

**May 3, 2026**

***From Father Kirby...***

*Happy Easter, Team Grace!* The Easter Season continues and we rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus! He is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

This Sunday in the narthex, parishioners are encouraged to write out any prayer intentions they would like for me to carry to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This Sunday, May 3, around 12:15 PM, we'll have a Fellowship and cake for my 51<sup>st</sup> birthday. Didn't I just turn 50?! Time is flying, Team Grace! All are welcome to come for cake and fellowship!

As a reminder, on Saturday, May 30, we'll welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to our parish and have Mass and an indoor Eucharistic Procession starting at 10:30 AM. The Mass and Procession will be followed by lunch and fellowship. We are expecting about 800 people and so it is essential that you register for the event. [Please register here](#). Please arrange to carpool as best you can.

Some things happening at the parish this week:

This Monday, May 4, I'll be in the city of Lancaster for county meetings. And so, our daily Mass that day will be at 5:15 PM (and not 12 Noon). There are no afternoon Confessions. Our weekly Prayers for the Faithful Departed will be at Noon, and our afternoon Adoration will start early around 12:15 PM. Confessions will still be heard in the evening from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

On Monday evening, May 4, at 7:00 PM, we have the next gathering of our local Peregrine Cancer Support Group. If you're currently fighting cancer or are in remission, this group is for you!

Our next Saint Paula Dinner for Widows will be this Tuesday, May 5, at 5:00 PM. The co-leaders of our SOAP Work Group will be the speakers for the dinner. All widows of the parish are invited to come for fellowship and a good meal.

Our annual May Procession and Crowning will be held next Sunday, May 10, after our 11:00 AM Mass. The procession will be from the church to the statue at the entrance of our campus. Please note that no vehicles on that side of our campus will

be able to move during the procession. After the procession and crowning, we'll have an ice cream fellowship by the flags. *All are invited to come and honor Our Lady!*

The [calendar for the program year 2025/2026](#) is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year. This is posted for your reference and information.

Some other events I'd like to highlight:

On Friday - Saturday, May 15-16, the parish is honored to host two Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia. The Sisters will spend the weekend with us. Here are the public events with the Sisters:

- Saturday, May 16, 10:00 AM, daily Mass.
- Saturday, May 16, 11:00 AM, Rosary with the Dominican Sisters at Mary's Grotto.
- Saturday, May 16, 4:00 PM, Solemn Vespers and Fellowship with the Sisters.

On Sunday, May 17, our parish will host two blood buses. We have been approached to host these buses since our area is suffering from an urgent need for blood. As Christians, we cherish and serve life. I ask that everyone who is able, to please sign up and give blood. Prior sign-ups are required. [Please sign up here.](#)

Early in the morning on Sunday, May 17, I leave for my pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father David Rivera of the Diocese of Camden, NJ, will offer our Sunday morning Masses while I'm away. *Welcome back, Father Rivera!*

Father Bob Morey, a retired priest of our diocese, will cover our weekday Masses and afternoon Confessions from Monday-Thursday, May 18-21. Please note that Confessions will only be heard in the afternoon (after our daily Mass). There will be no morning or evening Confessions this week. There will be no morning or evening Confessions this week. In addition, our parish church and campus will close this week at 5:00 PM. All evening events are suspended.

Team Grace! We are now at **\$710,000** for Phase II of Mary's Grotto! As we move forward, I ask for your continued support of our "Capital Projects." I would like for us to have additional funds in case we exceed the original cost projections of Mary's Grotto. If we don't use the collected funds, we'll roll the funds over to some of our other capital projects.

As a reminder, Phase Two of Mary's Grotto will enlarge the size of the Grotto, extend its height, and add a large patio area with an outdoor altar in front of the Grotto.

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory.](#)

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

In Christ,

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