



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, ‘What are we to do, my brothers?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

*If I follow the teaching of Peter, I will become more aware of the gift of the promised Spirit to form and transform my life. We are told not to stifle the Spirit, yet sometimes we do a good job at it. We have been baptized, but can always do more in the area of repentance. What am I going to do?*

Rev. William Reilly

*baptized  
in the  
Spirit*



In light of the current coronavirus pandemic and the broad-ranging impact it is having on people across the globe, bishops around the world have been turning in supplication to our most powerful intercessor, Mary, the Mother of God, entrusting their countries to her care and protection.

On **Friday, May 1**, the bishops of [Canada](#) and the [United States](#) were united in prayer as they consecrate their respective countries to Our Mother.



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Mass intention will be said at another location by Father Carl.

#### SATURDAY, May 2

Blanche and Susan Potzner RB Mikki Capo

#### SUNDAY, May 3,

Margaret and Frank DeJohn RB Ray and Pat DeJohn

#### MONDAY, May 4

Elizabeth Whit RB Evelyn Marcucci

#### Tuesday, May 5

The Deceased Members of the McLaughlin Family

RB Mary Dean

#### WEDNESDAY, May 6

Marie DiCarlo RB the Rectory Staff

#### THURSDAY, May 7

Connie and Mary Kilgarrieff EB the Family

#### FRIDAY, May 8

No Intentions

#### SATURDAY, May 9

John Speca RB Diana Downey

#### SUNDAY, May 10

Morgan Youngblood RB the Sisters



### Pray for those on the Sick List

Grace Curran, April DeMatto. Tony Schriver, Joel Rivera, Cathy O'Brien, Catherine Krecko, Nicole Palandro, Claire Williamson, Donna Tafuri, Christopher Browne, Scott McDowell, Mary Kennedy, Lisa Ruggino, Steven Porter, Ed McCarron, Mary & Ann Bell, Tracy Cotter, Carol Mills, Grace Griffiths, Susan Cullen, Colleen Riddell, Greg Barrett, Brian Berry, Nan Mulligan and for those suffering from addiction, especially young adults.

**Please send us names you would like to add to the List.**



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

\*Masses are private\*  
Adoration & devotions open to the public



M-Th	8:00 am - Mass* streamed via Facebook Live
	2-3:30 pm - Adoration (Chaplet of Divine Mercy @ 3 pm)
	7-8:30 pm - Adoration (Rosary @ 8 pm)
Sat	10:00 am - Mass* streamed via Facebook Live <small>* Pending no early funeral *</small>
	4:30-6pm - Adoration (Rosary @ 5:30 pm)
Sun	10:00 am - Mass* streamed via Facebook Live
	11-12:30pm - Adoration (Rosary @ noon)



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Reflections from Sister Rose

## Reflections from Sister Rose The Month of May and Mary

Dear Friends in Christ,

Can it really be May? With this coronavirus, we are all caught off guard and sometimes do not even know what day of the week it is, let alone what month we are in! For us Catholics, May brings the Blessed Mother to mind with special devotions to honor her all during the month.

At Saint Gabriel Parish we have had the tradition (the last three years) of hanging our six foot wooden banner of Our Lady, Untier of Knots on the church fence. We placed our intentions on the white strips provided and we prayed in earnest for our Lady's intercession. Each week we gathered on Wednesday evening to pray the rosary right out front of the church on 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Many passersby witnessed our love and devotion to Mary and some even joined us!

This year, our banner is on the fence, but Father Carl and our staff feel it best that only one person touch the strips. With this in mind, we are inviting you to place your prayer intentions on our parish website, instead. Please go to [stgabes.org](http://stgabes.org) and under "Parish News" you will find "Prayer Requests." Hopefully this situation will soon change, and we can all be together again, giving honor and devotion to our heavenly mother.

Never before in our global history have we needed the intercession of our Blessed Lady under this special title that Pope Francis brought to the United States, when he visited in 2015 for the World Meeting of Families. Many intentions have been answered in the past. Let us earnestly increase our devotion to Mary and beg her to bring an end to this pandemic.

Blessings on you and your families.  
Daily prayers,  
Sister Rose



### Giving Announcement

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the parable of the Good Shepherd that reminds us, "But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." In this time of uncertainty, we flock together searching the Good Shepherd's voice to lead us. We know he is here with us and will not leave us.

When we come together and hear God's words to us, we can face adversity head-on and work to succeed. In these challenging times, we continue to work hard to support our community's needs. As the COVID-19 crisis affects us all, we ask you to support our efforts any way you can. Make your gift to Saint Gabriel Parish through **Online Giving**



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[The app is also available on www.stgabes.org](http://www.stgabes.org)

**The Rectory gate will be open Monday – Friday  
10:00AM-2:00PM, if you would like to drop  
your envelopes in the mailbox It is located on  
the left side of the rectory door.  
God bless you and your families.**

**Thank you for your continued support of  
our parish family and God bless!**



### Prayer to Our Lady, Untier of Knots

**Holy Mary**, full of the presence of God during your life, you accepted with great humility, the Holy Will of the Father and the legacy of your **Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ**. Evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion.

Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties. With all simplicity and patience you have given us examples on how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being **our Mother** forever, you arrange and make clear the path that unites us to **Our Lord**.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God** and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upset our lives. We ask you to receive in your hands *(mention who or prayer request)* and deliver us from the chains and confusions that have us restrained.

**Blessed Virgin Mary**, through your grace, your intercession, and by your example, deliver us from evil and untie the knots that keep us from uniting with **God**, so that once free of every confusion and error, we may find Him in all things, have Him in our hearts and serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. **Amen**

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