

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 MAY 2025

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

At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished in their preaching the kingdom of God. This kingdom, to be marked by our love for one another, will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth.

Readings for Sunday, May 25: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.



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>
19 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Deceased Members-Pottstown Police Dept.	Tony Vitacco
20 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Lauren Francis & Heavenly Infants	Jane Perkins
21 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Michael Nickle	John & Mariann Willemssen
22 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Michael Cress	Aunt Ann & family
24 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Tony & Theresa Vitacco - 50 th Wedding Anniversary	
25 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



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.



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.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MAY 11, 2025. \$
 2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$
 Figures from the May 11 Collection will be printed in the May 25 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 24 and 25 will be the Collection for Parish Property Maintenance and Repair.

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

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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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: GORDON "SKIP" WHITLOCK from Jack Bucciaglia and family.



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.**



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on May 19 and 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.

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.



FILL YOUR FREEZER

RAFFLE - The Women's Society is 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 24/25

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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.

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.



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 Corner



Oh we are so impatient in our prayers! We know God can do all things, so we're tempted to say "You're God. Just get on with it. Do it." But why do you think God works the way He does? It is a commonplace of the Bible that God rejoices in our cooperation. He wants us to involve ourselves --- through freedom, intelligence, creativity --- in what He is doing. And so He plants seeds and He wants us to cultivate them.



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 25th Jubilee to the Priesthood on Tuesday, May 20. We wish you many more years in service to God and His Church.



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.



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.



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.



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/hollyear for more information.

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Catholic Support for Mental Health



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accompaniment and flourishing

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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
CSPN, MS, NCC, LPC
Licensed Professional
Counselor



Sarah Christmyer
Author of *Becoming Women of
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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 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.

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information or visit the Facebook Page
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