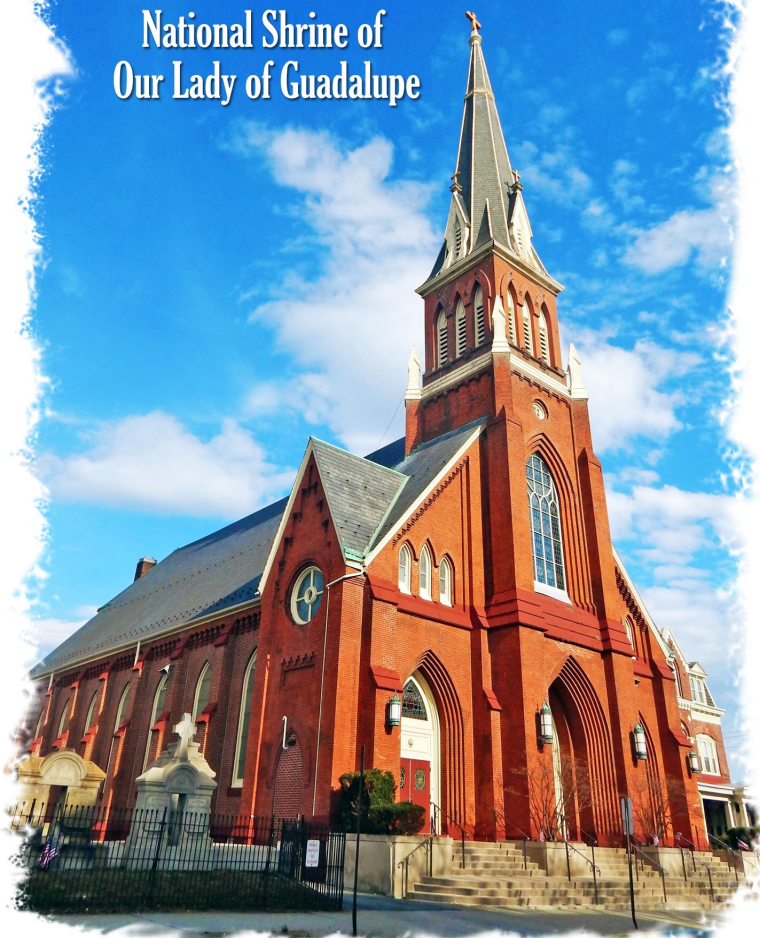


# Immaculate Conception BVM Church

ALL TO JESUS THROUGH MARY, THE PATRONESS OF OUR PARISH

National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
**MAY 3, 2026**

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## **BAPTISM**

Sundays at 2:00 PM. Arrangements must be made well in advance at the rectory. Sponsors require their pastor's certification for eligibility as practicing Catholics. Parents and sponsors must attend one preparatory session prior to the Baptism.

## **MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made **six months** in advance. Couples are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program.

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Urgent calls are accepted at **any time**. Arrangements for Communion calls should be made by calling the rectory. On being admitted to any area hospital, please give the parish code #111.

## SERVED BY

**Rev. John M. Gibbons**

*Pastor*

**Rev. David J. Kozak**

*Assistant*

**Mr. Richard Benkovic**

*Permanent Deacon*

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**Mass & Novena** *Mondays 8:00 AM*

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Mr. Brian Rupnik**

*Director*

**PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**Ms. Eileen M. Caffrey**

**Rectory Office Hours** *M-Th 8:30 AM to 2 PM*  
*Closed Fridays*

*Call (484) 554-5626 for emergencies outside office hours.*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>3:30 to 4:00 PM</b> <b>or anytime by appointment</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:00 AM (English)</b> <b>10:30 AM (Polish)</b>
<b>Daily</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Holy Days</b>	<b>8:00 AM, 5:30 PM</b>

## PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are asked to register at the rectory. Only registered parishioners in good standing can be authorized to be sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation and witnesses at weddings.

*Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents.*

Please notify the rectory if you change your address or move to another parish.

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Both Diocesan cemeteries offer above-ground entombment. Traditional in-ground burial provides single or double-depth interment in each lot throughout the acres of the cemeteries.

**To Arrange for Christian Burial**  
**Resurrection Cemetery**

547 N. Krocks Rd., Allentown, PA 18106

Phone: (610) 395-3819; Fax: (610) 366-3713

**Holy Saviour Cemetery**

2575 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Phone: (610) 866-2372; Fax: (610) 866-9277

***Our church welcomes EVERYONE and is accessible to all people with disabilities.***



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
In the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.



### TODAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

#### Gospel: John 14: 1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

### READINGS for the WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 1: 21-26.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14: 27-31a.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 1-8.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John: 15: 9-11.
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-31; Psalm 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 12-17.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts of the Apostles 16: 1-10; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 5; John 15: 18-21.



In Memory of Father George Winne

### HIS WORD TODAY

#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

**"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to ministry of the word. The proposal was acceptable to the whole community...They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands upon them."**

The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the life of the primitive church, discloses an important step in the growth and structure of the church. Here we discover the choice of the first deacons, part of the sacrament of Holy Orders. As we reflect on the inspiration of the Spirit and the response of the community, may we look to the needs of the church today.

How aware we are of the need for disciples to serve the church today and for tomorrow. It is a concern for all Catholics. May I take a moment and ask myself, when did I encourage a person to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or the religious life of a brother or sister? Rather than lament the lack of vocations, may I pray for and encourage others to listen to the call of the Lord. May we pray that those who the Lord is calling today, and He is, may hear and respond.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

**As you enter the church or the chapel, remember that you are entering a sacred space. Please be *silent* before Mass and respectful after.**

### INTENTIONS for 2026

The 2026 Mass Book is open, and there are still intentions available.  
**The suggested offering is \$10.**

### PLEASE PRAY for the SICK

**of our Parish—for their health & spiritual consolation—and for their caregivers:**

Catherine Ball, Michael Begany, Matthew Behum,  
Margaret Boyle, John Canzano, Eileen Kelly,  
Freida Mercado, Mary Ellen O'Donnell,  
James Orlando, Christine Piripavel, Maddie Rivera,  
Fran Sniscak, Esther Van Billiard, and Evelyn Wichie.

**Please contact the parish office to add your loved ones to the Sick List.**

**Our parish code is #111.**

## CELEBRATIONS!



**We are a community of FAITH and a community of FRIENDS. Please let JAIME GALLAGHER (tbax915@gmail.com) know of birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones. Let's celebrate together!**

## AROUND the DIOCESE

**St. Francis of Assisi** will hold its annual Basket Raffle on Saturday, May 30 from 11 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, May 3 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Baskets for everyone in the family: gift cards and adult beverages, etc. Food and beverages available for purchase. 1046 W. Cedar St., Allentown, PA. For more info, call (610) 433-6102.

**PHL (Pennsylvanians for Human Life)** will have flowers available after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 9 and 10). Cash or check accepted. PHL is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to Pro-Life Education and Saving Lives. Donations are used for buses to March for Life, Generation Life speakers, four 40 Days for Life campaigns, and Fair Booth expenses & brochures. This is PHL's ONLY fundraiser. Your participation is deeply appreciated. Reward Mom with a beautiful gift and help save more lives.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 2**  
4:00 PM Donald and Eleanor Heck  
**Sunday, May 3**  
9:00 AM Members of ICC Memorial Society  
10:30AM Stanislaw Kus  
**Monday, May 4**  
8:00 AM Walter Sajkowicz  
8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (English)  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
8:00 AM Parishioners of Immaculate Conception  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
8:00 AM Angela V. Caffrey  
**Thursday, May 7**  
8:00 AM Pat Annoni  
**Friday, May 8**  
8:00 AM Charles Beruta  
7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (Spanish)  
**Saturday, May 9**  
4:00 PM Harry and Marti Blake  
**Sunday, May 10**  
9:00 AM All Mothers of the Parish, living and deceased  
10:30 AM Jozef Ostrowski

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 9**  
4:00 PM Nancy Miltenberger  
**Sunday, May 10**  
9:00 AM Rich Sniscak

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**Many thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who support Immaculate. May God bless your generosity.**

04/12/26 \$3,232.00  
04/19/26 \$2,154.50

## The HUMOR CORNER



Cathedral Parish – 3rd Annual

### BBQ Chicken Dinner Sale

Order Pickup on:  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
12:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Walson Center Breezeway  
210 N 18th St, Allentown PA



**1/2 BBQ Chicken with Baked Potato & Applesauce**

Food provided by Kauffman's BBQ Chicken

**Don't forget to buy tasty desserts at our Bake Sale!**

	Price	Qty	Total
BBQ Chicken Dinner	\$15		
Donate a BBQ Chicken Dinner for the Needy	\$15		
Donation to Support Parish Capital Improvements			
			Total Due

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Ordering & Payment Options:**

- Cash or Check - Make Checks Payable to "Cathedral Parish"  
Please include Order Form with your Payment. Place in Collection Basket, Mail or Drop Off to: Cathedral Rectory, Attn: BBQ Chicken Order, 1825 West Turner St, Allentown, PA 18104

- Ordering On-Line with Credit Card Payment  
<https://cathedral-council-14397.square.site/>

If you have questions, call Joe at 610-442-9076

**Orders must be received by Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

