

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

30 APRIL 2023

Readings for Sunday, April 30: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10.

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen to his voice and follow him.

Readings for Sunday, May 7: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
1 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Marcella Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
2 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Louise Schwenk	Chris, Christopher, Joshua & Laura
3 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Special Intention	
4 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Phillip Maddaloni	Daughter & family
6 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
7 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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 Altar are in memory of THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY requested by St. Gabriel Women's Society.

CANDLES at the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY requested by St. Gabriel Women's Society.



The Women's Society is selling chances for a **Mother's Day Basket** after Masses until Mother's Day, May 14 when the winner will be drawn. Approximate value of the basket is \$200.00. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.



AGAPE SERVICE on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 PM in Church. All women of the Parish are invited to an Agape Service with Deacon Ray in conjunction with the combined Women's Societies of St. Gabriel and St. Aloysius. It is a service of prayer, love, friendship,

a sharing of bread and wine and song. Light refreshments to follow in the Social Hall.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, May 5.

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 23, 2023. \$3,734
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$193,289
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$185,098

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. **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 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 17 - #500 - unsold
 April 18 - #548 - Ron Bernhard - \$50.00
 April 19 - #452 - Jerry Long - \$50.00
 April 20 - #982 - unsold
 April 21 - #218 - unsold
 April 22 - #267 - unsold
 April 23 - #827 - Eric Arendt - \$100.00

The Corner

Today is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Join us in praying this prayer:

"O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth; send we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness so that Your word may spread and be glorified and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen."

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 22/23:

8:00 PM Mass - 106
 9:00 AM Mass - 146
 Total Attendance - 252



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on May 1 and 15 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 6 & 7

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Buccigaglia & Carr

Altar Server - Griffin

Greeter -Hildebrand

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Church in the United States needs to be strengthened through the pure love of Christ and the promise that His resurrection holds for everyone. While that goal is simple, there are obstacles to evangelization in many places due to a lack of resources.

Soon, our local Church will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This annual collection is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and supports dioceses throughout the country where financial hardship and poverty are severe. Funding from this appeal provides for faith formation programs in communities where our brothers and sisters are struggling.

Home mission dioceses are found in every section of the United States and its territories. Often, their Catholic populations are a minority and spread over large areas with very few priests to serve them. The situation in the Diocese of Owensboro, located in Western Kentucky, represents many others. There, Catholics make up only 6% of the population in a rural region spanning 12,500 square miles. In an effort to serve the faithful, priests are assigned to multiple parishes at the same time that are over 25 miles apart. Owensboro also has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with unique liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral needs.

Your continued support to CHMA will make a tremendous difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need here in the United States. I am grateful for your consideration and your generosity. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers and join me in praying for all those working to spread the Good News. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez

This collection will be taken up on May 6 and 7.

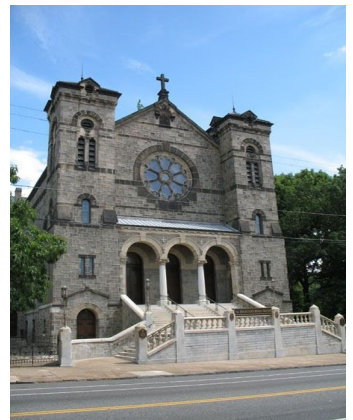


O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee! These are simple words. These are life changing



words. With these words, we recognize, name and honor the Mother of the Redeemer of Mankind and be so doing, inherently recognize and honor the Redeemer Himself, Who will then cast His gaze ever more lovingly upon us. For what man would not hold in greater esteem another who freely gives honor to that man's own mother? This particular "greater esteem" certainly has its effect, because although Mary is indeed the Lord's Mother, through Him, she has become our Mother also. With these words, we recognize and affirm our sure belief that this same Mother is by the Power of God miraculously ever virgin and without the stain or tarnish of the original corruption of the Sin of Adam. She is therefore that Perfect Vessel of God's infinite and abundant grace. Who then better to turn towards in prayerful intercession save the One Mediator between God and Man, Whom Sacred Scripture

informs us can never deny His own Mother's request? With these words, we finally recognize and admit our dire need for such intercession, because of our own taint, corruption, and failings; because of our own sinfulness. I have known these words since my youth, but I still very much need them imperfect as I am. The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is located close to my old neighborhood as a kid. I would go there frequently especially in my time of priestly discernment. It is a prayerful place and a beautiful place. The Shrine in the Germantown section of Philadelphia was honored recently at the beginning of this year by being designated as a Minor Basilica by our Holy Father. Known as "The Miraculous Medal Shrine," it is where the Vincentian Community continues to promote devotion to Mary Immaculate. It would be good for our parish to make a pilgrimage there at some point. In the meantime, we have a shrine to which we can make pilgrimage right outside our door. Our Grotto with its recently seated gazebo is a prayer space holding an image of Mary Immaculate – also known to us as The Sorrowful Mother and for



whom our parish patron, Saint Gabriel, was named. As we begin the month of May in which we honor the Blessed Mother in a special way, I am happy to announce the introduction to our parish of the on-going Novena to Mary Immaculate which will take place Mondays right after the 9am Mass beginning May 1st. I ask that you please join with me now in promoting, honoring, and recognizing anew Mary Immaculate as we look lovingly upon her image and embrace her Miraculous Medal crying out together:



O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson