

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

24 APRIL 2022

Readings for Sunday, April 24: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31.

As Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus, so too were many brought to faith through the various signs and wonders wrought by the apostles. They proclaimed as Lord “the stone rejected by the builders,” “the First and the Last of the One who lives.”

Readings for Sunday, May 1: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.



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>
25 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Joseph, Bernadette & Tyler Norton	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
26 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Decd. Family Members of Paula & Dennis Bolonski	
27 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	48 th Wedding Anniversary - Ron & Kathy Bernhard	
28 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Suzanne Gumpert	Kathy & Ron Bernhard
30 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
1 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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.



CONGRATULATIONS to our First Communicants - Liam, Logan, Owen and Maria who received their First Communion today.



Candle Intentions at the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of the Deceased Members of the Women's Society at the request of the Women's Society.

PARISH MAY CROWNING next Sunday, May 1 at 9:00 AM Mass.



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!



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.



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Hesed is a Hebrew word without an exact equivalent in English. It expresses the action of a loyal love without limit. We might add a “royal” love as well. Found some 253 times in the Old Testament, its fulfillment is found in the New with One simple Word spoken eternally. That Word resounded anew early on a Sunday morning with reports of an empty tomb and a Risen Savior-King. It resounds anew on this Sunday as well. *Hesed* is often translated into English as *mercy*. Today the Church acknowledges **the** *Hesed* that is Divine: One that *must* culminate in the New Life of Resurrection. God’s Love without limit is something that we must be drawn up into in order to fully understand, and yet, its evidence and effects are all around us even now. Reconciliation is the Sacrament of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness. We



know the formula (and maybe even the old British sitcom): *Bless me Father...* Yet, how does one put into words exactly what happens? The experience of confession is often what is outstanding. I would say the same is true of Resurrection itself. Forget trying to define it. Trust me, words fail. Go for the experience. That’s what the disciples did and that’s what the Lord



Himself offers. Reconciliation reflects Resurrection. Reconciliation results in it. It is the Resurrection “in miniature,” so to speak. To experience one is to experience the other. I’ve experienced it in parks and parking lots; inside cars and on Center City sidewalks. One of my most memorable experiences

of receiving sacramental forgiveness took place on a sunny day in the middle of a lovely grass field in the tiny town of Ars, France while on a retreat taking place in the hometown of the patron of parish priests, Saint John Vianney. The resurrectional elation that I felt afterwards seemed reflected in the brilliant sunshine that day and in the many blooming flowers surrounding that field heretofore unnoticed. I’ve seen this same elation displayed upon the face of penitents finally forgiven sometimes after a great many years of burdens carried. I’ve seen this elation in a special way on the faces of young children so nervous at the start of their first confession and so smilingly happy afterwards. This is the Sunday of Divine *Hesed*, something which ultimately cannot be put into words, but must be experienced in the One Word forever spoken. Turn once again to the One Who is Divine Mercy and experience anew, or for the first time, the resurrectional elation of a young child, then you too will notice the



field, the flowers, the sunshine, and the Divine Mercy that surrounds us! *Jesus, I trust in You!*

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 10, 2022. \$4,016
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$171,665
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. \$179,203

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 17, 2022. \$8,124
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$179,789
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. \$184,620

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

APRIL DRAWING - Stephen Yarmush - \$301.00



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 4 - #640 - unsold
April 5 - #506 - unsold
April 6 - #214 - Mary Louise Schwenk - \$50.00
April 7 - #171 - unsold
April 8 - #963 - unsold
April 9 - #220 - unsold
April 10 - #960 - unsold
April 11 - #105 - unsold
April 12 - #294 - unsold
April 13 - #477 - unsold
April 14 - #926 - John Norman, Sr. - \$100.00
April 15 - #523 - Dan Grim - \$50.00
April 16 - #492 - unsold
April 17 - #838 - unsold

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: ARTHUR OTTO from Kathy & Ron Bernhard.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 9/10:

4:00 PM Mass - 117
9:00 AM Mass - 159
Total Attendance - 276

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 16/17:

8:00 PM Mass - 54
9:00 AM Mass - 225
Total Attendance - 279

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS sold by the



Women's Society for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie (except supreme) **will**



expire on April 30, 2022.



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 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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Monday May 2 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

The Corner

You know that today is Divine Mercy Sunday, and oh, what a rich store of love and mercy is available to us! But, did you know...
"On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be know as Divine Mercy Sunday."

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)