

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 JUNE 2025

Readings for Sunday, June 1: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In him may all become one.

Readings for Sunday, June 8: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.



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>
2 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Sharon Micenec	Ann Discher & family
3 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Glenn Galloway	Nagel Family
4 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members of Bucciaglia & McHugh Families	Jack Bucciaglia & family
5 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Dominic & Marcella Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
7 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 June	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, especially JAMES L. BOYER (Maria Boyer's father-in-law).

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 Altar are in honor of the Blessed Mother requested by members of the Women's Society.



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.



We welcome PATRICIA URBAN and ANGELA MALONY who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR MAY 18, 2025 \$3,931
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$208,184
Figures from the May 25 Collection will be printed in the June 8 bulletin.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 17/18:

4:00 PM Mass - 120

9:00 AM Mass - 128

Total Attendance - 248

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME &
CREMATION CENTER**

610-323-4440

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 7 AND 8 is the Collection for Elevator Maintenance.

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

MAY DRAWING - Philomena Bracaglia - \$254.00.

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).

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

- May 12 - #751 - unsold
- May 13 - #834 - Kathy Stoudt - \$50.00
- May 14 - #826 - Philomena Bracaglia - \$50.00
- May 15 - #123 - unsold
- May 16 - #140 - Vicki Hansell - \$50.00
- May 17 - #399 - unsold
- May 18 - #389 - unsold

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD



American Red Cross

DRIVE on June 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is kicking off Camp Do Good! Summer is almost here, and we’re calling on you to help us make a real

difference when it’s challenging to keep the blood supply afloat. Just like campfires and s’mores, blood donations are essential for a successful summer. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:

MELVIN OLOCK from Jack Buccigliaglia & family;
JAMES L. BOYER from Judie, Murray & Jakob Perlstein, Kathy Bernhard.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUNE 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Francis

Greeter - Carr



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - The

Catholic Charities Appeal is a time for our parish to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to

those who need it most. For those who have not contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. You can use the envelope mailed to your home or there are forms at the entrances to Church.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

Thank You to everyone who participated in the **Fill Your Freezer Raffle**. Winners: \$200.00 - Anne Pyle; \$100.00 - Gary Huster; \$100.00 - Dan Hyland.

Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates continue to be sold. Pick them up at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each.



Scroll Bird Bath With Tulip Top
26.5" H

SKU CMZ9325



Size: 19" Td X 10" Bd X 26.5" High
Weight: 100 lbs
Casting Medium: Cast Stone
Safe for Outdoor Use: Yes

FOR SALE BY WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

Bought for \$250.00.
For sale for \$195.00.
Contact Lori at 610-326-6030.



God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, especially Saint 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.



"Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God's people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church."

Pope St. John Paul II
Address to Seminarians
St. Martin's Chapel
October 3, 1979



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.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT AT SAINT ALOYSIUS
Pizza. Community. Real Conversation.

Are you 18-35? Looking for something deeper - purpose, connection, faith?
 Let's share a meal, meet other young adults and talk about what really matters.


JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST YOUNG ADULT NIGHT DIRECTLY AFTER THE 5:15 MASS

Saturday, June 7th
6:15-7:30PM
 Saint Aloysius Church
 223 Beech Street,
 Pottstown, PA 19464
Lower Level of the Gathering Center



Interested in more information on our Young Adult Group? Scan the QR code above to sign up to learn more.

Come as you are. Bring a friend. Leave inspired.




HEART TO HEART
 An Archdiocesan Gathering of Young Adult Women


JUNE 7, 2025
 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM
 NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Join women in our 20s & 30s for fellowship, keynotes, adoration, lunch, and much more of heart speaking to heart!


THEME: DAUGHTERHOOD




Sr. M. Marcelina Mikulska
 CSFN, MS, NCC, LPC
 Licensed Professional Counselor



Sarah Christmyer
 Author of *Becoming Women of the Word* & Founding Editor of *The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study* program



REGISTER NOW!
\$40



Scholarships Available : amueller@archphila.org @hearttoheartya



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST on June 1 at the Knight of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice. 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.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO, BARTO

First Friday Mass on June 6. Mass is celebrated at 10:30 AM in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follows Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary. For more details visit www.padrepio.org.

First Saturday Devotions on June 7. Confessions at 9:30 AM with Devotions and Benediction at 10:30 AM. 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. For more details visit www.padrepio.org.

SACRED HEART Parish Fair '25
JUNE 25-28
 6p-10p every night!

Join us for our annual community event!
 Food, rides and games! BINGO, Casino and Local Vendor Night!

MUSIC LINE-UP, SPECIAL NIGHTS AND MORE INFO:

SACREDHEARTROYERSFORD.ORG/FAIR

838 Walnut St. Royersford, PA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Next weekend is June 20-22 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859).

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 an invitation to all Catholics to be a part of the conversation about what that will look like. For information about Info Sessions, to access the videos and to read the Archbishop's letter visit www.trustandhope.org.

Annual Philadelphia Pro-Life Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

followed by

March For Life & Rally at Independence Mall

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral 18th & Race Streets
- 9:00 a.m. March to Independence Mall
- 10:0 a.m. Rally, Prayer, Music

GUEST SPEAKERS

Fr. Tom Whittingham, Emcee
Pro-Life Union Board of Directors

Michele Venditto, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Students for Life America

Joe Zalot, Director of Education
National Catholic Bioethics Center

Wendy Burpee, Executive Director
Genesis Women's Clinic

Christopher E. Pushaw, President
Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia



with singer/songwriter Barry Govan



Bring diapers and wipes to donate for moms before Mass!



For more information call 215-885-8150 or sign up at www.prolifeunion.org/2025mfl



Be Encouraged:

Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

archphila.org/support

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope



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IN SPEM

archphila.org/holyyear

The Jubilee Year 2025 offers pilgrims in their own local area opportunities to receive the sacraments, strengthen their relationship with Jesus, and enrich their lifelong 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.

HOPE IN CHRIST:

Spiritual Support for Addiction

Find Catholic support for you or your loved one struggling with addiction at:

archphila.org/hope

Catholic Events • Support Groups
Retreats • Personal Stories
Patron Saints • Healing Ministries
• and more •

A website provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N.. Peterson

June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Over the long reach of time granted our beloved Church, we find not only an interest in how our ancestors interpreted their faith, but also how they prayed. Fortunately, we have existing records of such that impress, uplift and inspire our own praying. Generations have been quick to adopt St. Francis of Assisi's "Make me a channel of Your peace," as their own, coming to us from the 12th century. We even count it as a popular hymn. Reaching back further, we have Our Lady's "Magnificat" and St. Paul's exaltation of Charity.

But above all of those in our Church's treasury, we have two of Our Lord Jesus' prayers: the one He taught us to use as a model, which we call "the Our Father," and the one in today's Gospel of John.

The setting of it propels us backward to the scene of that Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, when Jesus turns His mind from the disciples at the table around Him, then "lifting up His eyes" to address His Father. He reaches out to the future, asking the Father to bless believers of every age, including, of course, you and me.

His overarching theme is unity. He wants that unity to catch the outside world's attention. He also wants the love He has for the Father to be in our hearts as well. It is an opening of His own heart that the Eleven gathered in that upper room get to hear.

Granted, we cannot pray Jesus' words or make them our own precisely because Jesus is God. But we can implement the practice of love of neighbor that His prayers imply. St. Stephen the deacon certainly did that. Even as he is murdered with stones, he prays for his killers.

As we near the close of the great Easter season, when we will have celebrated for 50 days, we can certainly hold our heads high with being parts of God's family on earth. This is not to deny our imperfections and the flaws in our makeup. But certainly, in a world that is still stubborn and a culture that clings to being secular only, we are sisters and brothers of a risen Savior. It's good to remember that "While God promises us a safe landing, He does not promise a calm voyage."

God love you and give you His prayer-filled peace.

Reading I: Acts 7:55-60

The feast of the deacon St. Stephen, our Church's first martyr, is annually celebrated the day after Christmas. Christians immediately learn that following Christ is not always "a walk in the park." So today we hear the full story of this saint's bravery.

Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17

In this "epilogue" to the vision story, Jesus gives Himself the title used to describe God, namely as the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The Church, as a "bride," is wedded to Christ the "groom."

The Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus "great prayer" reaches into the future to bless believers in Him of every age. He also envisions a visible unity that will speak volumes to the observant world.