

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

31 MARCH 2024

Readings for Sunday, March 31: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9.

On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.

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



**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>
1 Apr. MON. 9:00 AM	Anthony Detri	Ann Marie & family
2 Apr. TUE. 9:00 AM	Josephine Battista	Walter & Anne McAndrew
3 Apr. WED. 9:00 AM	Stan Weglos	Patricia McLaughlin
4 Apr. THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
6 Apr. SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
7 Apr. SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Carol Fry and Kathy Pennypacker. We will be doing Chair Dancing. Come out for some fun.

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.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVES on April 1, 15 and 29 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

LOST WEEK

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DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 24, 2024. \$
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$
 Figures from the March 24 collection will be in the April 7 bulletin.



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.**

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Call the Parish Office for more details.

The Corner

What a joyful day it is today! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! This is our Easter joy. Pope John Paul II once said “We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!” Carry this joyful tune of Easter Hallelujah in your hearts.



NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS -
Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN.
 God wants MORE for you!

Open your hearts to God’s healing grace at the National Eucharistic Congress. Your life – and our world – will never be the same. Learn more at www.EucharisticCongress.org.

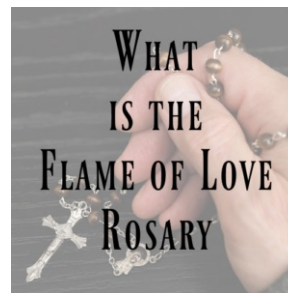


APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s and Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow.

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).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 - Please pick up a flyer at the entrances to church explaining the wonderful and merciful Divine Mercy Sunday Promise Jesus made to St. Faustina.



ST. ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, Colledgeville is hosting the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotion in both word and song on Sunday, April 7 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For more info visit www.steleanor.com.

VISITATION’S 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR on April 6 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Visitation BVM School Gym, Norristown. We will have 35+ vendors and food/drinks.



The Easter Vigil was under way. Everyone had “settled-in” for the beautiful, retreat-like “Mother of all Vigils.” The Easter Fire was burning. This Transformative Flame scatters the Darkness of Evil as it burns and brightens. The new Paschal Candle was bearing this Light as it pierced the darkness of the church. Taper candles were lit. Although all of us held the New Easter Fire literally in our hands, it was hearts that burned. The *Exsultet* was sung and proclaimed as all the church lights dramatically came on. Tapers were then extinguished as the Mass continued with the Readings and the Psalms; the *Gloria* and the Gospel; the bells that were rung and the Baptisms that were taking place that year. Finally, the time came for all present – including my Aunt Rita – to renew one’s own Baptismal Promises. Taper candles were carefully re-ignited with the help of young Altar Servers and then, the Easter Fire, once again, burned and spread. It was quite the sight to behold. Caught



up in the moment, suddenly there was a shuffle and scuffle. Something was amiss. A gasp! A shout! Heads turning! In that moment, a quick thinking and fast acting young resident priest sprang from the Altar grabbing a basin containing some of the Newly Blessed Baptismal Water that was to be used for sprinkling all present. Running down the aisle, the priest now turned fireman, doused Aunt Rita, her burning missalette, and a few of the terrified Faithful who had the misfortune of being positioned near-by. The Pastor, meanwhile, barely broke stride. Obviously, he was a seasoned priest and a veteran pastor. There’s a phrase for it in Pastoral Theology: *Stuff happens. Keep going.* He was well aware that priests of today might be seen wearing very traditional *birettas*, very modern baseball caps, or yes, even a firefighter helmet. Aunt Rita, for her part, was mortified, yet relieved that neither she, nor anyone else, had to be taken to the emergency room! Father Pastor was just glad that he didn’t have to take out his insurance adjustor cap and he permanently placed Aunt Rita on the “taper-ban” list. She humbly complied. Though Aunt Rita never held the Easter Fire again in her hands, it was already long burning in her heart and it was this Flame that would continue to spread. Missalettes were no longer set ablaze, but people standing nearby were still in “danger.” I know one young man who stood too close, too often. He got “burned” and that Flame would change him forever. He would go on to spread that same Flame setting Fires anew - a pyromaniac of sorts of the clerical order. If nothing else this Easter, pray that hearts might be set aflame - yours, mine, and those around you. Pray that the Easter Fire; the Fire of Faith spread anew in a world flooded and drowning in Darkness. Jesus died and rose from the dead for you, for me, and for my Aunt Rita. He comes anew each day in the Burning Flames of Easter and He wants us to set the whole world ablaze! Just spare the missalettes! Happy Easter!



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson