

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8 JUNE 2025

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.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit, and live by that same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to remind them of all that Jesus said and did, and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

Readings for Sunday, June 15: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.



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.



Date		Intention	Requested By
9 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Christopher D'Amico	Ann Discher & family
10 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
11 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Decd. Of St. Gabriel Class of '64	Tony Vitacco
12 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Decd. Of St. Pius X Class of '68	Tony Vitacco
14 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
15 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Fathers	



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.



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.



FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - On Thursday, June 12 we will observe the Feast Day of St. Anthony. Special Devotional Prayers, Blessing and distribution of bread and distribution of Prayer Cards after the 9:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to join in this special devotion to St. Anthony of Padua.

Collections with PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MAY 25, 2025..... \$6,167

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$214,351

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 1, 2025..... \$6,377

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$220,728

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 140

9:00 AM Mass - 130

Total Attendance - 270

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 31/June 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 125

9:00 AM Mass - 147

Total Attendance - 272

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST

610-323-0450



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

May 19 - #517 - Robert Mackey - \$50.00

May 20 - #908 - unsold

May 21 - #668 - unsold

May 22 - #568 - Don Roussey - \$50.00

May 23 - #744 - unsold

May 24 - #281 - unsold

May 25 - #140 - Vicki Hansell - \$100.00

May 26 - #527 - Ann Discher - \$100.00

May 27 - #835 - unsold

May 28 - #688 - unsold

May 29 - #267 - unsold

May 30 - #600 - unsold

May 31 - #168 - unsold

MAY FIGURES: 232 Tickets sold - \$1160.00. Payout to winners - \$550.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for May - \$510.00.

June 1 - #148 - Ann Kunsch - \$100.00

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

RICHARD SEWIERK from Dolores Johnson;

JAMES L. BOYER from Vivian Fitch.



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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUNE 14/15

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Tran & Nagel

Greeter - Hildebrand

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.



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.



American
Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on June 16 and 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Migrants and refugees from countries in the south and southwest of Asia such as Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh often make their way to Europe in an effort to escape political oppression, war, civil strife, and a vast array of life-threatening hardships we cannot imagine in the United States.

Frequently, they travel the Balkan route through southeastern Europe. Over the past several years, many have ended up in holding camps for refugees where deplorable living conditions present great challenges. Late in 2020, a fire in one camp in Lipa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, forced 1,500 of these refugees to live outdoors during the cold and snow of winter. The Holy See responded with a donation to build structures to accommodate these refugee families and unaccompanied minors. That emergency relief was made possible in part through donations from the faithful throughout the Universal Church to the annual Pere's Pence Collection.

Contributions to Peter's Pence help fund not only all the activities of the various Dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in his ministry, but also make it possible for the Holy See to respond to those in need. To learn more about how Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministries of mercy, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html (español).

I ask that you consider supporting this year's Peter's Pence Collection as an act of mercy and charity. Please join me and our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Leo carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and in particular the most marginalized and vulnerable corners of our world.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Corner

Pentecost Prayer



"Spirit of Christ, stir me;
Spirit of Christ, move me;
Spirit of Christ, fill me;
Spirit of Christ, seal me.
Consecrate in me Your
Heart and Will, O Heavenly
Father. Create in me a
fountain of virtues. Seal my
soul as Your own, that Your
reflection in me may be a
light for all to see. Amen.
---St Charles Borromeo

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO, BARTO

Padre Pio Prayer Group on June 21. Prayer Group sessions at the National Centre for Padre Pio are not held virtually. If you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group contact angela@padrepio.org. Schedule for the day: Confessions 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30 AM. Spiritual Talk following Mass. Rosary with Benediction following Spiritual Talk. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. Prayer Group concludes by approximately 12:00 PM. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Frink.



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

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

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Retreat JUNE 20-22, 2025

Malvern Retreat House Family Life Center

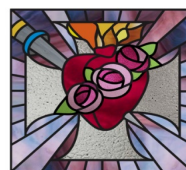
"thus says the Lord,...Do not fear...you are mine"
Isaiah 43:1 Registration at <https://archphilaccr.org/events/>

Rev. Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam CM,
Author of *Confronting Sinners* is a Roman Catholic Priest in the Roman Catholic Church in the Congregation of the Mission currently at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh NC. He has used media platforms to reach out and bring the Good News of our Lord Jesus to all with inspirational messages, seminars and retreats. He has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. Father Joseph has worked hard to bless many with the power and intercession of the Holy Spirit.

