

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter



Mass Intentions

Saturday May. 2 - 5:00pm

† Michael Trinh Dao

Sunday May. 3 - 9:00am

◇ Mass for the People

Monday May. 4 - 8:30am

† James Rodek Jr.

Tuesday May. 5 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Friday May. 8 - 8:30am

† Kimberly Menoch

Saturday May. 9 - 5:00pm

† Helen Dudlek

Sunday May. 10 - 9:00am

† Amy Olson

From the Pastor

Last weekend we had a wonderful turnout for our annual yard sale at the parish hall. Many thanks to all who worked so hard at this event.

Our Second Collection next week will be for Birthright of Delaware. Help support our local Pro-Life Ministry. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Dave

DELAWARE CITY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MAY 9TH
DELAWARE CITY
COMMUNITY CENTER
250 5TH STREET

- Opening Ceremony at 12:30pm
- Historical Trolley Tour
- Historical Displays & Games
- Live Music 1pm to Dusk
- Hay Wagon Rides

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the day!

JOYFUL EVER AFTER
GET THE MARRIAGE YOU WANT
ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT
JUNE 27, 2026 | 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Early Bird pricing: \$20 per couple (before May 16th)
\$30 per couple (May 16th – June 6th)
A lunch and a light breakfast is included with each registration.
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DE
To Register visit:
<http://ihm.org//2026-marriage-retreat>
Hosted by Melanie and Damon Owens

Dear Padre May 3, 2026

I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

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