

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 MAY 2025

Readings for Sunday, May 4: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

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



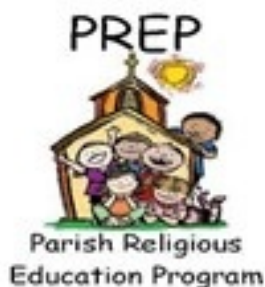
St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
5 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Albert & Angelina Testa	Son, John & Daughter, Mary
6 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Catherine & Daniel O'Brien	Anne Chizauskie
7 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
8 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Philomena Weil	Patti & Bruce Pollock
10 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
11 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Mothers	



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.



Final PREP Class for this year is today! THANK YOU to our wonderful catechists and aides, students and parents who helped make this year fantastic. Congratulations to our catechists who will also be receiving their service awards - Simon Nagel - 5

years, Sherry Durante - 10 years, Mara Tammara - 15+ years, Judie Perlstein - 15+ years, and Maria Boyer - 10 year DRE Award (35 years as catechist).



We congratulate ELOISE who made her First Holy Communion last Sunday. We also congratulate MIKE CAMPEGGIO who will receive his First Communion and Confirmation today and become a full member of our Parish!



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

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DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 27, 2025. \$5,193
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$196,851

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL -

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. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Appeal.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY

610-705-0130

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 125

9:00 AM Mass - 181

Total Attendance - 306



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

April 21 - #387 - unsold

April 22 - #069 - unsold

April 23 - #986 - unsold

April 24 - #910 - unsold

April 25 - #087 - unsold

April 26 - #499 - unsold

April 27 - #312 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on May 5 and 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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

No Women's Society Meeting on May 1. 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 10/11

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & Vitacco

Altar Servers - Miller & Francis

Greeter - Carr



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.



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



"It's said that the best business in the world would be buying men at what they're worth and selling them at what they think they're worth."

---Father Juan Luis Lorda "The Virtues of Holiness"



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.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Manna Bags will be available at all Masses the 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. 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 2:00 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.



SUNDAY MORNING

BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. 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.

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 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

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 Perez' 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.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Conference

Saturday, May 10, 2025

\$45.00 Per Person, includes lunch!

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

With The Most Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

3050 Walton Rd., Ply. Mtg., PA 19462

Our God Reigns

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" Romans 12:12

Keynote Speaker: Fr. James Blount

Priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity (SOLT).

Fr. Jim is a gifted charismatic preacher endowed with all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Register at <https://archphilaccr.org> Age 16 and under is free

Scholarships available if needed

Tickets transferable but not refundable

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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 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 for more information or visit the Facebook Page www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults.



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What is the enduring legacy of Pope Francis? For me, perhaps it all comes down to a puppet. During this time of *interregnum*, there is much speculation as to who will be the next pope. It is also a time of reflection on the reign of Pope Francis. It should also be a time of much prayer – that the Holy Spirit might truly guide the Cardinal Electors of the Conclave in their discussions and in their vote. The direction of the Church under the next pope certainly hinges upon that of the last. While *papabili* names have been bantered about along with profiles of these pope potentials, already



much has been written concerning our dear Pope Francis. Opinions have been diverse as one might expect – and respectful...for the most part. There is no doubt that Francis left his mark upon the Church. His unique choice of name speaks greatly to his legacy as does his country of birth in the Southern Hemisphere.

For me, the impact and historical import of his papacy could be said to come down very simply to a doll. In 1994, Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed a “Year of the Family” and instituted the “World Meeting of Families.” It is now organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family every three years in order to strengthen sacred familial bonds all over the world. In 2015, the event took place in Philadelphia. Pope Francis would be there. So would I. I forget where I first saw it. Was it an ad on TV? I really



think that it was a news report. Reporters covered all kinds of aspects of the Pope’s visit – before, during, and after. Many priests, bishops, and laity were interviewed again, and again, and again. I believe that it was one such interview that showed a street vendor and the interviewer with Pope in hand. He was holding a Pope Francis doll, which the vendor was selling. “Hmmm...that’s cool,” I thought! I must have related



this to someone in the parish, because the next thing I know – *voila* – now I too, had Pope Francis in hand! Maybe it was just me, but never before had I ever seen or heard of a pope being caricatured in a plush toy. Perhaps it was just the Spirit of American Consumerism at work, along with some good-ole, red, white, and blue chutzpah...but, I saw it as speaking to Francis, himself, and his papacy. People were so comfortable with Pope Francis and felt that he was so down to earth, that it was almost natural to produce a doll in his likeness. Dolls comfort us. They are held close and children carry them into bed with them hoping for sweet dreams. Thus, dolls can be a reminder of childlike innocence. They can be “action figures” like *GI Joe* for boys (which I had when I was a kid) or “Hollywood models” like *Barbie* for girls. Dolls can speak to a sense of humor (a “pope doll” – *really?!?*) or dolls can become



collectibles fetching quite a price (think original unboxed *Cabbage Patch Kid*). So, yes for me it is a doll that speaks to the legacy of Pope Francis. He was seen as a “Pope for the People” and he was comfortable among those same people. A pope doll in the past would have been seen as disrespectful – to the pope, the papacy, and to the Church, Herself! *Anathema sit!* Besides, no one would ever want to “cuddle-up” with a pope! That all changed under Francis. So now, I’m going to have a nice cup of “sleepy-time” tea and “cuddle-up” with Francis as I pray for the conclaving Cardinals and the pope yet to be whose image, hopefully, will be caricatured in a plush doll!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson