

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

20 APRIL 2025

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

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 27: 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>
21 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Carol Palladino
22 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Rocco Lubrano	Tony Vitacco
23 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost	Wife, Theresa
24 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Thomas & Christopher Chizauskie	Wife & Grandmom, Anne
26 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
27 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Wife, Kathy



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.



We welcome JAMES and CATHY FALLON who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 13, 2025. \$
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$
Figures from the April 13 collection will be printed in the April 27 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, April 26 and 27, will be the Mother's Day Remembrance Collection.

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.

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.



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.**

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MEMORIES 'N' MORE

610-326-1911

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!



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 to donate blood.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 26/27

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Francis

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner



"Then the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said...'"

---Matthew 28:5-6



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. Shrines within the Archdiocese that are places to obtain the Jubilee indulgences are: St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown; St. Rita, Philadelphia; St. Anne in St. Anne (upper) Church, Philadelphia; Bl. Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern; St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity BVM Church, Warminster; St. Jude at St. Jude Church, Chalfont; St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia; Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia; Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland. Visit www.archphila.org/holyyear for more information.

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 Pérez' Pastoral Letter, at the core of which is a call to a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. The letter also shares with us the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Church of Philadelphia and invitation to all Catholics to be a part of the conversation about what that will look like. To read the letter visit www.trustandhope.org.

To access the videos go to vimeo.com/luxlabproduc

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

Questions - Contact Marie Beehler at mariebeehler@gmail.com



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

on Sunday, May 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. We serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets, and different types of breakfast bowls. Breakfast is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.


 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 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

SAINT ALOYSIUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

GET TO KNOW THE CHURCH'S NEWEST SAINT!



CARLO ACUTIS

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

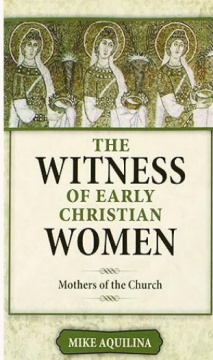
CARLO ACUTIS WILL BE CANONIZED ON APRIL 24. COME LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE OF THIS MILLENNIAL SAINT AND ALSO ABOUT THE CANONIZATION PROCESS

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

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ST. ALOYSIUS' ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EASTER SEASON BOOK DISCUSSION



**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@saintaloyusius.net

Participants will need to purchase their own book.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO

First Friday Mass is celebrated at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 2 in Our Lady of Grace Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follows morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.

First Saturday Devotions on Saturday, May 3. Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, the blessing of religious articles, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, Rosary and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio. Confessions begin at 9:30 AM; Mass with Devotions and Benediction at 10:30 AM.



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@saintaloyusius.net

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES - Friday, May 2 at 6:45 PM at Citizens Bank Park. See the Phillies vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks. This is your chance to celebrate the spirit of the game while making a difference! Don't wait any longer - grab your tickets now! Purchase tickets at www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight. Every purchase counts, and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to support the beneficiaries of Catholic Charities, helping to provide life changing services to those in need.

A Message From The Pastor

The Easter Vigil was well under way that year. Everyone had “settled-in” for the beautiful, retreat-like, and (as every Catholic knows) longer-than-usual “Mother of all Vigils.” The Easter Fire had been ignited and blessed. This



Transformative Flame scatters the Darkness of Evil as it burns and brightens. The new Paschal Candle was now bearing the Light as it pierced the darkness of the church. Taper candles were lighted. Although all of us, now, literally held the New Easter Fire in our hands, it was hearts that burned. The *Exsultet* was sung dramatically. Tapers were then extinguished as the Mass continued with the Readings and the Psalms; the *Gloria* and the Gospel; the bells that were rung and the Baptisms that were taking place that



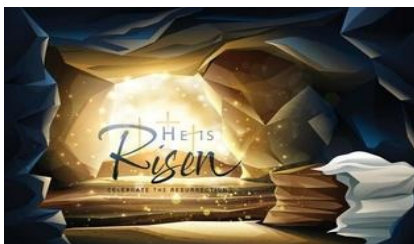
year. Finally, the time came for all present – including my Aunt Rita – to renew one’s own Baptismal Promises. Taper candles were carefully re-ignited by young Altar Servers and then, the Easter Fire, once again, burned and spread. It was quite the sight to behold. Caught up in the



moment, suddenly there was a shuffle and scuffle. Something was amiss. A gasp! A shout! Heads turning! In that moment, a quick thinking and fast acting young resident priest sprang from the Altar grabbing a basin containing some of the Newly Blessed Baptismal Water that was to be used for sprinkling all present and running down the aisle, the priest now turned fireman, doused Aunt Rita, her burning missalette, and a few of the terrified Faithful who had the misfortune of being positioned near-by. The Pastor, meanwhile, barely broke stride. Obviously,



he was a seasoned priest and a veteran pastor. There’s a phrase for it in Pastoral Theology: *Stuff happens. Keep going.* He was well aware that priests might be seen wearing very traditional *birettas*, very modern baseball caps, or yes, even firefighter helmets. I have a whole assortment of hats and caps in my closet. Aunt Rita, for her part, was mortified, yet relieved that neither she, not anyone else, had to be taken to the emergency room! Father Pastor was just glad that he didn’t have to take out his insurance



adjustor cap and he permanently placed good Aunt Rita on the “taper-ban” list. She humbly complied. Though Aunt Rita never held the Easter Fire again in her hands, it was already long burning in her heart and it was this Flame that would continue to spread. Missalettes were no longer set ablaze, but people standing nearby were still in “danger.” I know one young man who stood too close, too often. He got



“burned” and that Flame would change him forever. He would go on to spread that same Flame setting Fires anew – a pyromaniac of sorts of the clerical order. If nothing else this Easter, pray that hearts might be set aflame: yours, mine, and those around you. Pray that the Easter Fire; the Fire of Faith spread anew in a world so flooded and drowning in Darkness. Jesus died and rose from the dead for you, for me, and for Aunt Rita. He comes anew each day in the Burning Flames of Easter and He wants us to set the whole world ablaze! Just spare the missalettes! Happy Easter!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson