

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

17 APRIL 2022

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.

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 24: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; 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 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
18 Apr.	MON.	9:00 AM	Steve & Pauline Staskiel
19 Apr.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
20 Apr.	WED.	9:00 AM	Jack & Lori Carr
21 Apr.	THU.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
23 Apr.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Nanette Marie Toporowski
24 Apr.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Fran Stankina
			Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			Decd. Members of Women's Society
			St. Gabriel Women's Society



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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION on Sunday, April 24 at the 9:00 AM Mass. Please pray for our First Communicants: Liam, Logan, Owen and Maria.



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.



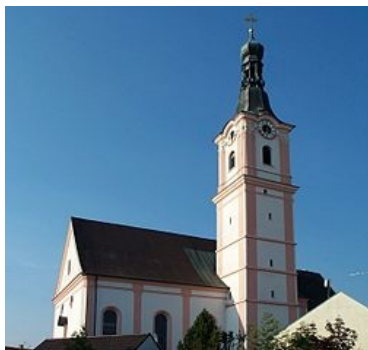
All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!

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.



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One could say that it is very simply a “Wonder of Light.” That would be an apt description. I recently viewed a program concerning a lovely little parish church in the town of Geiselhoering which lies northeast of Munich in Germany near the Czech border. Bavaria has many such churches with their stunning baroque interiors. However, the Church of Saints Petrus and Erasmus, is different. Erected on the site of an older gothic-style church in 1761, the pastor, Father Georg Ignaz Zinkl, designed it such that the structure did not face precisely east as would normally be the case at the time. Oh, those Germans! Always pushing the envelope when it comes to Tradition and the Church! The new structure would be turned about ten degrees north. This would result in



a bi-annual phenomenon known as the *Lichtspiel*. Every spring and again in the fall for about three days, the sun shines as a spotlight through the western windows of the church in such a way, that the light performs a “dance” in the sanctuary for about an hour. The *Lichtspiel* illuminates first the tabernacle, then both of the statues of Saint Stephen and Saint Erasmus above, on either side. Next, an angel pointing upwards towards heavenly glories is aglow and finally, a little putto or cherub waving a leafy branch of *adieu* sparkles and winks a farewell. The *Lichtspiel* is a rather



impressive little miracle that draws that which is human into the Divine. I remember a little seminary *Lichtspiel*. It occurred one year during the time of our annual Forty Hours Devotion. Three of us had an assigned time of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. During the hour, the sun shone through the stained glass of Saint Martin’s Chapel in such a way, that the Sacred Presence in the monstrance shimmered and shined leaving three seminarians awestruck. Easter is especially the time to be awestruck, because Easter is the time of a most dazzling and miraculous *Lichtspiel*. Should one peer into the Holy Sepulcher with eyes of Faith, a most stunning Light can be seen as all that is human is recreated and drawn into the Divine. It is the *Lichtspiel* of Resurrection! Occurring not for an hour but three days twice a year, but eternally at the beginning of a New Day without end, the Sacred Theater (*Theatrum Sacrum*) of Resurrection shines a Light which mere words cannot describe. Gaze once again into the now empty Tomb of Our Lord! Allow this Light, the True Light, to shine upon you and through you this Easter Day – and beyond!



Then, it will be you, who reflect the Risen Jesus to the entire world in a most Holy and Glorious “Wonder of Light” – known as the *Lichtspiel*!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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Figures from the April 10 Collection will be printed in the April 24 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 23 AND 24, will be the Mother's Day Remembrance Collection.



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.**

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).



Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Vouchers will be available after Mass on April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.



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.

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Call the Parish Office for more details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 23/24

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman



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.

The Corner

Alleluia, He is risen!

In **John 20:2** we read that Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty and **"...she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved..."** Think about it. There was a lot of running on Easter morning! Mary running to the other disciples, the disciples running back to the tomb, soldiers running away in fear, the two companions from Emmaus running back to Jerusalem to tell of their walk with Him. Now it's our turn. Run to Jesus, He is waiting for you!

