

PENTECOST SUNDAY

20 MAY 2018

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.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who “renews the face of the earth,” was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness of sins.

Readings for Sunday, May 27: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20.

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>
21 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Annette & Garrante Ferrante	Jeannine Ferrante
23 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Sr. Bernadette Ann, OSF	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
24 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Florence Fontana	Karen Horner
25 May	FRI. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Giampietro	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
26 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
27 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Marie Dellaquila	Husband & family



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



Flowers on the Main Altar are in HONOR OF ST. RITA requested by Cynthia Nore & Rita Templin.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar during the month of May are in HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER requested by St. Gabriel Women’s Society.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, May 21 at 7:15 PM in the Rectory.

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Communicants - James, Morgan, McKenna and Lorelei! Thank you to our 2nd grade catechist Debbie Huster, the Women’s Society for retreat lunch and gifts, the Rosary Society for the rosaries, and Mr. “Doc” Dougherty for taking pictures of this special day. For their service project, the children planted flowers and bulbs at the Marian Shrine in honor of the Blessed Mother.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Tony Vitacco
 Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Shelly Stockmal, John Nester
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes
 Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D’Emilio
 Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Rita Templin
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
 Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY - *Pentecost Sunday*

John's Gospel (21:15-19) ranks way up there as one of the most affectionate and caring gospels that we know. I can just picture in my mind the apostles being out on the Sea of Galilee all evening doing their work as fishermen and catching nothing. It must have been very frustrating for them to come back to the shore with nothing to show for their labor all during the night. Can't you just picture Jesus watching them come in? I'm sure that He had been there seeing them in their anguish as they were trying to catch the fish all throughout the night. He greeted them as little children which is in this case a term of affection toward one who is treasured in the way a parent treasures a child. He then asked them the normal question people tend to ask fishermen: "Did you have any luck?" Then He filled their nets with fish.

When they finally reached the shore, Jesus had breakfast with them. This was not just a thoughtful gesture; it expressed the real reason why He came to us – in order to feed us. The miracle recalls an earlier miracle, the miracle of the loaves and the fishes which took place beside the same lake, a miracle with a definite connection to the Eucharist. On that earlier occasion when Jesus fed the people miraculously, He made clear to them that He did not come just to deliver free meals for people but to be our food for everlasting life. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever," He told us in John 6:51.

The gospel moves on to Jesus' conversation with Peter, a conversation that lovingly gives Peter the opportunity to undo the three times he denied Jesus after Jesus' arrest. The conversation starts with conversion and ends with intimacy. It is the same concept that Jesus asks of you and me. First Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" You might recall that at the Last Supper, after Jesus predicted that everyone would desert Him, Peter boasted "though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be" (Mt 26:33). Peter is more humble now as he answers Jesus: "You know that I love you." It is interesting the words Jesus and Peter use for love. In the Greek (the original version of the gospel), Jesus asks the first two times with *agape* love, the highest form of love, love that expresses total unselfish love. Peter answers with *philia* love (a friendship, affectionate kind of love, but not the unselfish dedication of *agape* love).

Finally the third time Jesus asks Peter if he loves him as a friend (*Philia*), as if to say, "I'll accept whatever love you have to offer, Peter." You might recall that earlier in John's gospel, Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd. Notice in this gospel, Jesus transferred to Peter Jesus' own office as the Good Shepherd. After each time Jesus questioned Peter and Peter answered, Jesus said, "Feed my lambs and feed my sheep."

Peter's service to Christ's flock must be a loving gift of oneself as all service to God's people should be. Although Peter was distressed that Jesus questioned him for the third time, I am sure Peter felt totally assured of Jesus' forgiveness after this interchange. Peter did serve Jesus and Jesus' flock with *agape* (totally unselfish love) for he gave his life for Christ and His Church. At this point, Peter comes to an understanding of what Jesus did for all of them at the Last Supper when He washed their feet. Leadership is always about service. It is never about control.

This is the beauty of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. He is the new Peter and he is showing us and the world what it means to be a servant of the servants of God. Service is going out and washing the feet of the other. Each one of us is to do the same. Can't you just hear the Lord asking us the same question, "Do you love me?" How we answer needs a deep reflection on this Easter reading from St. John's gospel.

I would like to suggest that each of you get involved in the service of the parish. As the gospel teaches us, we are called to wash one another's feet and what better way is there than to get involved in parish activities. Remember we are each called by virtue of our Baptism to become fishers of men and women and not just keepers of the aquarium.

Today, as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, may the Spirit continue to fill our hearts as we journey from friendship to intimacy with the Lord. May the fires of Pentecost make us bold defenders of the faith as we spread His message to our families, our neighborhoods and ultimately, the world.

This weekend we are also filled with joy at the Ordination of new priests for our Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I pray that they will always be good priests and will continue to be men of prayer at the service of the men and women they are called to serve.

Please join with me and my classmates who are celebrating their 39th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on May 19, 2018. We were ordained in 1979.

May we now continue to praise Christ's victory over sin and death and may we love Christ and one another with a love that expresses unselfish devotion as we wash one another's feet in a life of ministry and service.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 13, 2018.	\$5,634
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,453
Parish Giving -	\$100
Parish Property & Maintenance -	\$1,138
Ascension Collection -	\$943
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$634
Year to Date Budget.....	\$230,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$207,748
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,516
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$22,252)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$484)
 <i>MAY 14, 2017</i>	
Deposit.	\$4,577
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.	(\$25,916)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,664



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

- May 7 - #586 - unsold
- May 8 - #333 - Fr. Gregory J. Hickey - \$50.00
- May 9 - #657 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
- May 10 - #419 - unsold
- May 11 - #416 - Michael Hipszer - \$50.00
- May 12 - #095 - unsold
- May 13 - #761 - Connie Yanos - \$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 12/13:

- 7:30 PM Mass - 213
- 9:00 AM Mass - 228
- Total Attendance - 441
- Mass Attendance for May 13/14, 2017 - 409

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

DC FUNDING
215-586-1575 or 267-251-0341

BASKET RAFFLE - Winner of the Spring Time Basket - #3117734 - Pam Pasko. Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser - a profit of \$820.00 was made.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:

- PEARL DORI from Bob & Vivie Fitch, Kathryn Axsmith, Tatsy Fulmer;
- HARRY CALANDRA from Elsie Norton;
- FRANCESCO FERRARO from Helen Chieffo, Bob & Vivie Fitch.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the parish office.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for a one year subscription is \$34.95. Subscription begins with the September 2018 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is June 22. Payment is due when you place your subscription.

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.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year for students beginning at 3 years old in PreK3 program thru 8th grade. Schedule a guided tour by calling the main office (610-326-6167). For more information visit www.saintaloyssiusschool.com. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

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.

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. The Emmy-winning and Grammy-nominated ensemble closes the season with a celebration of spirituality and Americana. For tickets visit www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org.

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. Plan a night out with family and friends and head down to Citizens Bank Park for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies! 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 BORROMEVO 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.

FREE ONE HOUR WEBINAR - "Parents, Kids and Porn: The Conversation." 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.

SPIRITUAL HEALING RETREAT "From Defiance to Reliance: Navigating Your Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions" sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way on June 22-23. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family or spouse. It is an ecumenical retreat. Register online at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400. For more information contact Mark Christmyer (mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.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. 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 www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults.

GIFT OF DAYS: SPIRITUALITY AND AGING RETREAT on June 5-7 at the Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat is intended for those 55+ to explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for spiritual fulfillment and development. Cost is \$130 - includes program, lodging and meals. Call 609-884-3829 for more details.