

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

11 JUNE 2023

Readings for Sunday, June 11: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not his body? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so too do we feed on the best of wheat, the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

Readings for Sunday, June 18: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8.



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>
12 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Edward Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
13 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Simon J. Nagel	Nagel Family
14 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - St. Gabriel Class of 1964	Tony Vitacco
15 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - St. Pius X Class of 1968	Tony Vitacco
17 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Fathers	



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.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, June 15 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.



THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian Devotions.



FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, TUESDAY, JUNE 13: In some Franciscan Churches and other parishes, on the Feast Day of St. Anthony, the custom of blessing of bread takes place. On June 13, bread will be blessed after Mass and distributed to the faithful with a Prayer Card.

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DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 4, 2023..... \$4,636
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$219,630
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$208,505

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 3/4:

4:00 PM Mass - 97
 9:00 AM Mass - 98
 Total Attendance - 195



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

May 29 - #843 - unsold
 May 30 - #519 - Maria DiMarco - \$50.00
 May 31 - #146 - unsold
 MAY FIGURES: 228 Tickets sold - \$1140.00. Payout to winners - \$200.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for May - \$840.00.
 June 1 - #402 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
 June 2 - #046 - unsold
 June 3 - #340 - unsold
 June 4 - #975 - unsold



PARISH YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
June 11, 2023 - July 17, 2024



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Peter's Pence Collection helps Pope Francis provide relief for victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster around the world and supports the various activities of the Holy See.

In August 2021, a powerful earthquake devastated the small island nation of Haiti. More than 2,000 people were killed, 12,000 were injured, and 300 were missing. Then widespread damage to houses and other structures was worsened by a tropical storm that hit the island shortly afterward. The needs were varied and urgent. Pope Francis donated €200,000 through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Those funds supported immediate emergency relief efforts to those most in need.

The Holy Father's response to Haiti is just one example of how the Peter's Pence Collection impacts the lives of those struggling to survive. To learn more about how this collection supports the Holy Father's ministry and his works of mercy, visit <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence>.

Please consider supporting this year's Peter's Pence Collection as an act of mercy and charity. Let's join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe and help Pope Francis to carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Corner

The Shortest Way

"Holy Communion is the shortest, and surest way to Heaven. There are others, innocence for instance, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; a generous endurance of the trials of life, but when they approach us we weep and pray to be delivered. Once for all, beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Holy Eucharist."

— Pope Saint Pius X

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 17/18

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & Bernhard

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



American
Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 19 and July 7 & 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bally Council & Valley Forge Chapter on Friday, August 11 - rain or shine at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18 hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet at approximately 2:00 PM. Tournament includes: Door Prizes, 18 holes of golf, breakfast (Clubhouse) 7:15 AM-8:45 AM, Barbecue and Hot Dog Lunch with Prime Rib Banquet Dinner, Beer and water throughout the day, Team prizes and Skill competition prizes. Donation: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet only - \$40.00. This event supports Knights of Columbus Charities and Pro-Life Activities. Payment and Registration due by August 5. 100% PREPAID event. To register contact Gary Huster (thebighue@aol.com or 610-972-0356).

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY, the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is calling on you to help with *Building Our Future*. As the seminary's relocation to Lower Gwynedd Township is fully underway, plans include renovating existing buildings and constructing new buildings. This new location will guarantee and secure our commitment to forming new priests with an exceptional educational experience. Establishing an endowment is also vital so the seminary will lessen its dependence on annual giving and ensure the long-term sustainability of the mission. This endeavor needs to raise \$40 million for the future of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please join in supporting the *Building Our Future Comprehensive Campaign*. Visit www.scs.edu/campaign to learn more.



DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHIP - GROW IN MISSION

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. It will be a year of journeying with the Archbishop into deeper missionary discipleship from February 2023 to February 2024. To subscribe visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL on Saturday, June 17 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. Visit www.stmaryprov.org for more information.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE & BABY SHOWER COLLECTION on Saturday, June 24. 8:30 AM - Baby Shower collection in Cathedral parking lot; 9:00 AM - Mass at the Cathedral; 10:30 AM - March for Life; 11:30 AM - Rally at Independence Hall. Baby items will be collected before the March for Life in the Cathedral parking lot, and Catholic Social Services will hold the largest Baby Shower on September 9. Donations needed include diapers, wipes, new strollers, new clothing and all the things a new mom and baby need. For more information visit www.ProLifeUnion.org.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests: worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Recently, I visited a parish where I had been assigned in the past. I happened to be in the neighborhood that day. It was good to see familiar staff and catch-up on some news. It was good to reminisce for just a bit. I



visited with my former pastor there as well. He invited me to stay for dinner, which I did. This was certainly the unexpected highlight of my brief visit. Around the table sat six clerics. That, in itself, stands out as unique in a time when so many ordained dine alone. Seated next to yours truly was the seasoned, wise, young-at-heart, octogenarian pastor of many years whose birthday it was besides. This was, in fact, the very reason that I simply *had* to stop-by that day. On the other side of the table, there was the freshly ordained transitional

deacon who had just arrived that very day to his new assignment. It was all new to him and that fact shone in a face still aglow from ordination. On the end, there was the priest preparing to pack-up and move to a new assignment of his own. He would soon have a new parish with new families to meet and new faces with which to become familiar. Also at table were two other priests - one more recently ordained and a bit younger, the other just a tad older with a few



more years of experience under his belt. The conversation and banter around the table were great fun. We shared stories old and new which touched upon the foibles, quirks, idiosyncrasies, and uniqueness of each one of us. You see, priests are all characters in a great story of salvation. Our fraternity, fellowship, and friendship grew that evening. It was a time electric, energizing, and life-giving. The smiles and laughter made that abundantly clear. It is something that

every priest knows about and has experienced. It happens at times with familiar brother diocesan priests, but can also happen with brother priests from anywhere in the world. Such is the nature and bond of Priesthood. It is rooted in every priest's heart, because the priest's heart is encompassed and lay within that Most Sacred Heart of the High Priest, Who joins us every day at table in the Ultimate Bond of Priestly Fraternity and Affection. During this Month of the Most Sacred Heart, pray that all the ordained, despite foibles, quirks, and idiosyncrasies, as well as the unique individuals that they serve might have hearts centered in and enveloped by that same Most Sacred Heart! *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!*



Peace!

Fr. Wilson



Corpus Christi

I am the living bread
that came down from
heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread
will live forever.
John 6:51