

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## 13 APRIL 2025

**Readings for Sunday, April 13:** 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 April 20:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-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>
14 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Barbara Lubinsky	Sandy Ebert
15 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
16 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	John Kennedy	Leigh, Simon & Simon Nagel
17 Apr.	THU. 7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
18 Apr.	FRI. 3:00 PM	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
20 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.



**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** - We have low gluten hosts for those who need gluten free. Please see Father before Mass to let him know you require the low gluten host.



**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 Marian Devotions.



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 6, 2025. .... \$4,663**  
**2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. .... \$177,987**



## THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

When you give to the Appeal, your gift is transformed into hope, providing education, food, shelter, and medical assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors

right here in the Greater Philadelphia Area. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. Envelopes for the Appeal are at the entrances to Church or you can use the envelope mailed to your homes.

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

### "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**DR. DIANE FRIES**  
 610-323-0450



**APPAREL ALERT!** Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 -

color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer ([mboyer@sgsm62.org](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)).



**CHURCH MAGNETS** are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



**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 31 - #412 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00

MARCH FIGURES: 254 tickets sold - \$1270.00. Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for March - \$670.00.

April 1 - #445 - unsold

April 2 - #716 - Kathy Pennypacker - \$50.00

April 3 - #293 - unsold

April 4 - #216 - Sue Kerns - \$50.00

April 5 - #005 - Naomi Hersch - \$50.00

April 6 - #462 - unsold

### MASS ATTENDANCE for April 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 133

9:00 AM Mass - 157

Total Attendance - 290



**American Red Cross**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on April 21 and May 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Give hope this spring! Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an

eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to donate blood.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 20

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,  
Boyer & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Wasylkowski & Francis

Greeter - Scheidt

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

**Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates** continue to be sold. Pick them up at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. You can also call Lori (610-326-6030) to order them. Leave a message stating which Mass you will be at - pick up after that Mass. Please have correct amount of \$15.00.

**FILL YOUR FREEZER RAFFLE** - Beginning April 26, the Women's Society will be offering chances to win your choice of meat from Burt's Farms, Route 100, Bechtelsville. Enter to win 1 of 3 certificates for \$200, \$100 and \$100. You do the shopping and purchase the meat your family loves like steaks, roasts, pork chops, sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs and much more. Chances remain as always: \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; 15 for \$10.00. Drawing will be held on May 18 after 9:00 AM Mass just in time for the Memorial Day Holiday. Good luck to all!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us in purchasing pierogi and halusky. We had a very successful sale. We would like to acknowledge 2 members who made every pierogi by hand and also all who helped with the halusky. Thank you everyone!

## The Corner



Remember the  
beauty of God's  
**GRACE:**  
God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense



## FAST & ABSTINENCE

### DURING LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

**ACTS OF Penance FOR LENT** - All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scripture, and to participate in parish Lenten Devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. Operation Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to Church.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.

### **CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** on Sunday, April 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Columbkil Parish, Boyertown. Fr. Wilson along with several other priests from the area will be available for Confession.

**LENTEN DINNER** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe on Fridays during Lent. Fish and Fries, Shrimp and Fries, and a weekly Special Lenten Meal are offered. Contact Franco (484-433-9160) for more information.





### **ST. GABRIEL CHURCH**

**Monday, April 14** - Mass at 9:00 AM.

**Tuesday, April 15** - Mass at 9:00 AM.

**Wednesday, April 16** - Mass at 9:00 AM. Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Confessions at 12:30 PM. Stations of the Cross at 1:00 PM. Benediction at 5:00 PM.

**Holy Thursday, April 17** - 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 18** - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

**"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**On Good Friday, April 18, 2025, we commemorate 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 on this day each year to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. At the direction of Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday Collections throughout the world support vital programs and critical services in the Holy Land. They are used to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs, and to serve the needs of the poor through established charitable institutions. On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I ask you to support the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land generously. Given current world events, our generosity to our brothers and sisters in this portion of the world is vitally important this year. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.**

Sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez,, D.D."**

**Holy Saturday, April 19** - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Blessing of Easter Food at 2:30 PM. No Easter Vigil at St. Gabriel Church.

