

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19 MAY 2024

Readings for Sunday, May 19: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who “renews the face of the earth,” was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness for sins.

Readings for Sunday, May 26: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20.



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
20 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Michael Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemssen
21 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
22 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
23 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Helynn Mich	Kathleen & Jim Case
25 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
26 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Michael Cress	The Family



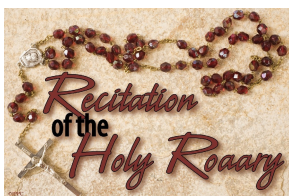
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



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.



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



We welcome ROBERT & ASHLEY BOARDMAN and FAMILY, JERRY & LINDA LONG, LAURA WALTHER and KATHLEEN ADAMS who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MAY 12, 2024. \$4,727
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$202,949
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$205,675

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, May 25 and 26, will be the collection for Parish Property and Maintenance Repair.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 11/12:

4:00 PM Mass - 108
9:00 AM Mass - 109
Total Attendance - 217

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DRY TECH WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS

1-888-5DRY-TECH



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 6 - #268 - unsold
May 7 - #432 - unsold
May 8 - #733 - unsold
May 9 - #367 - unsold
May 10 - #032 - Tony Vitacco
May 11 - #599 - unsold
May 12 - #923 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on May 20 and June 3 and 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Small changes

in blood donor turnout can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of an emergency blood transfusion. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. Please consider donating blood today! Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

RONALD BERNHARD from M/M Joe Karpinski;
MARGARET BUCCIAGLIA from M/M Joe Karpinski.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the parish office.



PARISH SOCIAL AND 95TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on

Saturday, June 1.
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Social where we will be celebrating

our 95th Anniversary. The Social will begin after the 4:00 PM Mass.

We are in need of desserts for the Social. Items may be brought the night of the event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb at 610-385-4839.



The Corner

Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church! And to you, the Body of Christ! Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, marking the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. (Read Acts chapter 2) This feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season. Thank you, Jesus, for this beautiful gift!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 25/26

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Vitacco & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Griffin & Miller

Greeter - Carr

Follow Me

MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Bible Study from Ascension Press

"Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us...Follow Me; Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ."

-Ascension Press



Tuesdays 7:00-8:30p.m.

Cost: \$24 for Workbook

Lower Level of Gathering Center 8 weeks only!

Begins

May 14th

To Register: Contact Sophie Schneible

610-326-5877 x426 OR

SSchneible@saintalloysius.net

Lectio Divina

"Divine Reading"

Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture. It allows us to encounter God's word in a personal and transformative way, leading us closer to Him and enriching our lives and our participation at Mass.

We will be reading and discussing the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Tuesdays 9:30a.m. Begins May 7th

Lower Level of Gathering Center

No Registration required. Come as you are able!

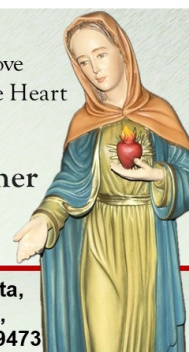
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The Flame of Love
of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary

THEME: Mary, Our Mother
Flame of Love Talk



WEDNESDAY,
May 29th at:

St. Teresa of Calcutta,
256 Swamp Pike,
Schwenksville, PA 19473

SCHEDULE:

6 PM-Rosary

7 PM Talk-**Dr. Antone Raymundo, Speaker**



St. Teresa of Calcutta



Host Radio Maria



"Trust my Mother. The world of the future is being prepared. The smile of my Mother will light up the whole earth."

(Jesus, Brown Diary, p.108
Imprimatur: Archbishop Chaput)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on May 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost based on your selections.

Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, June 9 from 1:00 PM till ? Food, drinks, lots of fun. Price is \$20 per team in advance; \$30 day of Tournament. Contact Franco at 484-433-9160.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE. BARTO

Mary, Mother of the Church Documentary on Monday, May 20 following the 11:30 AM Rosary. Join us for a special documentary entitled "Mary - Life after Jesus: The Road to Ephesus." The film will be shown on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Centre. Plays no matter how many people come out to view it. No cost to attend. No registration necessary. Contact angela@padrepio.org with questions.

Commemoration of Padre Pio's Birthday on Saturday, May 25. Latin Mass at 10:30 AM. Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Mass. Enjoy a complimentary cupcake at Café San Pio following the recitation of the Rosary while supplies last!

CHEST-MONT CATHOLIC LIONS FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION is now open for the Fall season for players entering Grades 5-6 (Junior Varsity) and Grades 7-8 (Varsity). Visit www.cmccyo.org for more information.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE

PHILLIES on May 31. Join the CCA to watch the Phillies take on the St. Louis Cardinals. If 500 tickets are sold, Alexander, a 3rd grade Out-of-School

Time student from Holy Innocents OST, will throw out the first pitch of the game and a beneficiary program will sing the National Anthem! A portion of all tickets sold will go directly to benefit CCA beneficiaries. To purchase tickets visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.



10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - July 17-21, 2024 in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN. Imagine you're a follower of Christ right after the

Resurrection, and you hear some exciting reports: not only is Jesus alive, but he appeared to his disciples promising baptism with the Holy Spirit in only a few days! Wouldn't you drop everything to be there when it happens? God is calling his people into a new "Upper Room." At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church in the U.S. will gather in a way this generation has never seen—ready for the great outpouring of grace God desires to lavish upon his people. This is the beginning of a new chapter of Eucharistic faith in America. Visit www.EucharistiCongress.org for more information.



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

passes through the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**May 30 to
June 3**



Full the schedule and how you can participate, use the QR code or visit:

phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Visit www.metanoiayoungadults.org for a list of upcoming events. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com with any questions.



Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a community art exhibit. It was quite the pleasant evening and rekindled something within me. Maybe the lovely wine and cheese served helped. The artists' work represented several categories. Of course, there was paint on canvas. Then, there were categories for sculpture,



photography, and even quilting. I went to the event in a show of support for a friend that submitted several works for display. Ribbons would be awarded, but as the guest judge (an art teacher at the local high school and a graduate of Temple Tyler School of Art) for the event said, "All the works are very beautiful and interpreting art is ever so subjective." Really, all the works submitted and their creators deserved a ribbon. The feeling that I had and what I experienced was similar to that which I had attending local community theatre in the past or the high school show seen back in March. Deep within each one of us there is a human spirit that unites us and longs to create. Art,



whether on paper or stage, is uniquely human; hence, art unites all of us. We forget this far too often in our crazy, modern, techno savvy 21st Century world of today where all we seem to hear about are divisions and animosities. When the nation of China first opened up to the modern world back in the seventies, the initial exchanges of friendship and good will involved music and the arts for this reason. Even Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra "played" its part in a groundbreaking trip in 1973. The focus was on that which unites us. I've read



recently about "art" generated today by artificial intelligence such as *ChatGPT*. I would suggest that AI generated "art" is an inherent contradiction, because the human spirit is lacking. We might say it has no soul. While attending the community exhibit, I met someone who attends church regularly. He thanked me for my preaching as I admired his unique sculpture. Come to think of it, I suppose preaching is more of an art form. If I taught a homiletics course, I might bill it as an art class – a sacred art class. There is very much a human element to it – as well as (hopefully) a Divine. I've heard of preachers experimenting with AI – having it generate a "homily." Once again, I would suggest that there is very much something lacking. I mention this on this Pentecost Weekend, because the Holy Spirit is a Creative Spirit. It is that same Spirit that was there at the Beginning – at Creation.



Today, we recall that Spirit poured out upon the Apostles. Their human spirits were imbued with the Divine and they would set about and create a Masterpiece that has endured to this very day. It



has been interpreted again and again in all its magnificent beauty and subsequent artists have worked and re-worked the canvas. The Church, Herself, is a most Beautiful Masterpiece. Her Presence in our world brightens it, blesses it, and unites it. All of us are now called on this Pentecost Sunday to contribute to Her enduring Beauty. We must. It is part of Who we are and that which we are called to be: creative spirits imbued with the Holy Spirit as Apostles of the 21st Century making ever new and displaying for all the world to see the Magnificent and Enduring Beauty that is our Church!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson