

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10 APRIL 2022

Readings for Sunday, April 10: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14–23:56.

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

Readings for Sunday, April 17: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4a or 1 Corinthians 5:6a-8; John 20:1-9.



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. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
11 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Edward P. Razzis, Sr.	Dorothy Levanovitch
12 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Msgr. Richard Wright	
13 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Stella Carmen (living)	Peter Cattalo
14 Apr.	THU. 7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
15 Apr.	FRI. 3:00 PM	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
16 Apr.	SAT. 8:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
17 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



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 ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join them.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Holy Thursday, April 14 and Good Friday, April 15.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!

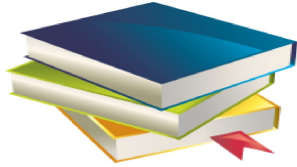


BEEF & BEER SOCIAL on Saturday, May 21 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM). Music - DJ. Held in the church social hall. Cost: \$30.00 in advance; \$40.00 at the door. Tickets available at the parish office or from any Women's Society member.

Block of tickets available to parishioners to sell at work or to friends. Call Lori (610-326-6030). Benefits our Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine and Garden Project.

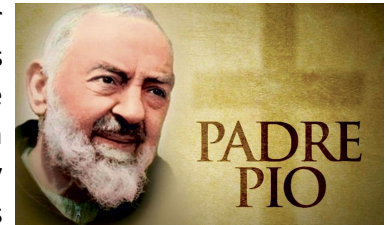


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It was rather sudden and quite surprising. It was also inspiring to say the least. An acquaintance was sitting across from me recently at the table in a diner where a group of us gather on a regular basis. Our breakfast coffee klatch is a time to relax, catch-up, and deepen our friendships as we solve all the problems of our nation, world, and Church in a usually very lively - and sometimes very heated - conversation. This day was different. As I took my seat at the table, Eileen pulled out a stack of books from a plastic shopping bag. She made a very quiet and stunning revelation. *I'm a writer*, she whispered. *What?* I leaned towards her. It was hard to hear over the diner noise. *I'm a writer*, she repeated, *these are some of my books. Your books? What?* *Wow!* It was hard to believe. Why hadn't she ever said anything? Eileen is one of

the more quiet individuals among us. She admitted that she is the more quiet type and that she didn't want to "show-off." *Writers tend to be quiet*, she said. I don't know about that. But, at any rate, on this particular day, she felt that it was time for her to reveal her work and her talent. In doing this, she was also revealing her faith. She was revealing her true self. Most of the books that she has authored or edited are about our own dear Padre Pio. I asked her if she has ever been to his Shrine in Barto. Of course, she had. I made her aware that I'm only about twenty minutes away. *Next time you go, we'll have to meet.* One of the other ladies present immediately chimed in saying that they'll have to make plans for a little pilgrimage. Her writings have been published by such well respected organizations as Our Sunday Visitor and Pauline Books and Media (The Daughters of St. Paul). She has also published a work for middle school students on Molly Pitcher and the story of her heroic actions at the Battle of Monmouth in the hot June of 1778. Eileen studied at Lock Haven University and used to teach writing at the Institute of Children's Literature. She told me that Padre Pio is her dear friend. It was he, along with her children that brought her back to the Faith lost after her husband's death. Her writings are reflective of her own journey. She is so happy now to be able to share Faith with others – and that day at the diner, she simply felt that it was time to reveal and share it with



us. There will be a rather quiet revelation come the end of this week. In the Three Great Days that we know as the Sacred Triduum, Jesus will reveal Who He truly is as the very Son of God when He quietly emerges from a tomb. Dismayed and doubting disciples will be overwhelmed as they stand before that same empty tomb. Then, they will initially be at a loss for words as they lay eyes upon Him once again. Fear will give way to Faith; sadness to Joy. No longer being able to contain themselves, they will then speak and teach and some will write. Holy Week is an opportunity for all of us to rediscover our Faith. Though perhaps lost in the sufferings and sorrows of our own Good Fridays, it is found ever anew in encountering the Risen Jesus. Rediscover Faith this Holy Week. As the Lord reveals His True Self, Risen in Glory, He reveals to you and to me our true selves. Now like any good writer, it's time for us to tell our story!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

(PS - Eileen's works can be found by searching her name online: Eileen Dunn Bertanzetti.)

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DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 3, 2022..... \$5,135
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$167,649
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections..... \$175,663

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests can be made by email at (contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



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.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

March 28 - #554 - unsold
March 29 - #976 - unsold
March 30 - #652 - unsold
March 31 - #881 - unsold
MARCH FIGURES: 239 tickets sold - \$1,195.00. Payout to winners - \$250.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for March - \$845.00.
April 1 - #978 - unsold
April 2 - #764 - unsold
April 3 - #385 - unsold

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DCS PAVING & SEALCOATING

610-495-5700

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 2/3:

4:00 PM Mass - 113

9:00 AM Mass - 94

Total Attendance - 207



Holy Thursday, April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. Church open for prayer after Mass. Night Prayer at 9:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 15 - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

Holy Saturday, April 16 - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Blessing of Easter Food at 2:30 PM. Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 17 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

Fast & Abstinence - All persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) and Good Friday. Further, All persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals are to light.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 15, 2022, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long-standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday collections support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 15, 2022**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+ Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 16/17

8:00 PM Mass

Lectors - Nester, Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, C. Buccaglia

Altar Servers - Donnelly & Vitacco

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon, Break, Bernhard & George

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Hildebrand



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot. Place donations of usable men's,

women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

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

MONICA BAUER from St. Gabriel Parish Choir, Nikki Gambino, St. Pius X High School Class of 1958;

RITA KAPPENSTEIN from Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Nikki Gambino, Mary Lenhardt.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS

are being sold by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie (except supreme).

Tuna and veggie Hoagies also available for Lent. Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Vouchers will be available after Mass on April 9/10 and April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.



The Corner

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

—St. Isidor of Seville



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Monday April 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

PEEK & PLAY PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE at St. Aloysius School on Friday, April 22 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Must register to attend at www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com. Meet our teachers! Play in our classrooms! Pre-school 3 (full and half day) and Pre-K 4 (full day) Programs available.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 9:15 AM at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - "Resting in Mercy" - Prayerfully celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with the Rosary, Mass, a movie, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24 beginning at 11:30 AM. Held at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Join us for a fun-filled and blessed day for families in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information visit the Family Festival Webpage: www.phillycatholiclife.org/archdiocesan-family-festival-2022/.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT WEEKEND on April 22-24 at Malvern Retreat House. 3 day, 2 night retreat, but can also register for a virtual retreat. To register or for more information call 610-644-0400 or go to www.DivineMercyRetreat.com.

FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 - 50 Year Reunion on Saturday, April 30 from 6:00-10:00 PM at Father Judge. Cost is \$75.00 per person. For more information contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com.