

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) 7 APRIL 2024

Readings for Sunday, April 7: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

Readings for Sunday, April 14: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48.



**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>
8 Apr.	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary S. Rudy	Daughter, Kathy
9 Apr.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Dominic & Marcella Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
10 Apr.	WED. 9:00 AM	Stan Weglos	Shawn & Trudi
11 Apr.	THU. 9:00 AM	Msgr. Richard Wright	
13 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Barbara Keller
14 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.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on April 15 and 29 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.

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.



LOST WEEK

Collections with PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 24, 2024. \$4,334
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$169,426
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$169,631

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 31, 2024. \$9,044
 2023-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$178,470
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$174,627



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

March 18 - #334 - unsold
 March 19 - #676 - unsold
 March 20 - #589 - Patty Wade - \$50.00
 March 21 - #223 unsold
 March 22 - #416 - unsold
 March 23 - #316 - unsold
 March 24 - #430 - Jim & Denise Bucciaglia - \$100.00
 March 25 - #546 - unsold
 March 26 - #859 - Nikki Gambino - \$50.00
 March 27 - #803 - unsold
 March 28 - #428 - unsold
 March 29 - #543 - unsold
 March 30 - #630 - Fr. Eugene C. Wilson - \$50.00
 March 31 - #975 - unsold
MARCH FIGURES - 244 tickets sold - \$1,220.00. Payout to winners - \$300.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for March - \$820.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 23/24:

4:00 PM Mass - 115
 9:00 AM Mass - 142
 Total Attendance 257

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 30/31:

8:00 PM Mass - 45
 9:00 AM Mass 275
 Total Attendance - 320

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

ON THE THIRD DAY

610-705-0130

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

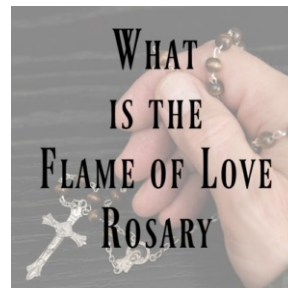


APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s and Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel 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.



FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY

If you are interested in learning more about and/or participating in the Flame of Love Rosary, please contact Patrick Cornely (215-479-0155).



SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
Parish Social and 95th Parish
Anniversary Celebration. More
details coming soon!

The Corner

Oh, the depths of God’s loving Divine Mercy!

“On that day...the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

—Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, #699

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 13/14

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Adams

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Holmes

Greeter - Hildebrand



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**10TH NATIONAL
E U C H A R I S T I C
CONGRESS** - July 17-
21, 2024 in Lucas Oil
Stadium, Indianapolis,

IN. YOU know Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, but many people haven’t yet received this gift of faith. This summer, the Eucharist will take center stage in a major U.S. stadium. Catholics from all over the United States will gather at the feet of Jesus Christ to worship him in a way this generation has never seen. Your presence at the National Eucharist Congress is a public witness that Jesus is powerfully present and active in our midst. Learn more at www.EucharisticCongress.org.



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.



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 an additional something extra when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the Parish Office.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND DEVOTION in both word and song is being hosted by St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Colledgeville on Sunday, April 7 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For more information visit www.steleanor.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB

Italian Feast on April 19 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. RSVP by April 16. Choice of Meat Lasagna, Italian Trio, Spaghetti and meatballs or Chicken Parmesan; Caesar Salad; Tiramisu or Cannoli. Cost is \$18.00. Reservations required. Contact Franco at 484-433-9160.

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

Blessed Miriam Teresa: A "Little Flower" from New Jersey - Presentation on Wednesday, April 10 following the 12:00 PM Mass. Guest Presenter: Sister Maureen Corcoran, SC. Director: Blessed Miriam Teresa League of Prayer. Veneration of the Relics of Padre Pio and Blessed Miriam Teresa will follow the presentation. For more information contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

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/.

Commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification on Thursday, May 2. Rosary at 11:30 AM. Mass at 12:00 PM. 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT on April 12-14 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. This is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" that combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. This process is extremely helpful for people who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. To register or for more information call Evelyn (215-317-5752). All requests are strictly confidential.

MARRIED COUPLES - When was the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next in-person experiences are April 19-21 and July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome. For more information visit www.wme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (610-449-1859 or Applications@wme-philly.org)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES

on May 31. Join the CCA to watch the Phillilies take on the St. Louis Cardinals. If 500 tickets are sold, Alexander, a 3rd 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.

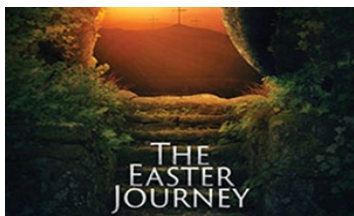


FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974 - 50 Year Reunion on Saturday, April 27 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Father Judge. Cost is \$80 per person. Contact Kevin Huckel (khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information.

A Message From The Pastor

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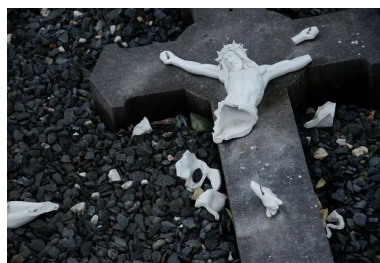
Okay. So here's a riddle. What do a burned hand, crucifix broken, flaming flowers, waxed wrists, and water maybe blessed have in common? Well, they are all a part of our Easter Journey...our imperfect



Easter Journey. Actually, all of these things were a part of this year's Easter Journey. This week's Pastor's Corner almost seems like a continuation of last week's starring my Aunt Rita, a flaming missalette, and a priest turned fireman in what I thought was a rather unique rendition of the annual Night of Nights known as the Easter Vigil. Wrong! The truth is that Resurrection is always new and thus unique in every moment. Our 2024 moment last Saturday was no exception. The Sacred Triduum *began* just



fine. The Chrism Mass at the cathedral was not only very beautiful, but to our Office of Worship Director's credit, seemingly perfect and absolutely flawless. The Cathedral Choir was outstanding and seeing twelve mitred individuals seated in the sanctuary was impressive - a little bit like *Città del Vaticano* along the Parkway one might say. Back at the parish, the Evening Mass



of the Lord's Supper was likewise very beautiful and there were twelve *un*-mitred individuals with very clean feet thereafter besides. I am grateful to them...and their feet! On Good Friday, things took a turn. They always do. Uniqueness indeed! The crucifix/cross that I was going to use for veneration fell out of its stand. It fell hard enough that poor Jesus was shattered such that only Resurrection could repair. But even Resurrection couldn't fix the ceramic corpus that had been on that cross. Oh well! It was time for plan "B." The alternate cross/crucifix worked just fine, though I was much more careful handling that one, since



there wasn't exactly a plan "C." The Easter Vigil is always very beautiful with its various parts, but flowers aflame aren't one of them. A small piece of lighted wick fell into the artificial flowers during a very glorious singing of the *Gloria* as altar candles were lighted. I saw none of this, but



poor John grabbed this Easter Fire of a different sort and burned his hand in the process. Don't worry. He's okay. But a Fire Marshall's inquiry is underway. I just have to find my Fire Marshall hat, which would have been nice to have when the hot wax fell on me. This occurred during the Blessing of the Easter Water when I lifted (and unwittingly tilted) the flaming Paschal Candle dipping it into the font of water saying a prayer of blessing that I'm not quite certain was the correct one. Rest assured. The correct intention was there on my part and so, with water now blessed and wax hardening upon my

Alleluia!
Alleluia!

arm, the Vigil - the beautiful and unique Vigil - continued culminating in an almost forgotten double alleluia sung. Mission accomplished, albeit imperfectly! Our Lord's way *is* perfect. Our is not. That's why He came. That's why He was crucified, but more importantly, that's why He rose. Our perfection only comes in and through Him and it won't be ultimately achieved until Heaven. In the meantime, we'll have to deal with the burned hands, shattered crosses, flowers on fire, wax drippings, and prayers uncertain that are at times all a part of our imperfect, but oh so unique, Easter Journey!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



NATIONAL

Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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