Kathleen McCarthy is President of In His Sign Catholic Radio Network, a Retreat Director, and Published Author. Her current books are titled *In The Silence of My Heart* (Volumes 1-10). These writings, spanning over ten years of prophetic locations, have received the imprimatur and Nihil Obstat of the Catholic Church. Kathleen is also a world-renowned Catholic Evangelist and has led a healing Apostolate for over four decades. Her message is focused on the "Fire of the Holy Spirit" and the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Kathleen has dynamic gifts of Preaching, Teaching, Healing, and of bringing the Sacred Scriptures to life through her story-telling. Kathleen has been hosting a daily radio program for close to two decades which can be seen live on Facebook as well.

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

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - The Catholic Charities Appeal provides support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. When you give your gift, you are giving hope to so many in need. To give to the appeal you can use the envelope mailed to your home or there are forms at the entrances to Church.

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).



Be Encouraged:
Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

archphila.org/support



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



It was a glorious feeling. Drenching us was the bright, warm, sunshine of a clear, blue-sky day. Collared shirts of light blue were unbuttoned and un-tucked. Ties were nowhere to be seen, either crammed into near empty book bags or jammed into the pockets of our requisite navy blue pants. I can still smell the flowers and the freshly cut grass as some folks in the neighborhood, whom



I didn't even know, manned their mowers - and smiled and waved and wished us all the best. That neighborhood which I was passing through was much like that of Stowe or the outskirts of Pottstown, though I lived in a row house within the city limits. Normally, I would ride the school bus home, but that day was special – very special. That day, I would walk home together with the guys. A good bit of horseplay



ensued along the way as our shirts were flapping in the warm, gentle breeze. Every neighbor just seemed to know: it was the last day of school; summer was here! *Alleluia!* It would last an eternity (or, as least, so a young mind thought). Oh, to have this feeling everyday! The energy we bore that day was boundless, electric, and contagious. There was so much to do; so much to accomplish. Oh, where to begin? We were ready to run and to ride; to skip and to jump; to swim and to swing. We were ready to hide and to seek and to find well into the night. There were bikes to be



ridden, ballgames to play; ghosts in graveyards to be found; creeks to be crossed; lightning bugs to capture. Then there was much exploring to do with trails in the mountains waiting to be traversed while sands by the sea were awaiting the soles of our feet. During these days the

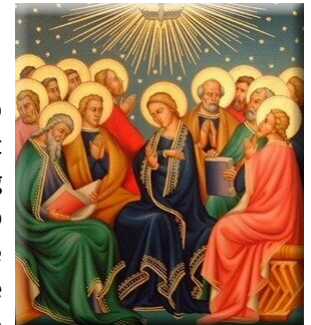


Good Humor man always seemed apprehensive as he came down our little one-way street and was quickly swarmed by his youthful customers so eager for his ice cold and

creamy treats. The glorious feeling of that last school day was, indeed, just a beginning. A different sort of school was now in session. There would be a different type of curriculum and method of teaching – a summer school of a different sort. Much would be learned in those summer months of youth concerning family and friends; fun and freedom. That last day *was* just the beginning. I loved those days of summer. I still do. They were glorious. They still are – and they *are* meant to



last forever. I believe the Day of Pentecost was much like that last day of school. It is the First Day of an Eternal Summer. The feeling is glorious; the energy boundless and contagious. There is just so much to do; so much to accomplish. All the neighbors seem to be aware. There is awe. There is wonder. Sheep have now become Shepherds. Disciples have now become Apostles and these Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, now *know* as well. They *know* exactly what to do. They *know* exactly what to say. Locked doors and Upper Rooms, classrooms of a sort, are left behind and they now go forth to preach and proclaim a whole new curriculum. They go forth



to play in the Spirit. Pentecost is here! It is the Last Day of School as an Eternal Summer begins. Energized anew by the Spirit, we, too, are called to go forth to preach and proclaim; to play in the Spirit while embraced by the eternal warmth of the Son. It is a glorious feeling, indeed - one that will last all summer.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson