

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## 12 JUNE 2022

**Readings for Sunday, June 12:** Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our triune God in all the earth.

**Readings for Sunday, June 19:** Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17.



**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>
13 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Margaret Cappiello	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
14 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Agnes & Edward Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
15 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - St. Pius X HS Class of 1968	Tony Vitacco
16 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Lawrence Vitacco	Jack & Margie Buccigaglia and family
18 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
19 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living & 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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday, June 16 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.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all ages.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our parishioners who are graduating High School this year - Domenic, Kaitlyn, Sam, Anthony, Daniel and Brooklin.

We are so proud of you and wait to see what plans God has for your future!



**SAVE THE DATE!** Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 PM - Reading Phillies celebrate Your Faith Night with Fireworks following the game. Contact Maria Boyer, DRE, to purchase tickets (610-506-2455 or [mboyer@sgsm62.org](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)).



He wasn't Bjorn Borg. He just thought that he was. When I was a kid in grade school, my older cousin that lived with us after her mother passed away, my buddy, Joey, that lived next door, and I used to go a couple of blocks to play tennis at Sturgis playground. We participated in the National Junior Tennis League. It was at the height of the Borg tennis era and Bjorn was *the man*. Kevin wasn't. He was just a sophomore boy and he was dating my cousin. Doing his best to imitate the tennis phenom, Kevin dressed the part well. With his bright white collared sport shirt, name brand tennis shoes, and his *Donnay Bjorn Borg* racket, he looked like he just got off the plane from Stockholm. The super white, super tight, and super short shorts were maybe just a bit over the top. What was really over the top for me, were his hands. Though Kevin could, in fact, handle a racket rather well, it was how those same hands handled my cousin that I didn't like. *Keep your hands on the racket Kevin and your eyes on the court*, I thought. One day, I had simply had enough. My cousin and "hands" from Sweden returned from an afternoon of "practice" at the playground. I can only



imagine the "workout" and Bjorn saying, "Here, let me show you how to **properly** hold the racket!" The two of them began to hang out on the front steps of our house after my cousin retrieved a cold drink for her ever so "thirsty" fair skinned pseudo Nordic friend. They were both giggling. That same afternoon, I was not on the tennis court, but in the driveway next to our house playing some Wiffle ball with Joey and the rest of the neighborhood guys. It was my turn at bat and the bat that I held in my non-Nordic, very Philadelphian hands was rather unique. It wasn't the ordinary round plastic bat, but a flat bat made of plastic. It was supposed to look like an old wooden plank. As I waited for the pitch, it was then that a spirit entered into me. Whether it was something demonic or the heavenly realm, I know not to this day. It was the very bright and blinding sunlight that shone off the tuckus enclosed in those ever so tight white



shorts of Bjorn that suddenly caught my attention. The pitch was on its way, but I stepped out of the way and swung hard in the other direction. It was the thwack heard around the world. It echoed off the side of the house; a home run for sure and one for the record books. The chase began. I have *never* run so fast in my life and, believe me, I was never any kind of *Speedy Gonzales*. Down the driveway, circling around a couple of parked cars, hopping a hedge, back to the front of the house, and then up the steps to the front door! Bjorn was stumbling and started to grab a hold of my foot, but to no avail! I made it through the front

door, slammed it closed, and locked it for good measure. My heart was pounding. My father had just gotten home from work. He wanted to know what was going on and why all the yelling outside. I told him about Bjorn and his "racket" with my cousin. I guess that I really should have gotten into trouble, but my father simply said, "Well, you shouldn't be hitting people especially with a bat." Then he started heading to the kitchen and said, "I'm getting some ice cream. Do you want some?" *Sure, Dad! Thanks!* My cousin really never said anything to me about it except that Kevin was very angry. She was also amazed at how fast I had run. It wasn't too long after that that old Bjorn went back to Sweden anyway taking his hands with him and leaving my cousin alone. She knew that I would always have her back. It's the same way that God has our backs – that Trinitarian Life of God flowing in us, through us, and all around us; lightning fast and pulsating like a pounding heartbeat; drawing us ever more deeply into Itself at times with a resounding thwack. In the end, the ice cream's great as God calls out: Game, Set, and Match!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Collections

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**DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 5, 2022..... \$4,057**  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. .... \$208,505  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. .... \$213,740

June 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The annual Peter's Pence Collection provides essential support for the Holy See's relief efforts around the world activities and helps Pope Francis assist victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster.

For example, the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) share the Gospel and minister to the temporal needs of people in places that the Church designates as mission lands. The individuals in these countries lack access to basic resources and face levels of poverty we cannot imagine. When the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the world, the Holy Father established an emergency fund at PMS to address needs in areas of Latin America, Africa, and Asia where the pandemic posed a grave humanitarian crisis.

Your contribution to Peter's Pence helps fund numerous initiatives like the one outlined above in addition to many other worthy projects that build up the Church and lift up those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit <https://www.obolodisanpierto.va/en.html>.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis 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.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

**+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.**

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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## The Corner

Here's a new way to think of the Most Holy Trinity.

We always think of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Just for today, let's think about the Blessed Trinity as God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sanctifier.

George E. Schulhoff, "Listening to the Holy Spirit"

## MASS ATTENDANCE for June 4/5:

4:00 PM Mass - 76

9:00 AM Mass - 106

Total Attendance - 182



## 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 fundraiser 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 30 - #872 - unsold

May 31 - #806 - unsold

MAY FIGURES: 237 tickets sold - \$1185.00. Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for May - \$735.00.

June 1 - #017 - unsold

June 2 - #231 - unsold

June 3 - #783 - unsold

June 4 - #474 - unsold

June 5 - #395 - unsold



**American Red Cross**

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on Monday, June 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

Call the Parish Office for more details.

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.

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 11/12**

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Iannozzi

Greeter - Neiman

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 18/19**

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,  
 Vitacco & Tammaro; Choir, Tammaro

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand



Join us for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies on Thursday, June 30 at 6:05 PM at Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia. Watch the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves. Plan a night out with family and friends. Seating available in the following areas: Outfield (sections 101-107) at \$38 per ticket; Pavilion (sections 201-205) at \$30 per ticket; Pavilion Deck (sections 301-310) at \$20 per ticket. A portion of all tickets sold will go to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Go to [www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic.charities.com](http://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic.charities.com) to purchase tickets. If 500 tickets are sold Luis from Our Lady of Confidence School will throw out the first pitch of the game and Pope John Paul II High School Choir will sing the National Anthem!



**GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter & Fr. Bally Council on Friday, August 12 (rain or shine) at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18-hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and Awards presentation will begin 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, Prime Rib Banquet Dinner, Beer and water throughout the day, Team Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as Skill Competition Prizes. Cost: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet Only - \$40.00. Event goes to support Knights of Columbus Charities and Pro-Life Activities (Birthright, Baby's Breath & Amnion). Payment and registration due by August 5 - 100% Prepaid event. For more details contact Mark Nunan (610-754-7185 or [marknunan6614@gmail.com](mailto:marknunan6614@gmail.com)), Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)), Michael Gmitter (267-625-3377 or [michaelgmitter@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgmitter@gmail.com)) or Joe Barrese (610-232-4171 or [joebarrese@hotmail.com](mailto:joebarrese@hotmail.com)).

**HEARTBEAT RETREAT** with Fr. Jojappa Adagatla, M.S.C. on Friday, June 24 from 9:30 AM to 3:15 PM at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. There is no cost to attend this retreat, however, it is a ticketed event. Please register at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org). For more details contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia Opening Celebration of the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL** on Sunday, June 19. Solemn Mass at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia followed by Eucharistic Procession to St. Patrick Church. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick Church at 2:00 PM. For more information on the Eucharistic Revival visit [www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org](http://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org).

**QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP** - High school men, join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia Seminarians for the annual Quo Vadis Days Camp on June 27-30. Fellowship, Hiking, Daily Mass, Talks, Outdoor Activities and more. For more information and to register visit [www.heedthecall.org/events/quo-vadis](http://www.heedthecall.org/events/quo-vadis).