

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 21 APRIL 2024

**Readings for Sunday, April 21:** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

Jesus is the “cornerstone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.” He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God.

**Readings for Sunday, April 28:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.



**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.**



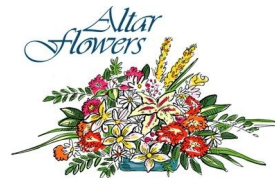
<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	
22 Apr.	MON.	9:00 AM	Robert Fitch	Lew & Beth Chillot
23 Apr.	TUE.	9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost	Wife, Theresa
24 Apr.	WED.	9:00 AM	Bob Kunsch	Ann & family
25 Apr.	THU.	9:00 AM	Heylne Mich	Harry Boeshore
27 Apr.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Ronald Bernhard	Wife, Kathy
28 Apr.	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.



Flowers on the Altar on Saturday are in memory of **DOROTHY LEVANOVITCH** requested by her daughter, Diana and family.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Confirmandi (Fatu, Lorelei, McKenna, Melanie, Morgan and Ryan) who are now full members of our Catholic Faith!

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

LOST WEEK

# Collections to give you a thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 14, 2024.** . . . . . \$4,044  
 2023-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$186,773  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$189,555

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, April 27 and 28, will be the Mother's Day Remembrance Collection.

**WINNER OF THE 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
 APRIL DRAWING - M/M Daniel Hyland - \$269.00.

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

### "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**  
 610-326-4137



**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

April 8 - #082 - unsold  
 April 9 - #013 - unsold  
 April 10 - #848 - unsold  
 April 11 - #750 - Jamelle Foster - \$50.00  
 April 12 - #049 - unsold  
 April 13 - #896 - unsold  
 April 14 - #824 - unsold

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for April 13/14:**

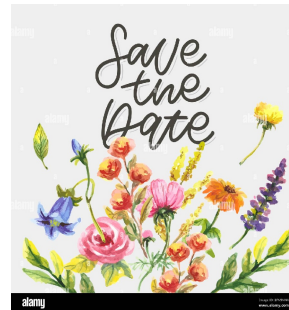
4:00 PM Mass - 118  
 9:00 AM Mass - 121  
 Total Attendance - 239



**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 SOCIAL AND 95<sup>TH</sup> 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!

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.** Help is needed for the following: Selling tickets after Masses; Assisting with set-up the day of the event; Helping with various activities during the event; Assisting with clean-up after the event. Any help you could provide is greatly appreciated. Contact Barbara (610-385-4839) to sign up.

### *The Corner*

On Thursday, we observe the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Tradition tells us that he was St. Peter's translator and scribe, so the Gospel of Mark is actually Peter's story and eyewitness account of his time with Jesus! Mark also accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their journeys, and was the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

### **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.



### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 27/28**

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Adams

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Francis

Greeter - Carr



**American  
Red Cross**

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD**

**DRIVES** on April 29 and May 6 and 20 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.

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MAY issue at the Parish Office.



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

*—St. John Vianney*



### **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 something extra when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the Parish Office.

**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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB**

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - A Full-time Facility Position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Visit the website [www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com) for details or call the Parish Office (610-287-2525).

**PAR-ReCycle Works** - E-Cycle Event scheduled for May 5 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in the parking lot. Par-ReCycle Works truck will be in the lower end of Swamp Pike side parking lot on Sunday, May 5 from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Bring your used electronics! Desktop computer systems, laptop, notebook computers, Ipads, other tablets, cell phones, phones, phone systems, Ipods, MP3 players, DVD players, VCR's, printers, flat screen monitors, computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, cords, power supplies, AC adapters & wiring, all software. The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled: Older CRT Monitors and TV's (\$40-\$80 each) size varies; Flat screen TV's - \$25 each; Compute monitors (flat screen LCD's) - \$7 each; air conditioners, dehumidifiers & air Purifiers - \$25; Microwaves - \$15. NO BATTERIES. For more information about the event, contact Sam Whitehouse ([samwhitehouse@comcast.net](mailto:samwhitehouse@comcast.net) or 610-420-7202).

**SAINT FRANCIS CLASSICAL CATHOLIC ACADEMY**, Bally will be offering a High School Program starting in Fall 2024, allowing teenagers in our region to receive a classical Catholic education right in their backyard! If you are interested in using your state tax dollars to help families in the area afford SFCCA for their high school student, please visit [www.whysfcca.com](http://www.whysfcca.com) to learn more.

#### **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/](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

**Day of Renewal - Expressions of Prayer: Three Ways to Raise Your Heart to God** on Wednesday, May 8. There is no cost to attend this retreat, however it is a ticketed event. Retreat Director - Fr. Pio Mandato. Welcome and Opening Prayer at 10:00 AM. Conference #1 at 10:15 AM. Mass and Veneration of Relic Glove of Padre Pio at 12:00 PM. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lunch and Free time at 1:00 PM. Conference #2 with Exposition at 2:15 PM. Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction at 3:00 PM. Register at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) by clicking on the event calendar for May 8. Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$17.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket on-line. Deadline to order lunch is May 1. Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) for more details.



#### **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](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).





**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE  
PHILLIES** on May 31. Join  
the CCA to watch the  
Phillies take on the St.  
Louis Cardinals. If 500  
tickets are sold, Alexander,



a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight).

