

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 25 MAY 2025

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

By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**Readings for Sunday, June 1:** Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.



**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>
26 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary & Michael Nickle	John & Mariann Willemssen
27 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
28 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Robert E. Abruzzese	Ken & Helen George
28 May	WED. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
29 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Michael & Mary Rudy	Daughters, Mary & Kathy
31 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
1 June	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, especially SANDY CRAWFORD.

**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.



Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in honor of the Blessed Mother requested by members of the Women's Society.

Flowers on the back of the Main Altar are in memory of LCPL MATT SNYDER AND ALL DECEASED MILITARY VETERANS requested by Jane Perkins.

Flowers on the front of the Main Altar are in honor of the 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF THERESA & TONY VITACCO.

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR MAY 11, 2025** . . . . . \$3,669  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$204,253  
Figures from the May 18 Collection will be printed in the June 1 bulletin.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 31 and JUNE 1** is the Father's Day Remembrance Collection.

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

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**

610-326-1510



**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.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: GORDON "SKIP" WHITLOCK from Pete & Lori LaRosa.

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the Parish Office.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for May 10/11:**

4:00 PM Mass - 128

9:00 AM Mass - 151

Total Attendance - 279



## **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 5 - #692 - unsold

May 6 - #801 - unsold

May 7 - #644 - unsold

May 8 - #796 - unsold

May 9 - #332 - unsold

May 10 - #561 - Vivian Fitch - \$50.00

May 11 - #628 - unsold



**American Red Cross**

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

on 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](http://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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 31/JUNE 1

### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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, Carr & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



### **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. 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.



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**, Thursday, May 29 is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at St. Gabriel Parish: Wednesday, May 28 - Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM; Thursday, May 29 - Mass at 9:00 AM. Masses at St. Aloysius Parish: Wednesday, May 28 - Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM; Thursday, May 29 - Mass at 12:00 Noon.



**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



An old priest once said, "where there is no expectation, there will be no fulfillment." Today the bright light and fulfillment of The Ascension begins to enlighten our path and the voice of the Risen One calls out to us.



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



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.





**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](http://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](http://www.padrepio.org).



## 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 Women of  
the World* & Founding Editor of  
*The Great Adventure Catholic*  
Bible Study program



**REGISTER NOW!**

**\$40**



Scholarships Available : [amuel@archphila.org](mailto:amuel@archphila.org) @hearttoheartya

# 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](http://SACREDHEARTROYERSFORD.ORG/FAIR)**

**838 Walnut St. Royersford, PA**

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

***Reflection by Rev. Leonard N.. Peterson***

May 25, 2025 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parents of toddlers as well as Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts already know what research reveals. Toddlers around 2 to 3 years old will at that age start asking questions like “What is that?” or “Dat?” This happens as the little ones develop a greater understanding of language and express their curiosity. It’s essentially all about beginners needing help.

At the whole enterprise of being a Church, St. Paul and Barnabas were also beginners. As their mission caught on, all kinds of questions arose that needed answers. How to apply Christ’s teachings to new situations was their challenge. Of course, they did have the confidence of knowing they had the guidance of the Holy Spirit because that was what Jesus promised them.

Today the First Reading tells us that St. Paul in Antioch faced the problem of certain people claiming that any new male convert to the Faith had first to be circumcised before Baptism. In response, the Church of Jerusalem had its first Council and decided that the idea was wrong. What remained necessary, as recorded in Acts 15, was for converts to “abstain from items associated with idols and to refrain from unchastity.”

This topic brings to the fore the matter of respectful questioning of the Church’s teaching these days on any given subject. When I call it “respectful” I have in mind the healthy exploration of an inquiring mind. Not at all that of a hostile attitude about the matter at hand.

Certainly, divine teaching has a distinct place. To question that would be tantamount to blasphemy. This implies that the person’s understanding of the teaching is correct. Only confusion ensues without that.

The more common questioning springs from Church teaching. Frequently this involves teaching on moral issues. Again, we can narrow that category down to issues of sexual behavior.

This issue centers around the teaching of what God wants us to do with our bodies. Here a questioner can always begin by researching the Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Or he/she may turn to the official Catholic Catechism in hard copy or online.

Of course, with any topic a researcher will most likely find an answer that contradicts what the popular opinion is. That’s when we must remember an overarching truth about Church teaching. It is an application of Christ’s teaching, and we believe that “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

On a lighter note, realize that our faith these days faces all kinds of challenges, there is another real test of faith. It’s when you find yourself in church with nothing but a twenty-dollar bill in your wallet!

God love you and give you His peace.

**Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

The local Church in Antioch reaches to the apostolic Church in Jerusalem where Peter works for advice on a doctrinal challenge. The Council’s decision is guided by the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus.

**Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

The foundation of the heavenly Jerusalem is the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. The balance of the inscriptions honors the Old Testament righteous ones.

**The Gospel: John 13:23-29**

Jesus answers Judas (not the traitor) that a person who keeps God’s word will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.