

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

27 APRIL 2025

Readings for Sunday, April 27: 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 4: 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>
28 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Stephen Dobranski	Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer
29 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Russell Childs, Jr.	Debbie Lombardi
30 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
1 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Cheryl, Eric & Grayson
3 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
4 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 especially CANDIDA INES ARIAS (Grandmother of Fr. Wesly).

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 Devotions.



Flowers on the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Altars are in memory of RONALD BERNHARD requested by his wife, Kathy and family.



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.



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.

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 13, 2025. \$3,805

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$181,792

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 20, 2025. \$9,866

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$191,658

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

APRIL DRAWING - John Bracaglia, Jr. - \$318.00.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 3 AND 4

will be the Catholic Home Missions Collection. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please give generously.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 12/13:

4:00 PM Mass - 151

9:00 AM Mass - 153

Total Attendance - 304

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 20:

9:00 AM Mass - 382



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.

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 7 - #496 - unsold
April 8 - #153 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
April 9 - #720 - Lori LaRosa - \$50.00
April 10 - #612 - unsold
April 11 - #463 - Buck Reibsame - \$50.00
April 12 - #086 - unsold
April 13 - #558 - Jane Perkins - \$100.00
April 14 - #151 - unsold
April 15 - #720 - Lori LaRosa - \$50.00
April 16 - #462 - unsold
April 17 - #955 - unsold
April 18 - #781 - unsold
April 19 - #437 - unsold
April 20 - #103 - unsold

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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610-323-2800



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on 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 - MAY 3/4

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Tran & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER next Sunday, May 4 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MAY issue at the parish office.



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.

The Corner



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, look up the Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflect on the words of Jesus given to St Maria Faustina Kowalska:

"Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy."

---Diary, 687

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 this weekend, 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!

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



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.

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER

Do you wonder about Catholics' devotion to Mary? Come learn what it's all about!

On the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we will discuss what it means to call Mary our Mother, watch a brief video on the mysteries of the Rosary and end the evening with the prayers of the Rosary

Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Lower Level of Gathering Center
Saint Aloysius Church, 223 Beech St. Pottstown

For more information contact Sophie Schneible
610-326-5877 ext. 426 or SSchneible@saintalloysius.net

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27, 2025

Join us next week 3 pm to 4 pm at Saint Eleanor Church - Collegeville

The Greatest Day of Grace is the weekend after Easter!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, an Outpouring of Tremendous Graces Will Happen!

This feast promises an outpouring of unimaginable graces, including complete remission of sins and punishment, upon those who turn with trust to His mercy.

Visit: www.thedivinemercy.org to learn about the Graces afforded on this Feast Day.

Scan below to learn all about this Feast Day

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 930 AM; Mass with Devotions and Benediction at 10:30 AM.



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.

RESTORE

you are Made New
Holy Spirit Led. Grace Filled. Life Changing.

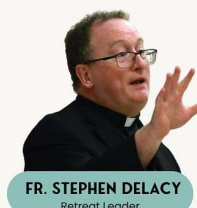
INNER HEALING RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN



Join us for a fully integrated healing experience. Come and be restored in mind, heart, body, spirit and soul!

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Thursday May 1 - Sunday May 4





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STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ REGARDING THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Along with the people of the Church of Philadelphia and the entire Universal Church, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Francis today.

In the midst of great sorrow, we also reflect on the gifts of the Holy Father's life and ministry with deep gratitude. He tirelessly served the Church for 56 years with great fidelity and zeal. As a Jesuit priest, university professor, local provincial superior, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, a member of the College of Cardinals, and Supreme Pontiff he exhibited selfless dedication on behalf of the souls entrusted to his care.

A man of prayer and intellect with a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, Pope Francis entrusted the faithful to the mercy of Almighty God. He encouraged everyone to be an instrument of Christ's compassionate love by extending a kind and merciful hand to the marginalized and those most in need.

He challenged the Catholic Church throughout the world to respond to increasingly troubled times through genuine Christian encounter with the spirit of Missionary Discipleship. As a proponent of the synodal process, Pope Francis urged all Catholics to walk with one another on their faith journey with minds and hearts open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. His rich pastoral legacy is a blessing that leaves an indelible and profoundly positive mark on the life of the Church around the world.

Pope Francis will always hold a special place in the heart of the Philadelphia region. His visit to our city almost a decade ago for the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia 2015 brought us immeasurable joy. That moment in time remains a precious gift that will not be forgotten.

From his many apostolic visits around the globe to be among his flock, to his inspiring teachings, to his consistent call for peace and social justice, Pope Francis invited all people to encounter the person of Jesus Christ fully and to serve their brothers and sisters with love and humility as instruments of grace. The life and Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis was a true blessing to the world. May his example bring us to embrace God's plan for each of us to serve Christ's Church on earth as Missionary Disciples.