**MALVERN RETREAT FOR MEN**, May 3-5 - Consider a  
weekend at Malvern! The topic of this year's retreat is  
"Manly Love for the Eucharistic Lord." Fr. Roger Landry is  
the retreat director. As men of faith, we need to come  
together and rejuvenate our relationship with Christ.  
Come to the peaceful grounds known as "St. Joseph's in  
the Hills." Sit in silence before our Lord in one of the  
adoration chapels. Walk the Stations of the Cross. Spend  
some time in quiet contemplation at the Our Lady of  
Lourdes Grotto. Pray and reconnect with our Lord.  
Please register today. Go to [www.MalvernRetreat.com](http://www.MalvernRetreat.com)  
and select "Register Now." Scroll down the calendar to  
the St. Joseph the Worker, Manly Love for the Eucharistic  
Lord Retreat, May 3-5. If you would prefer to register by  
phone, call Malvern at 610-644-0400. If you have any  
questions you can also reach out to Joe Bushner (215-  
527-3457 or [jbushner@phillyinvestigators.com](mailto:jbushner@phillyinvestigators.com)).

**CO-ED RETREAT HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER** at  
the Malvern Retreat House on May 10-12. Retreat  
Director is Fr. Chris Alar. Guest Speaker is Mary Bea  
Damico. Candle lit Eucharistic Procession to Malvern's  
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Walk and pray on our Sacred  
Grounds - visit Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Outdoor Shrines, Joyfully celebrate and honor  
Our Blessed Mother with Music and prayer! Retreat Cost  
is \$325.00 (includes rooming and meals). Retreat ends on  
Sunday at 11:30 AM. Register at  
[www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400. Families  
of retreatants are invited to join us for the closing Mass  
on Mother's Day.



**10<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL  
EUCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS** - July 17-  
21, 2024 in Lucas Oil  
Stadium, Indianapolis,  
IN. Something  
AMAZING is about to  
happen. Imagine

you're a follower of Christ right after the Resurrection, and  
you hear some exciting reports: not only is Jesus alive, but  
he appeared to his disciples promising baptism with the  
Holy Spirit in only a few days. Wouldn't you drop  
everything to be there when it happens? God is calling his  
people into a new "Upper Room." At the National  
Eucharistic Congress, the Church in the U.S. will gather in  
a way this generation has never seen – ready for the great  
outpouring of grace God desires to lavish upon his people.  
This is the beginning of a new chapter of Eucharistic faith  
in America. Will you be there? Learn more at  
[www.EucharisticCongress.org](http://www.EucharisticCongress.org).



*passes through the*  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**May 30 to  
June 3**



Full the schedule and how you can participate,  
use the QR code or visit:

**[phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage)**

# A Message From The Pastor

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Maybe it's just me. But it seems to take me a while to "wake-up" in the morning. Oh, my eyes are open and I'm breathing...thank God! But my mind can seem to be in a fog, lingering in that last wee bit



of nocturnal bliss for like a half-hour or more. Dreaming ends as it crashes with reality. I need that first cup of java, then maybe a second. I need to go before the Lord apologetically with only one eye open and my brain not quite functioning as I begin what seems more like pleading than prayer: *Good morning, Lord! Help me this day! Help me to wake-up!*



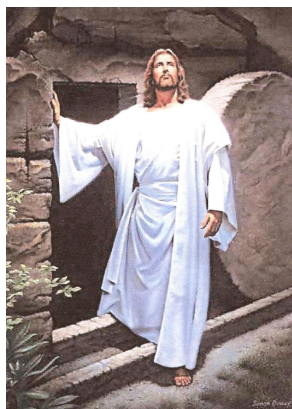
Maybe, just maybe, this is essentially what prayer is: waking from a very sound, if not necessarily restful slumber; waking to reality; waking to **the** Reality that is our Faith; the Reality that is Christ the New Day. I remember someone in the seminary that had a particular habit. He spoke of it proudly. Although later ordained a priest, unfortunately he no longer is. He had a particular discipline in the morning. Discipline is a good thing. I don't mean discipline in the sense of detention after school, but the discipline needed to train for a marathon or even a 5k race; the discipline needed in going to the gym on a regular basis, which I know that so many do. Such discipline is a good thing and not the result of some bad behavior like that time in school. This particular seminarian's discipline had to do with his rising in the morning. He said that he would rise and get out of bed at the



sound of the alarm clock. He said that he would rise immediately. For him, there was no "hitting the snooze bar" or "just five more minutes, mom." No, he would forgo such earthly inclination and immediately arise. How impressive! How disciplined! I could never do such a thing. I still don't seem to be able. In fact, often I just want to stay in bed, slothful soul that I am apparently. But as I said, unfortunately, he is no longer serving and saying Mass. I am. I wonder if his discipline had anything to do with it. I mean, even Our Lord was three days in the tomb. Divinity indeed rises immediately. It would seem that it is our lowly humanity that does not. We have various seasons throughout our whole Church Year every year. Now, we are in this Season of Easter awaiting Ascension and Pentecost. Wasn't all of Lent and Easter Week enough? The answer is "no." They're not. All of us need time to awaken and arise...some more than others. We need this "time" to "wake-up" and clear the "fog," so to speak. I enjoy that necessary cup of coffee or tea in the morning as I try to focus anew pleading as praying and praying as pleading. *Lord, help us to face reality as we arise and*



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson