

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 APRIL 2024

Readings for Sunday, April 14: 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 21: 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 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	
15 Apr.	MON.	9:00 AM	James R. Hennessey	Tony Vitacco
16 Apr.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
17 Apr.	WED.	9:00 AM	Yvonne Lake	Bill & Jeanette Gatta
18 Apr.	THU.	9:00 AM	Carole Waber	Claude & Angela Shelton
20 Apr.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Dorothy Levanovitch	Daughter, Diana & family
21 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.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on April 15 and 29 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

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 Monday, April 15 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

LOST WEEK

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DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 7, 2024. \$4,259
 2023-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$182,729
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$185,997

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 6/7:

4:00 PM Mass - 118
 9:00 AM Mass - 127
 Total Attendance - 245

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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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 fundraiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 1 - #524 - unsold
 April 2 - #274 - unsold
 April 3 - #069 - unsold
 April 4 - #669 - unsold
 April 5 - #442 - unsold
 April 6 - #262 - Sandy & Pete Richards - \$50.00
 April 7 - #913 - unsold

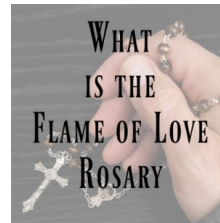


APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo

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).

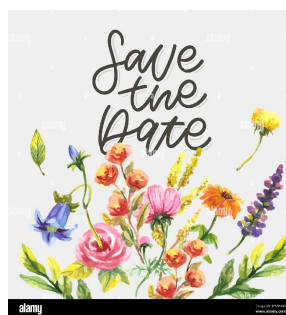


CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY

If you are interested in learning more about and/or participating in the Flame of Love Rosary, please contact Patrick Cornely (215-479-0155).



PARISH SOCIAL AND 95TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

on Saturday, June 1 in the Social Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM. BYOB! Cost is \$16.00. Moyer's Catering Menu: Broasted Chicken, Hot Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Potato and Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Red Beet Eggs, Ring Bologna and Cheese, Pickles and Olives, Bread and Rolls, Soda, Mixers, Coffee and Dessert. Music by DJ Pete LaRosa. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the Parish Office during the week. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: MARGARET BUCCIAGLIA from Jay & Diane Roberts.

The Corner

What can we give God that He hasn't already given us? We can never repay God for all He has given us through His sacrifice on the cross. But, He doesn't ask for payment, He asks for worship.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 20/21

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, Bracaglia

Altar Server -

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Bishop; Break, Carr

Altar Servers - Griffin, Francis, Holmes, Nagel, Wasylkowski

Greeter - Neiman



Dear Friends,
The volunteers at Birthright would like to thank you for all the diapers, clothing, wipes, etc. that you recently donated. We are

so appreciative of all the supplies you have provided. Please keep us in your prayers - you are in ours. Sincerely, Kathy Malone and The Birthright Volunteers.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS -

July 17-21, 2024 in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN. The Holy Spirit, through

our shepherds, is calling the whole Church together in a way we have not seen in 83 years. This event is different from anything you've experienced before. More than just a retreat or conference, the National Eucharistic Congress is **the Church's moment**. This is a unique gathering for the entire people of God in the U.S. We firmly believe God is calling us together for a new Pentecost, and Jesus is about to unleash the fire of his love upon our nation. Learn more at www.EucharisticCongress.org.



REDNER'S REGISTER TAPE

PROGRAM - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this rebate is but towards our Parish

Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's register tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and the information prints out at the bottom of your register tape. If you do not use a card, we can not use the register tapes. Containers for the Redner's register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish, with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for Your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS:

The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something extra when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB

Italian Feast on April 19 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. RSVP by April 16. Choice of Meat Lasagna, Italian Trio, Spaghetti and meatballs or Chicken Parmesan; Caesar Salad; Tiramisu or Cannoli. Cost is \$18.00. Reservations required. Contact Franco at 484-433-9160.

Sunday Morning Breakfast on the 4th Sunday of the month starting on April 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selections. Ala Carte.

Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, June 9 from 1:00 PM till ? Food, drinks, lots of fun. Price is \$20 per team in advance; \$30 day of Tournament. Contact Franco at 484-433-9160.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE. BARTO

Novena to Padre Pio for Our Children on Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 PM. Mass celebrating the Opening of Our Novena - all are invited especially families with children of all ages. Tuesday, April 23 to Wednesday, May 1 - Announced Intention and Novena Prayer following the 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Sign up for the Novena at www.padrepio.org/pray/children/.

Commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification on Thursday, May 2. Rosary at 11:30 AM. Mass at 12:00 PM. Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Beatification of Padre Pio and the Opening of Our Lady of Grace Chapel and Padre Pio Spirituality Centre with a grace-filled day. Celebrant and Homilist - Bishop Keith Chylinski, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. For more information contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

MARRIED COUPLES - When was the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next in-person experiences are April 19-21 and July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (610-449-1859 or Applications@wwme-philly.org)

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday, April 20 in the School Gymnasium. Doors open at 6:00 PM; Trivia begins at 7:00 PM. Must be 21 years or older. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Cathy (610-326-5877) for more information.

EMMANUEL'S ATTIC SALE - Saturdays April 27, May 4 and 11 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. Household items, electronics, fabric, office supplies, Christmas and toys (vintage and newer). Everything is priced to sell. Park and enter in the back of the building. Held in the Fellowship Hall.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES

on May 31. Join the CCA to watch the Philliles take on the St. Louis Cardinals. If 500 tickets are sold, Alexander, a 3rd grade Out-of-School Time



students from Holy Innocents OST, will throw out the first pitch of the game and a beneficiary program will sing the National Anthem! A portion of all tickets sold will go directly to benefit CCA beneficiaries. Please show your support and purchase tickets today as we cheer on Alexander. To purchase tickets visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.



APRIL IS ABORTION RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH.

Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing: Depression; Anxiety and panic attacks; Intense grief, sadness, rage; Feelings of shame and guilt; Suicidal thinking and behavior; Drug or alcohol abuse; Problems maintaining intimate relationships; Eating disorders; Nightmares, flashbacks. You can find healing. Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame. Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. For information on Weekend Retreats visit www.RachelsVineyard.org.

*A Message
From The
Pastor*

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Did you see it? The solar eclipse of the eighth of April 2024 is now behind us. I had my special glasses for viewing courtesy of the National Science Foundation and an ever kind Parish Administrative Assistant. Thanks, Kathy! I thought



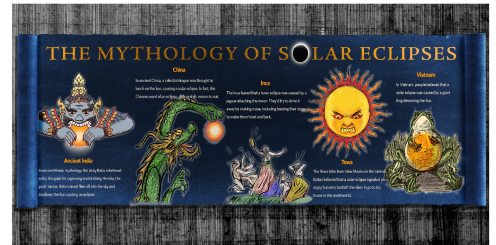
that it might be a bit too cloudy here last Monday, but that was not the case. At about 3:20 pm or so, we stood in the parking lot looking skyward. It was rather cool to view that thin sliver of sun – the rest being blackened by the moon. The moment quickly passed. I mused on how many thousands of others must be staring skyward at the exact same moment. I know a young couple that traveled to the



Buffalo/Rochester area of New York State just to be able to witness the eclipse in totality. I had such an experience once in my life. I didn't travel just to see the eclipse, but I happened to be vacationing in the area where the total eclipse took place. Fortunately, it was a brilliantly clear and sunny day. The effects of the eclipse would be even more pronounced. It was visible over Southern Germany in August of 1999. The German acronym for it was *Sofi99*. It got as much press there at the time as April 8th did here this year. I



remember some people were planning parties around the event. I was in the countryside at the time in an open field. We didn't have special glasses, but we did have a properly shaded welder's helmet which served the same purpose. As the sun darkened, the sky took on a most unusual, murky color with brightness visible on the horizon. The animals all acted strangely. They



seemed bewildered. Birds in the sky started chirping frantically and dogs seemed to be in a panic. The moment passed quickly and soon enough, we were bathed in bright sunshine once again. It is little wonder that ancient peoples developed myths and legends around such an event. Often it was interpreted as a message from the gods. Maybe, it is. That message today wouldn't be from some gods, but from **The** God. And it wouldn't be a



message of wrath and displeasure as it was often viewed in ancient times, but one of a heavenly beauty and a universe most vast. Someone remarked how interesting that a brief darkening of the sun as the moon passes by draws so much attention throughout the world, but the brilliant Glory of God shining forth everyday in our Churches goes unnoticed. The



Most Holy Eucharist is the very Glory of God. It is the Risen Son shining forth. Our call is not just to look upon Him, but to actually receive Him. Eucharistic Adoration is a devotion meant to inflame that desire to receive and ultimately to become what we worship. Wow! How awesome is that? The solar event that happened on April 8th is now behind us; the Solar Event that is the Glory of God is on-going and everyday in our Church. Come once again and catch a glimpse! Consider inviting a friend and know that special glasses for viewing are never needed, but merely eyes of Faith!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



NATIONAL

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

passes through the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**May 30 to
June 3**



Full the schedule and how you can participate,
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