**Easter Sunday, April 20** - Mass at 9:00 AM.

### **ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

**Holy Thursday, April 17** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

**Good Friday, April 18** - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

**Holy Saturday, April 19** - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM.

**Easter Sunday, April 20** - Masses at 7:30 AM, 10:15 AM and 11:30 AM.

## **LENTEN PARISH OUTREACH**

Ash Wednesday March 5, through Palm Sunday April 13  
Parish-Wide outreach program to help **Birthright of Pottstown**



Right now, they need donations of the following:

- Diapers: Sizes Newborn, 2 and 3
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Clothes (new or gently used – sizes 0-18 months)
- Hooded Towels and Washcloths
- Winter coats/snowsuits (sizes 0-18 months)
- Infant footed pajamas (sizes 0-3 months)
- Maternity leggings
- Sanitary pads
- Pregnancy Books
- Bottles

A Collection Box is in the vestibule of the church for donations.

We will deliver the donations weekly.

**PREP Challenge** – students are collecting coins weekly to donate to a family in need and the winning class will receive a prize!

**Let's come together as a parish and make a big difference in our community through this important work of mercy this Lent.**



Dear Friends,

The volunteers at Birthright would like to thank you for all the items you donated from your Giving Tree.

Please keep us in your prayers - you are in ours. The Birthright Volunteers

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## **Trivia Night**

**Saturday, April 26th**

**7PM Doors open at 6PM**

**\$20 per person (max 8 per table)**

- 21+
- BYO food & drinks
- 8 rounds of trivia
- Prizes for each round
- Cash prize for overall winning team

- Door prizes
- 50/50
- Raffles



**For all details and tickets visit**  
**[www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com)**

Questions - Contact Marie Beehler at  
[mariebeehler@gmail.com](mailto:mariebeehler@gmail.com)

walking with purpose

## Women's Bible Study



Begins **April 23**. Just 6 weeks!

**ROOTED AND RADIANT:  
A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS**

Rooted and Radiant was written for any woman who wants to live her life grounded in Jesus Christ. In this Bible study, we learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

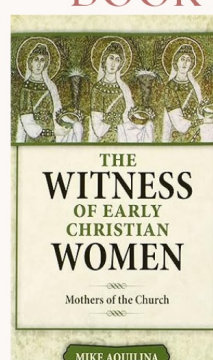
**Two Sessions:**  
**Wednesdays 9:30-11 a.m.**  
**OR**  
**Wednesdays 7:00-8:30p.m**

**Cost: \$27**  
 For more info or to register: scan or contact  
 Sophie Schneible,  
 SSchneible@saintalloysius.net  
 610-326-5877 ext. 426





ST. ALOYSIUS' ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## EASTER SEASON BOOK DISCUSSION



**THE  
WITNESS  
OF EARLY  
CHRISTIAN  
WOMEN**  
Mothers of the Church  
MIKE AQUILINA



**The Witness of Early  
Christian Women:  
Mothers of the Church**  
by Mike Aquilina

**When:** Mondays 11:30 a.m.  
 April 28, May 5, 12, and 19

**Where:** St. Aloysius Parish  
 Lower Level of Gathering Center


**For more information or to  
register contact Sophie Schneible:**  
**610-326-5877 ext. 426**  
**SSchneible@saintalloysius.net**

Participants will need to purchase  
their own book.

## Easter Season Bible Study

### AND INTRO TO LECTIO DIVINA

We will be reading and discussing the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday, and practicing Lectio Divina, or Divine Reading, to encounter God's word in a personal and transformative way.



**Morning and evening options!**  
**Thursdays**  
**April 24-June 5**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**OR 7:00 p.m.**  
 St. Aloysius Parish Lower Level of  
 Gathering Center  
 No Registration needed, come as you are able!  
 For More information contact Sophie Schneible,  
 610-326-5877 x426  
 SSchneible@saintalloysius.net

An Invitation from  
Archbishop Pérez



Learn more about a new  
way forward together for the  
Catholic Church of Philadelphia

**MISSIONARY HUB PLANNING PROCESS:** The Archdiocese Strategy Office and Catholic Leadership Institute released videos to answer questions about the Missionary Hub Planning Process, which was announced earlier this year through Archbishop Perez' Pastoral Letter. To read the letter visit [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org).

To access the videos go to [vimeo.com/luxlabproduc](https://vimeo.com/luxlabproduc)

SAINT ALOYSIUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

**GET TO  
KNOW  
THE  
CHURCH'S  
NEWEST  
SAINT!**



**CARLO ACUTIS**

CARLO ACUTIS WILL BE CANONIZED ON APRIL 24. COME LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE OF THIS MILLENNIAL SAINT AND ALSO ABOUT THE CANONIZATION PROCESS

**APRIL 28, 2025**  
**7:00-8:30PM**


**SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH  
 LOWER LEVEL OF  
 GATHERING CENTER**

FOR MORE INFO:  
 Sophie Schneible  
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## Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope



archphila.org/hollyear

The Jubilee Year 2025 offers pilgrims in their own local area opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and prayerful opportunities to receive the sacraments, strengthen their relationship with Jesus, and enrich their lifelong faith journey. One way to observe the Jubilee Year is by pilgrimages. Several Shrines within the Archdiocese are places to obtain the Jubilee indulgences. Visit [www.archphila.org/hollyear](http://www.archphila.org/hollyear) for more information.





I'm not sure if it was the silence. Perhaps, it was simply the stillness. It was a Holy Spirit moment for sure. There is a memory that stands out for me particularly this week. It was an event that affected me and would ultimately change



me. If the word *holy* can be taken to mean *different* or *set-apart*, then this week certainly *is* Holy. All the liturgies, especially those of the Sacred Triduum are different. From the Washing of Feet to the Veneration of the Cross, they unfold unlike "ordinary" liturgical celebrations, though I would argue that no liturgical celebration is ever "ordinary." Bread and wine transformed: God made present is anything but "ordinary." It was a Good Friday Service that so affected me many years ago. That affect still remains with me – every year. On one particular Good Friday, when I was much younger and well before I was ordained, I was in attendance at my parish. I was seated on the end or near the end of the pew, because on this day I had a clear vision of the sanctuary. There was no big person blocking my view. There were three priests that lived at the parish at the time and all three priests were present. Mass,



of course, would usually begin with singing or announcements – not that day. In fact, it would not even be a Mass celebrated, but simply a "service." The three priests processed down the aisle in utter silence. And there was silence. In that moment no babies were crying and there were no children ornery. I could actually hear the vestments as the priests walked by and felt a breeze as they did so. Eyes were fixed upon the silent priests clothed in red. Then it happened. All three prostrated themselves in the sanctuary – before the tabernacle; before the altar; before the crucifix on the wall; before all the people gathered – in utter silence. It was an act of submission and obedience and humility. To me at that time so long ago, this act of prostration seemed rather long. The silence was deafening during this pregnant pause and as the priests lay there a thought entered my mind. Perhaps, it was more of a feeling. I wanted to lie there



with them. I wonder if Dennis ever had this feeling. I'll have to ask him. Or maybe you can too. Dennis Morales is a young man and an active member of Saint Aloysius Parish. He might be seen working in the sacristy or serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.



As we now enter this most "different" week of our Church Year, it is with much pride and great pleasure that I can announce that Dennis has been officially accepted as a seminarian at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to begin study for priesthood for the Archdiocese. Way to go, Dennis!! I'm so proud of you and happy for you as is Fr.



Wesly! I'm rather certain that my pride and happiness will be shared by all of our parishioners at Saint Al's and our friends at Saint Gabe's as well! I look forward to celebrating with you and supporting you as you begin a most wonderful journey as, I'm sure, do all of our parishioners and friends at both parishes. Know that you are in our prayers! I also very much look forward to that day when – God willing – you too, humbly lie prostrate in the sanctuary before the altar in an utter and profound silence as one of His priests! Congratulations!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson