

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 11 MAY 2025

**Readings for Sunday, May 11:** Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

**Readings for Sunday, May 18:** Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.



**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>
12 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Marge Bucciaglia & Mamie Swavely-Johnson	Jack & family
13 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
14 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Gregor & Rose Ferenz	Granddaughter, Bonnie
15 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Katharine Nagel	Nagel Family
17 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially GORDON "SKIP" WHITLOCK.

**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.



**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.

# Collections with a thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR MAY 4, 2025. . . . . \$3,733**  
**2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$200,584**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 17 and 18**  
 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**  
 610-326-7880

## MASS ATTENDANCE for May 3/47:

4:00 PM Mass - 140  
 9:00 AM Mass - 139  
 Total Attendance - 279



**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](mailto: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

April 28 - #346 - Bonita Stankunas - \$50  
 April 29 - #304 - unsold  
 April 30 - #312 - unsold  
 APRIL FIGURES: 245 tickets sold - \$1225.00. Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for April - \$625.00. Thank You for your support!  
 May 1 - #816 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00  
 May 2 - #723 - unsold  
 May 3 - #785 - unsold  
 May 4 - #233 - unsold

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

**COMBINED MEETING** with St. Aloysius Women's Group on Thursday, May 15. Fr. Wesly will celebrate Mass at 6:30 PM at St. Aloysius (doors open at 6:15 PM). A reception will follow in the Gathering Center.

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

**FILL YOUR FREEZER RAFFLE** - The Women's Society will be offering chances to win your choice of meat from Burt's Farms, Route 100, Bechtelsville. Enter to win 1 of 3 certificates for \$200, \$100 and \$100. You do the shopping and purchase the meat your family loves like steaks, roasts, pork chops, sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs and much more. Chances remain as always: \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; 15 for \$10.00. Drawing will be held on May 18 after 9:00 AM Mass just in time for the Memorial Day Holiday. Good luck to all!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 17/18

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Boyer & Carr

Altar Servers - Nagel & Tran

Greeter - Hildebrand



**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 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.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on May 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Give hope this spring! Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit

[www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

## The Corner

Tuesday is the Memorial of the first of the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Do you remember the names of the 3 children she appeared to? Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia.



**MANNA FOOD DRIVE** - Manna Bags will be available at all Masses this weekend of May 10 and 11. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 17 or Sunday, May 18. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online at [www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org](http://www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org). Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE** on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please bring your donations of clean, usable men's, women's and children's clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot.



**REDNER'S TAPES** - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's Register Tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



**HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS** are being sold by the Women's Society. The Blankets cost \$10.00. They make a very nice gift for a newborn baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. To purchase the blankets, please contact the Parish Office.







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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. WILSON** as he celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee to the Priesthood on Tuesday, May 20. We wish you many more years in service to God and His Church.

#### EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** on Saturday, May 17 beginning with Confessions at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10:30 AM. Spiritual Talk following Mass. Rosary with Benediction following Spiritual Talk. Veneration of Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. Prayer Group sessions at the National Centre for Padre Pio are not held virtually. Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) if you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Frink.

## BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER

Do you wonder about Catholics' devotion to Mary? Come learn what it's all about!

On the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we will discuss what it means to call Mary our Mother, watch a brief video on the mysteries of the Rosary and end the evening with the prayers of the Rosary

**Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

For more information contact Sophie Schneible  
610-326-5877 ext. 426 or [sschneible@saintalloysius.net](mailto:sschneible@saintalloysius.net)

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 13 - Bible Study at St. David's, Willow Grove at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 20 - Theology on Tap at Local Tap, Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 27 - Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales at 7:30 PM.

Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information or visit the Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

## Be Encouraged:

Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

[archphila.org/support](http://archphila.org/support)

## 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 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](http://www.trustandhope.org).

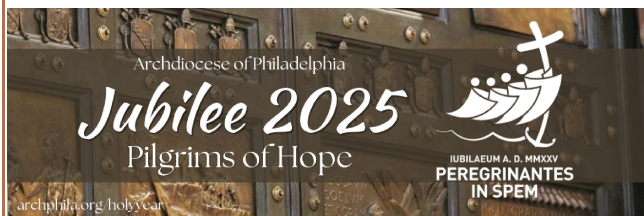
## HOPE IN CHRIST: Spiritual Support for Addiction

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

[archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope)

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

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The Jubilee Year 2025 offers pilgrims in their own local area opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and prayerful opportunities to receive the sacraments, strengthen their relationship with Jesus, and enrich their lifelong faith 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](http://www.archphila.org/holyyear) for more information.



## 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 Woman* of  
the Word & Founding Editor of  
The Great Adventure Catholic  
Bible Study program



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Mother's Day and meals go together. It seems that, that is what all mothers *really* want. It is a day quite busy for restaurants with reservations made. Oh, don't get me wrong. Mothers certainly love cards, flowers, or gifts. Homemade cards from children are especially dear.



That was a ritual for me in grade school. Such cards were proudly displayed by my mother – held by a magnet on the refrigerator door. One year, there was a classroom project to make a Mother's Day plate. That plate, held by a special clasp,



hung on the kitchen wall above the doorway for many, many years thereafter. In fact, it remained there long after my mother was called home by God. Cards and gifts are wonderful, but it is the



meal that truly stands out. It is the meal where memories are made and it is the meal where the true meaning of motherhood is underscored. It is not the food had at the meal or the location. The meal might be surf & turf or a simple, but tasty salad. It might be had at a fancy, five-star restaurant or a local chain eatery. But, it is the

gathering of family that makes the day special – and makes the meaning of motherhood clear. All mothers desire to gather with their children. This is true of the Blessed Mother as well. Although we may not always be able to



be physically present with mom (say if she's enjoying the sunny beaches of Florida) – technology

today can help us to bridge the gap when we make a video call. Ultimately, it is our Faith that helps us to bridge the gap and with it we can be eternally present to mom and one another. I share a meal with my mother not just on Mother's Day, but every

Sunday. She's there at the altar with me. You may not see her – but, I do. In fact, the Blessed Mother's there too! Enjoy your Mother's Day and enjoy your meal! And don't forget to tell mom how much you love her!

*Love you, Ma! Happy Mother's Day!*

Peace!

Fr. Wilson