

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 APRIL 2024

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

Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his name in our assembly of worship.

Readings for Sunday, May 5: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.



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.



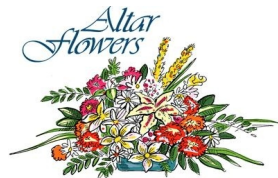
<u>Date</u>			<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
29 Apr.	MON.	9:00 AM	Helynn Mich	Lew & Beth Chillot
30 Apr.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Robert Fitch	Ron & Carol Fry
1 May	WED.	9:00 AM	Barbara Guadagno	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
2 May	THU.	9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Cheryl, Eric & Grayson
4 May	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
5 May	SUN.	9:00 AM	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.



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 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.



CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan, Max, Sebastian, Landon, Damiano and Dylan as they receive their First Holy Communion today!

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DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 21, 2024. \$3,365
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$190,138
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$193,289

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 20/21:

4:00 PM Mass - 125
 9:00 AM Mass - 201
 Total Attendance - 326

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

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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 15 - #356 - unsold
 April 16 - #156 - unsold
 April 17 - #359 - Rosemary Baird - \$50.00
 April 18 - #021 - unsold
 April 19 - #589 - unsold
 April 20 - #050 - unsold
 April 21 - #701 - unsold

WOMEN'S SOCIETY - No regular meeting during May. On Thursday, May 16, there will be a combined gathering with the women of St. Aloysius for a Mass at 6:00 PM in their church followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

May 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Home Mission dioceses are often impoverished and have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations that stretch over vast areas of terrain. These economic, demographic, and geographic challenges make it difficult for the Church to minister to the needs of Her people in those regions. In addition, the populations of Home Mission dioceses are disproportionately impacted by unemployment, natural disasters, and crime rates.

In the Diocese of Amarillo, for example, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scriptures, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions. Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home in places where our brothers and sisters are most in need and please be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+ Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



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.



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.

The Corner

On Thursday, we observe the feast of St. Athanasius. One of the four Great Fathers of the East and a Doctor of the Church, he was a pivotal figure at the Council of Nicaea, and is called the "Father of Orthodoxy" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity."

"He [Jesus] became what we are so that He might make us what He is." —St. Athanasius

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
ANDREW A. MADDONA from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
JAMES E. RODGERS from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
ROBERT NEAL PETENBRINK from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 4/5

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

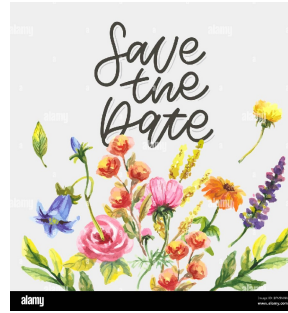
9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



PARISH SOCIAL AND 95TH 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.

POSITION AVAILABLE - A Full-time Facility Position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Visit the website 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 or 610-420-7202).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on the 4th 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.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE. BARTO

Commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification on Thursday, May 2. Rosary at 11:30 AM. Mass at 12:00 PM. Commemorate the 25th 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 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 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 for more details.

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 3rd grade

Out-of-School Time student 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. To purchase tickets visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.



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Your
Catholic
Legacy



What do you want your Catholic Legacy to be?

Join the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia this May for "Create Your Catholic Legacy" Awareness Month. By including a charitable provision in your will, trust, or estate plans, you can help strengthen the future of our faith for generations to come. Attend free informational workshops throughout the Archdiocese and learn about the transformative impact of bequests and other estate gifts. Join us on May 14 or 21 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM for one of our Estate Planning Workshops. Visit www.TheCFGP.org/legacy for more information. Contact The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at contactus@thecfgp.org or 215-587-5650 for personalized assistance with your charitable estate planning. Thank you!



This is the time of year for the planting of seeds; the time of year for gardening. Winter with its chill and dreariness is finally over. Now is the time of warmer days and sunshine. The light of day is extending longer into the evening. More time is spent outside on the porch or deck with family and friends. Long walks are taken. There always seems an abiding sense of joy, happiness, and new life during this time of year.



It is a time of engagements and weddings; graduations and diplomas. Summer vacation time is just on the horizon. It is a time of hope, for "hope springs eternal" as they say. Such is our Church as well. In fact, I would suggest that such Hope, Happiness and Joy ultimately have their origin in our Church. With Eyes of



Faith, we can see it as easily as we can see the buds and blossoms now upon the trees. Their names are Lorelei (Dorothy), McKenna (Irene), Melanie (Catherine), Morgan (Anne), Ryan (Michael), Fatu (Francis) and Morgan, Max, Sebastian, Landon, Damiano, and Dylan. These are the names of our Confirmandi (along with the names of their new patron saints) from last weekend and the



names of our First Communicants of this weekend. They are, in so many ways, but seedlings. They have thus far been nurtured by parents, grandparents, sponsors, catechists, family, friends, as well as by you and me together with all of our parishioners alike. That



nurturing will continue. It must – just like those new seedlings planted in your garden. Now is the time for new growth and a deepening of Faith – and not only for the newly Confirmed or the youngsters making their First Holy Communion. It is the time for planting seeds anew and

nurturing those same seedlings in ourselves and others. At the Confirmation Mass, the bishop spoke of his own growth in Faith so long ago. He told of how he hated Mass as a teen. He wore a scowl on his face when forced to attend Mass by his mother. He found it oh so boring. His mother gave a scowl of her own, but more importantly, she gave something else. She gave her prayers for her son. Those prayers certainly had effect. A mother continued to nurture something



in her son. She continued to tenderly care for that seed of Faith that had been planted. Later a young man began to see something different at Mass. He began to understand. He began to understand the Mass and the Sacraments. He was no longer bored, but quite astoundingly drawn in by what was taking place. His Faith continued to grow such that it led to his standing before us last week wearing that pointy hat known as a mitre. Ah, the power of a mother's prayers and the power of tenderly planting and caring for seedlings of Faith.



We too, need a new understanding of the Mass, the Sacraments – and our Faith. Growth! Life! Spring! Soon we will have our parish bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see *Daniel* presented on stage. Then, there will be our parish social in June celebrating 95 years as a parish! These are opportunities to grow in Faith and Community; opportunities to grow as Church. Every Sunday, in fact, is a new opportunity to grow and rejoice; to be happy awaiting, anticipating, and expecting a very great and new outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we understand the



Mass and our Faith anew filled with the excitement of springtime just like the youngsters of our parish last week and this.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson