

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 MAY 2018

Readings for Sunday, May 13: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20-c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.

As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost." Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

Readings for Sunday, May 20: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
14 May MON. 9:00 AM	Stanley & Philomena Weil	Patti & Bruce Pollock
16 May WED. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
17 May THU. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
18 May FRI. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
19 May SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
20 May SUN. 9:00 AM	Mamie Swavely-Johnson	Jack, Lori & families



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially PEARL DORI.

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.

PREP NEWS

Final PREP class for this year will be Sunday, May 20 - Feast of Pentecost. **THANK YOU** to our wonderful catechists and aides, students and parents who helped make this year in our new building such a wonderful experience. Registration for 2018-2019 will begin in August.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester
 Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Terry Donnelly, John Bracaglia
 Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly
 Greeters - Marie Hildebrand and Ginger Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Jack Bucciaglia
 Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Kathy Bernhard
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
 Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

MANNA FOOD DRIVE - MAY 19 AND 20. Manna Bags are available at all Masses this weekend, May 12 and 13. Kindly return your filled Manna bags on May 19 and 20. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Food collected will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown for those in need in our area. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Mother's Day

I was reading an article recently. A mother and father who had been married to one another for 45 years were living in California. They had put their children through college and had supported them in every way. Their son lived in New York City and their daughter lived in Chicago. Unfortunately, they rarely called let alone visited their parents. The Dad went to drastic measures because it was the day before Mother's Day and he called his son and told him that he had bad news for him. He proceeded to tell his son that the parents were getting a divorce. The son went ballistic and called his sister and they both decided to fly to California to be with their parents and try to straighten them out. The Dad came into the living room and said: "Honey, the kids will be home for Mother's Day and guess what, they are paying their own way." It's a shame that was the only way he could get his children to celebrate Mother's Day. A visit, a call, flowers, dinners are things that should happen on a regular basis and not be confined to the 2nd Sunday in May of each year.

Last year, I put the following in the bulletin for Mother's Day and it is worth repeating. I am sure every Mom who will be reading this will remember the day each of us were born and the great joy she experienced when we were welcomed into the world.

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you and you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking their life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, Mommy."

On this special day, all of us sons and daughters wish you the happiest Mother's Day and we thank you for the gift of life that you have given to us. We deeply appreciate all you do for us, for worrying about us, for always being there for us, and especially for loving us. For our Mothers who are in heaven, we pray for you daily and we know that you watch over us even now as we live our lives here on earth. We know that one day you will be there to welcome us home to our eternal home.

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, we are also having our Annual May Procession at the end of Mass on Sunday. I would also like to congratulate our First Communion Class on their special day as they receive Jesus for the first time and pray that they will always stay close to Him. To: All Moms - enjoy your special day!

Have a good week and be good to your Mother every day!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 6, 2018.....	\$4,621
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,491
Parish Giving -	\$130
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$379)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$225,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$202,114
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,491
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$22,886)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$509)

MAY 7, 2017

Deposit.....	\$3,907
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$25,493)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,607

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 5/6:

7:30 PM Mass - 175
9:00 AM Mass - 181
Total Attendance - 356
Mass Attendance for May 6/7, 2017 - 400

“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”. For further information, please call the parish office.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

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BASKET RAFFLE - Chances for a “Spring Time Fun” Basket are on sale until May 13 after the weekend Masses and at the parish office. Chances are \$5.00 each. Basket includes a \$120 Gift Certificate for the Colebrookdale Railroad, \$100 in cash, \$50 in instant Lottery tickets and a spring/summer floral arrangement. Drawing will be held on Monday, May 14.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:
MAVRIK LAXTON from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia;
MARY E. DIAMOND from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia;
PEARL DORI from the Bucciaglia Family.



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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 30 - #169 - unsold
APRIL FIGURES: 337 tickets sold - \$1,685.00. Payout to winners - \$550.00. Printing of tickets - \$100.00. April Profit - \$1,035.00. Thank you for your support!
May 1 - #711 - Renee Lloyd - \$50.00
May 2 - #319 - unsold
May 3 - #165 - Betty Skokowski - \$50.00
May 4 - #438 - Mary Klink - \$50.00
May 5 - #721 - Diane Sowell - \$50.00
May 6 - #927 - unsold

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

APRIL DRAWING - Stefania Karpinski - \$265.00.



Our parish received notification of the performance of our high school students attending Pope John Paul II High School on the Third Quarter Report. We are proud of MADISON MC NAMARA who achieved First Honors.

We are collecting cards for Sister Carolyn as she will celebrate her 70th Jubilee on June 30. You can place cards for her in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. THANK YOU!

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 special Marian devotions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL IN-PEW WEEKEND - MAY

12 AND 13. As we celebrate In-Pew Weekend for the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, consider how you can help those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. The Catholic Charities Appeal is now in its 60th year, and the overall goal of \$12.5 million is vital to the efforts of the human service programs in the five-county Philadelphia area. Contributing to our parish's individual goal allows you to be an active part of the success of this year's Appeal. Thank you to those who have given and we ask those who have not yet given to reflect on those individuals who are the most hungry, ill, and vulnerable among us, and prayerfully consider how you can help by supporting the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews. Please place completed cards in the collection basket.



BEEF & BEER FUND RAISER to support West End Fire Company Firefighters on Saturday, May 19 at West End Fire Company's Nicholas J. Lenhardt Hall from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Must be 21 years old or older to attend. \$25.00 admission includes: Food, Beer, Soda, Ice Tea, Water, Door Prizes. 50/50 and Basket Raffle tickets will be sold.

2ND ANNUAL ST. COLUMBKILL GOLF OUTING on June 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Price includes an event-opening lunch followed by a 1:00 PM shotgun start, 4-man scramble format. Beer and refreshments will be served throughout the day. A delicious steak dinner with refreshments. Great skills and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$100 or, if not playing golf, lunch and dinner for just \$35. For more information contact Mike Pishock at mikep@stcolumbkill.org or www.stcolumbkill.org.

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. May Activities: Tuesday, May 15 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville - Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM; Saturday, May 19 - Hike at Valley Forge Park (start at Wayne's Woods Picnic Area) at 3:00 PM; Tuesday, May 22 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM. For more information contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit the Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults.

FREE ONE HOUR WEBINAR - "Parents, Kids and Porn: The Conversation." Dates May 15 at Noon EDT and May 22 at 8:00 PM EDT. "The Conversation" will address how to initiate age-appropriate discussion free of fear and shame, how to approach technology, social media and pornography, and ultimately how to create an atmosphere of openness and honesty in your home where you are the go-to person for your kids. Presenters: Jasper Hall, Jr. and Dan Martin. Register at bit.ly/ParentsKidsandPorn.

LECTURE SERIES - Cardinal Foley Symposium: Celebrating the World Day of Social Communications on May 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. For more information visit www.scs.edu/Lectures.

CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA presents Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale on May 23 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Visit www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org for tickets.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES - Monday, June 25 at Citizens Bank Park at 7:05 PM. Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees. Seating is available in the following areas: Outfield (101-107) - \$43/ticket; Pavilion (201-205) - \$34/ticket; Pavilion Deck (301-305) - \$23/ticket. To purchase tickets visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight. A portion of all tickets sold will directly support the Catholic Charities Appeal.

24 HOUR RETREAT FOR MEN on June 8 and 9 at Malvern Retreat House. Fr. Larry Richards, international author, evangelist, TV and radio host will direct the retreat entitled *Be A Man*. Men of all ages are invited to attend this dynamic, life-changing retreat. Register at 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com.

QUO VADIS DAYS - June 25-28 at Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville. This 4-day, 3-night camp is for high school men and includes daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, outdoor activities, a ropes course, powerful prayer and great talks. For more details visit www.HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis. Registration deadline is June 4.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEIO VOCATION CAMP (B.B.V.C.) - July 13 for boys in Grades 6-8 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Day includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer & Mass, lunch and dinner. For more details visit www.HeedTheCall.org/events/BBVC. Deadline for registration is June 30.