

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

22 JUNE 2025

Readings for Sunday, June 22: Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b -17.

Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet feast.

Readings for Sunday, June 29: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19.



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>
23 June	MON. 9:00 AM	William Horan	Mariann Horan
24 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Wanda & Mackenzie O'Brien	Anne Chizauskie
25 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Josephine Appolonia	Daughter, Ann Discher
26 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
28 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
29 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Marie Webster	Sister, Kathy



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 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.



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.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JULY issue at the Parish Office.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 15, 2025..... \$4,028
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$229,084



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. When you give to the

Appeal, your gift is transformed into hope, providing education, food, shelter, and medical assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors right here in the Greater Philadelphia Area. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. To give to the appeal you can use the envelope mailed to your home or there are forms at the entrances to Church.

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 14/15:

4:00 PM Mass - 123
9:00 AM Mass - 126
Total Attendance - 249



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

June 9 - #275 - unsold
June 10 - #029 - Ken & Helen George - \$50.00
June 11 - #345 - unsold
June 12 - #828 - unsold
June 13 - #316 - Barbara Rambo - \$50.00
June 14 - #425 - unsold
June 15 - #699 - 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 July 7 and 21 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUNE 28/29

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Tran & Francis

Greeter - Neiman



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Annual Parish Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 19 at Blackwood Golf Course. More details in the coming weeks.



REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES -

Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's Register Tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program goes toward our Parish Religion Education Program (PREP). Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates continue to be sold. The Women's Society will be in the vestibule on June 21 and 22 to sell the certificates. Pick them up for the summer. Next sale date will be July 12 and 13. Certificates are also available at the Parish Office.

The Corner



Did you know....?

The **Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** was established in 1264 when it was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



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 of Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS are being sold by the Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card.



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

on July 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Bacon, Scrapple, Eggs your way, a variety of Omelets and different types of Breakfast Bowls. Breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice.



Treats and Truths



SUMMER ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

...feeding the soul and the sweet tooth!

Each night will feature a short presentation about the topic with dessert and discussion time

JUNE 10

FEMININE GENIUS AND FIERY REBELS
Who are the Four women Doctors of the Church and why do they matter?

JUNE 17

THE EUCHARIST
In preparation for upcoming Solemnity of Corpus Christi, how do we respond to Jesus in the Eucharist?

JULY 15

SAINTS OF THE UNITED STATES
from Kateri to Junipero to Elizabeth, let's get to know the saints who shaped our nation's history.

JULY 22

WHAT IS A RELIGIOUS VOCATION?
Can I really be a hermit?...and other burning questions answered about religious vocations

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

More to follow in August!

Tuesdays 6:30-8p.m.

For more information Contact Sophie Schneible, SSchneible@saintalloysius.net OR 610-326-5877 ext 426

SAVE THE DATE!

THE WELL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

NOV 15, 2025

 SHERATON HOTEL DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA &
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



OMYA
OFFICE FOR MINISTRY
WITH YOUNG ADULTS
— ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA —



**"YOU ALSO ARE MY WITNESSES, BECAUSE YOU
HAVE BEEN WITH ME" (JN 15:27).**

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED !
QUESTIONS: PhillyOMYA@archphila.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:**

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838 Walnut St. Royersford, PA

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on July 5. 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM - Sacrament of Reconciliation. 10:30 AM Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotional Prayers, Benediction. Rosary and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. For more information contact angela@padrepio.org.

2025 Catholic Women's Conference

Women on Mission
The Feminine Genius
in the New Apostolic Age



Saturday, October 18
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

Keynotes:
Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig
Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



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.



WHAT IS THE LEGION OF MARY? -

The Legion of Mary is unknown by many people and is generally not recognized for what it truly is. It is a Catholic LAY organization of those who love Jesus and Mary and desire to grow in holiness. It was founded in Ireland on September 7, 1921. Worldwide, it has ten million members in countries around the world. It believes in the teachings of St.

Louis De Montfort and has as its motto "To Jesus through Mary." The purpose is to give GLORY TO GOD and to promote PERSONAL HOLINESS, through the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. Works include distributing Miraculous Medals, Rosaries, Scapulars and Religious books, visiting nursing homes, hospitals, prisons and sharing the faith in many individual homes (evangelization). The two types of membership are: Active (attending meetings) and Auxiliary (praying only). Is Our Lady calling you? Are you a Catholic looking for deeper meaning of your faith and a way to actively serve Jesus and Mary? For more information contact www.LOMNorristown.org or email LOMNorristown@gmail.org.



SAVE THE DATE! Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Tuesday, October 28, 2025. This pilgrimage will include: availability of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, Celebration of Holy Mass, Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. As a Sacred Jubilee Site, the National Shrine offers an opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence. More information will follow.



Well, I suppose that I did things a little *different* (grammatical pun intended). When I was accepted to begin studies at the seminary, for the second time – the first delayed by the applicant due to a theological condition known as “cold feet” – my proud pastor wanted to share the good news with the entire parish. I asked him to delay – for one week. *Uh oh! Linger* “cold feet,” he probably thought. No, it wasn’t that. I was simply nervous. I didn’t want to be around for all the attention and whoop-de-doo. I mean, what would people think? I wasn’t any kind of saint...nice guy perhaps, but no Mr. Goody-Two-Shoes. I simply thought that, yes, God might be calling me to be a priest and it was a thought that would not go away. I had a lack of peace and serenity in my life. I wanted to know if this was *really* what the “Big Guy” wanted and I wanted to regain what I lacked. *Why one week*, my pastor wanted to know.



The whole parish (that knew nothing of my vocational quest) *will want to know and will be so happy for you. Just give me a week.* Father agreed. The following weekend it was announced at church – but, I was nowhere to be found. I made plans to be away that weekend. Physically, I was miles away, but light-years mentally...and this in a world where cell phones were not yet a thing. I returned home to a telephone answering machine that was full, cards in the mailbox, and all kinds of notes stuffed in the front door of the house. My father told me that everyone was looking for me. Gosh, even my next door neighbor told me everyone was looking for me, then offered congratulations as a volley of questions were hurled my way. I was overwhelmed in the best possible sense by the response of the parish.



My pastor beamed. *They love you! They will pray for you and support you! Your journey is now their journey too – and this is just the beginning!* Father was spot on. Wow! And what a wonderful journey it has been these last thirty-one



years, twenty-five of which has been spent in *Persona Christi*. Dennis Morales and now, Ricky Gomes-Garcia have taken a different approach. They have been very open about their discernment, as many of you know. With both of them now having been officially accepted to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to begin studies for priesthood, a beaming pastor’s pride is the same as it was for me back in the day. Their journey is now yours as well. On this *Corpus Christi*



weekend, we celebrate the ordained ministry in conjunction with the Feast Day of Saint Aloysius. From seminarians in formation, to diaconate, and priesthood – it is a celebration for all...Saint Al’s as well as Saint Gabe’s. Catholic communities that foster vocations are fruitful communities and parishes. Pray for vocations! Pray for those discerning God’s call! Pray for Fr. Wesly, Deacon George, and Deacon Ray! Pray for me, as well! Pray that we might be faithful and fruitful in our vocations! And pray for Dennis and Ricky as they begin a most wonderful journey – one that is now yours as well!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson