

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

4 APRIL 2021

Readings for April 4: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9.

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

Readings for Sunday, April 11: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

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>
6 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Roger Villano	Wife & family
7 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary S. Rudy	Ron & Kathy
8 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Mary P. Fuga	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
9 Apr.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
10 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
11 Apr.	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).

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.

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

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items also accepted. No furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors accepted. For a list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Happy Easter!

I take a moment to welcome especially our visitors, especially those coming back home to visit family. Thank you for joining us today. I also want to say "welcome back" to anyone who may have been away for a while because of the pandemic but who decided to join us today. Thank you for being here. We are doing our best to maintain a healthy and sanitary environment where all can feel safe coming to worship God, and I hope you will feel comfortable enough in our building to return to regular in-person participation in the celebration of the Mass. A final word of welcome to those in our parish family who don't join us all that regularly for Mass but are still here for Easter. I'm glad you are here as well, and I do invite you and encourage you to consider joining us at Mass more regularly. (I know, you're probably thinking I *have* to say that or I wouldn't be doing my job, but I *do* mean it. Thank you for being here today, and if there's something keeping you from being here regularly, please don't be afraid to contact me via e-mail or through the office and we can try to address it.)

Looking back at Lent, I'm truly amazed at how quickly it flew by, but also at all the good that has been done here at the parish. At the same time, there are a few things that are growth opportunities for the future. We had a nice number of people who joined us in our Stations of the Cross devotions each week – although we could have done without the bat joining us that one week! Many people took advantage of our extra celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance. Perhaps most astounding was the participation in our Lenten outreach projects. The number of items collected for the homeless shelter was beyond impressive! The response from the PREP children in collecting quarters to help with the shelter's laundry needs was almost beyond belief! We will print a summary of what we collected for them in a later bulletin (early deadlines you know), but, all I can say is WOW! This parish has a generous heart and spirit, and that is something for which we can be proud. Thank you to all of you who joined in our parish efforts to mark Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As we now make our way through the Easter Season, we return to our regular schedule here at the parish. It'll be nice for things to calm down a little bit. But it's going to be short-lived. With the blood drives coming up, we need to do some cleaning up in the social hall. Due to the early bulletin deadline, I don't have final details on plans for that, but keep an eye and ear out for an e-mail or phone call asking for help. And don't forget to sign up to donate blood if you're able: information is on the parish website.

I hope you and your family all have a blessed day and Easter Season. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!



Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 28, 2021.....	
Regular Sunday Collection -	
Parish Giving -	
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	
Year to Date Budget.....	\$195,000
Year to Date Collections.....	
Average per week Collection.....	
Year to Date Deficit.....	
Average per week Deficit.....	

MARCH 29, 2020

Deposit.....	
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	
Difference from previous year.....	

DUE TO AN EARLY PRINTING SCHEDULE, FIGURES FROM THE MARCH 28 COLLECTION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 11 BULLETIN.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Requests can be made by email (contact@sgsm62.org) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be mailed or can be picked up at the parish office.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on April 19 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/sduxxr> or

call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

WINNER of the Knights of Columbus Walt Disney World Raffle - #539 - Deacon George Hermansky.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based

on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

Raffle Drawing 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. APRIL LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

HONOR THE DIVINE MERCY on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday, April 11 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. Each day will begin with 1 hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day includes Divine Mercy Devotions, Eucharistic Adoration, Conferences and Mass. Fr. Stephen Hayes will join us. To register contact Sr. Joan Noreen (olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333).

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT on Sunday, April 11 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Drop off times are 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM. Desktop computer systems, laptops, notebook computers, iPads, other tablets, cell phones, phones, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players, VCR’s, printers, flat screen monitors, computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, cords, power supplies, AC adaptors & wiring, all software. NO CRT MONITORS, TV’S WITH CRT’S OR BATTERIES. Par-Recycle Works truck will be in lower end of Swamp Pike side parking lot.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB on Wednesday, April 14 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM at the National Centre for Padre Pio (Museum Building), Barto. Join us for morning refreshments and a discussion of **Padre Pio: A Personal Portrait by Father Francesco Napolitano**. This book is filled with first hand stories and accounts by the author and will bring Padre Pio’s words and works, mysticism and miracles to readers. Books may be purchased from the Gift Shop of the National Centre for Padre Pio, from our on-line store (www.padrepio.org) or at smile.amazon.com. To register for this book club, please e-mail Angela@PadrePio.org.