2020</i>	
Deposit.	\$2,929
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$28,248)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,868



Raffle Drawing

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 ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- April 12 - #584 - unsold
- April 13 - #305 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
- April 14 - #071 - unsold
- April 15 - #404 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00
- April 16 - #337 - unsold
- April 17 - #779 - unsold
- April 18 - #640 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 17/18:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 108
- 9:00 AM Mass - 102
- Total Attendance - 210

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here in the United States there are great needs for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened. Soon, as a diocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), which supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are struggling. In their 2000 pastoral letter Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration, the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missions-funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (www.restorejusticesantarosa.org) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through various activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal will be next weekend, May 1 and 2.

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.