

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 5 MAY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, May 5:** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

**Readings for Sunday, May 12:** Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.



**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>
6 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	
7 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Decd. Of Pottstown Police Department	Tony Vitacco
8 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Yvonne Lake	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
8 May	WED. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
9 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Special Intention	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
11 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
12 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.



**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 Altar are in memory of the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY** requested by St. Gabriel 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.



Today is the last PREP Class until September. I would like to recognize and thank our wonderful volunteers who offer their time and talents to all our religious education programs. **THANK YOU** to Mara Tammaro, Debbie Huster, Judie Perlstein, Sherry Durante, Simon Nagel, Gabi Tammaro, Lori Carr, and Catechist Emeritus Tony Vitacco.

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 28, 2024.** . . . . . \$4,440  
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$194,578  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$197,848

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for April 27/28:**

4:00 PM Mass - 112  
 9:00 AM Mass - 183  
 Total Attendance - 295

**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



**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**

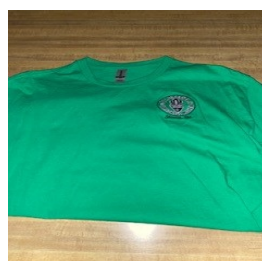
April 22 - #175 - unsold  
 April 23 - #915 - unsold  
 April 24 - #883 - unsold  
 April 25 - #116 - Jared Valentine - \$50.00  
 April 26 - #480 - unsold  
 April 27 - #401 - unsold  
 April 28 - #459 - unsold



**American Red Cross**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on May 6 and 20 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. Blood and platelet

donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



**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.



**MANNA BAGS** will be distributed at all Masses next weekend, May 11 and 12. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on **Saturday, May 18 or Sunday, May 19.** Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork and beans. Donations received will be delivered to the Pottstown Cluster Outreach Center for those in need in our area. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.



### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD,**

May 9 is a Holyday of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is: Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM; Mass on Thursday, May 9 at 9:00 AM.

### **WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS**

**Candles** at the Blessed Mother Altar this weekend are for the intentions of the Women's Society.

**Combined Gathering** with the women of St. Aloysius for Mass at 6:00 PM in St. Aloysius Church on Thursday, May 16.

**Coming Soon!** Phillies Father's Day Tailgating Raffle. Sales begin on May 18. More details to follow.

### ***The Corner***

The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, and commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, as recorded in the Gospels of Mark, Luke, and in Acts of the Apostles. This year, it falls on Thursday, May 9, a Holy Day of Obligation.

***"Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father..."*** —Catechism of the Catholic Church 663

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 11/12**

#### **4:00 PM Mass**

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Adams

Greeter - Bell

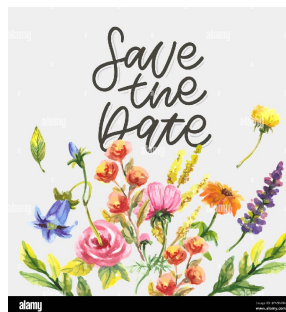
#### **9:00 AM Mass**

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Francis

Greeter - Carr



### **PARISH SOCIAL AND 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

on Saturday, June 1 in the Social Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM. BYOB! Cost is \$16.00. Moyer's Catering Menu: Broasted Chicken, Hot Roast Beef, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Potato and

Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Red Beet Eggs, Ring Bologna and Cheese, Pickles and Olives, Bread and Rolls, Soda, Mixers, Coffee and Dessert. Music by DJ Pete LaRosa. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the Parish Office during the week. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.** Help is needed for the following: Selling tickets after Masses; Assisting with set-up the day of the event; Helping with various activities during the event; Assisting with clean-up after the event. Any help you could provide is greatly appreciated. Contact Barbara (610-385-4839) to sign up.

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - A Full-time Facility Position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Visit the website [www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com) for details or call the Parish Office (610-287-2525).



**PAR-ReCycle Works** - E-Cycle Event scheduled for May 5 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in the parking lot. Par-ReCycle Works truck will be in the lower end of Swamp Pike side parking lot on Sunday, May 5 from 8:15

AM to 12:15 PM. Bring your used electronics! Desktop computer systems, laptop, notebook computers, Ipads, other tablets, cell phones, phones, phone systems, Ipods, MP3 players, DVD players, VCR's, printers, flat screen monitors, computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, cords, power supplies, AC adapters & wiring, all software. The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled: Older CRT Monitors and TV's (\$40-\$80 each) size varies; Flat screen TV's - \$25 each; Compute monitors (flat screen LCD's) - \$7 each; air conditioners, dehumidifiers & air Purifiers - \$25; Microwaves - \$15. NO BATTERIES. For more information about the event, contact Sam Whitehouse ([samwhitehouse@comcast.net](mailto:samwhitehouse@comcast.net) or 610-420-7202).





The Flame of Love  
of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary



**THEME: Mary, Our Mother**  
*Flame of Love Talk*

<b>WEDNESDAY, May 29th at:</b>	<b>St. Teresa of Calcutta, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473</b>
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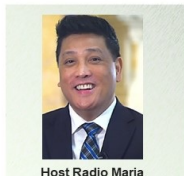
**SCHEDULE:**

**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.106  
Imprimatur: Archbishop Chaput)



**SAINT FRANCIS**  
CLASSICAL CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## SFCCA OPEN HOUSE

**FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 5:00 P.M.**

All are invited to join us and learn more about 2024-2025 at SFCCA, including:

- Full time options for PreK-10th Grade
- Part time options for 3rd-12th Grade
- Aftercare Options

We hope you will also be able to stay and join us for our

## Spring Concert and Patriotic Revue

**FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Find out more at:  
**[saintfrancisclassical.com](http://saintfrancisclassical.com)**

**CO-ED RETREAT HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER** at the Malvern Retreat House on May 10 to May 12. Retreat Director is Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. Guest Speaker is Mary Bea Damico. Special Weekend Retreat features: Candle lit Eucharistic Procession to Malvern's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Walk and Pray on our Sacred Grounds, Visit Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Shrines. Retreat Cost is \$325 (includes rooming and meals). Families of Retreatants are invited to join us for the closing Mass on Mother's Day. Register at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICES CLUB**

**Culinary Treat - A German Experience** on May 17. Your meal starts with soup and German Potato Salad. Choice of Potato Kielbasa Skillet, Pork Schnitzel with Dill Sauce or Sauerbraten. Finish the meal with dessert. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Franco (484-433-9160) to guarantee your spot.

**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**

**Day of Renewal - Expressions of Prayer: Three Ways to Raise Your Heart to God** on Wednesday, May 8. There is no cost to attend this retreat, however it is a ticketed event. Retreat Director - Fr. Pio Mandato. Welcome and Opening Prayer at 10:00 AM. Conference #1 at 10:15 AM. Mass and Veneration of Relic Glove of Padre Pio at 12:00 PM. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lunch and Free time at 1:00 PM. Conference #2 with Exposition at 2:15 PM. Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction at 3:00 PM. Register at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) by clicking on the event calendar for May 8. Bring your own packed lunch. Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) for more details.

**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](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) with questions.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight).





**10<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage)

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE** on May 18 - 9:00 AM to Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM. "Prophecy For Our Time" Are YOU ready? Holy Spirit Empower Us! Location: Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting. Speakers: Mrs. Christine Watkins, Fr. Rick Wendell, Daniel O'Connor, Emcee Maria C. Richardson. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend John J. McIntyre. To learn more and register go to [www.archphilaccr.org/event](http://www.archphilaccr.org/event).

## ✚ Create Your Catholic Legacy

### Faith-Based Estate and Charitable Planning Workshops

You are invited to learn about the charitable impact that you can have through your estate.

**May 14, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

St. Mary Magdalen Parish  
2400 N. Providence Rd.  
Media, PA 19063

**Presenter:**

Andrew J. Barron  
Associate, Stradley Ronon

**May 21, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

St. Helena Church, Empress Room  
1489 DeKalb Pike  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

**Presenter:**

Deacon Donald P. DiCarlo  
President, Family Office  
Wilmington Trust

To register visit: [www.thecfgp.org/events](http://www.thecfgp.org/events)

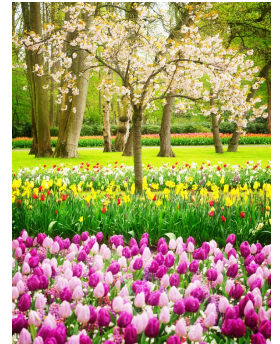
**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, May 14 - Bible Study at St. David's, Willow Grove at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, May 21 - Theology on Tap at Local Tap Lansdale, Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, May 28 - Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales at 7:30 PM. Visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more details.



There's something about May that marks the magnificence of the changing seasons. The air is crisper, the grass greener and countless colorful spring blooms begin to breathe life back into God's beautiful creation. In the Church as well, May is a special month – it's no mere coincidence that the Church dedicates the most colorful



month of the year to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. A popular tradition within the Church that has endured through the centuries is the May crowning ceremony. And as with most Catholic traditions, the history of how it came to be helps us Catholics to better appreciate the richness of the ritual. There are two facets to the May crowning tradition that began separately but merged over time and became what it's known as today: Crowning ceremonies of Mary and Marian devotion in the month of May. The earliest origins of crowning sacred images of Mary date back to the 700s. As Marianist Father Johann Roten, of the University of Dayton writes, Pope Gregory III (731-741) "donated a golden diadem to crown a holy image located at St. Peter's,



which represents not only Mary but also Christ and other saints." Father Roten notes that further examples of Marian crownings became more numerous and traditional in the 14<sup>th</sup> century in places such as Essen, Germany, and Boerglum, Sweden. The Servite order would customarily crown well-known Marian images on Holy Saturday beginning in the second half of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The custom continued to spread during the Counter-Reformation at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century thanks to the initiative of Girolamo Paulucci de' Calboli da Forli (1552-1620), Capuchin, and Count Alessandro Sforza Pallavicino, who established a foundation entrusted to the Vatican for the financing of the crowning of Marian images. It was toward the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century that the second part of what would morph into the May crowning tradition began to emerge. A Jesuit priest by the name of Father Latomia instituted the practice of dedicating the month of May to Mary to help foster more intentional devotion to Mary among students at Jesuit colleges. From there, May devotions began to spread more widely in 1815, after Pope Pius VII granted a partial indulgence for participating in private or public Marian devotion in May. Pope Pius IX made it a plenary indulgence. Though this



particular indulgence is no longer active, it still lives on in contemporary Marian practices such as praying the Rosary or reciting the litany of Mary during the month of May. All of this led to what is now known as the May crowning. These ceremonies typically take place in parishes and at schools at the beginning of May. In May crowning ceremonies, a statue or image of Mary is traditionally crowned with wreaths of flowers, roses if possible, which not only symbolize the freshly blooming spring season, but also have roots in bridal wreaths. Moreover, wreaths of roses are considered early precursors to the rosary, and indeed, the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth is one of the Glorious Mysteries to meditate upon while praying the rosary. In more recent years, Pope Paul VI reinforced the May crowning tradition with his "Letter on the Occasion of the First of May," promulgated April 30, 1965. In it, he writes: "It

is precisely because the month of May is a powerful incentive to more fervent and trusting prayer, and because during it our petitions find their way more easily to the compassionate heart of Our Blessed Lady, that it has been a custom dear to our predecessors to choose this month, dedicated to Mary, for inviting the Christian people to offer up public prayers." Indeed, it's only fitting that the Queen of Heaven be given due homage as springtime arrives in earnest. May our Blessed Mother intercede on our behalf this spring and grant that we too may share in the fullness of her resplendent grace. (Credit to Archdiocese of San Francisco/written by Aaron Lambert)

Peace!

Fr. Wilson