## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) **19 JUNE 2022**

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

Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance, as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet.

Readings for Sunday, June 26: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62.



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 Eucharistic Adoration PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



Date			Intention	Requested By
20 June	MON.	9:00 AM	Debbie Fick	Her Mom
21 June	TUE.	9:00 AM	Doug Lenard	Ron & Carol Fry
22 June	WED.	9:00 AM	Beatrice Galloway	Nagel Family
23 June	THU.	9:00 AM	Lawrence Vitacco	Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer
25 June	SAT.	4:00 PM	Benjamin & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
26 June	SUN.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



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 23 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.



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).

MAGNIFICAT - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JULY issue at the Parish Office.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for one year is \$36.00. Subscription begins with November 2022 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the parish office. Deadline is July 31. 085 St. Gabriel, page 1



He was my biggest supporter – though not at first exactly. He had some doubts, first of all, because I had some doubts

myself about the whole undertaking. The other thing is that my father was not Catholic – though I would say that he was more Catholic than not when it came to his experience of church. When I entered the seminary, my mother was already giving me prayerful support from the "other side" while my father was yet supporting me in this life. In fact, I still lived at home. I believe his non-Catholic notion of a seminary must have been something akin to a caricature of a Carthusian monastery. One would be walled-in and wailing all day in prayer while wearing sandals and a monk's robe in a cold, cavernous compound. What fun



is that? Not sure why anyone would possibly choose to do that (the *Chartreuse* perhaps?), nonetheless he gave me his blessing. *I just want you to be happy. Give it a try if your want. If you don't like it – remember, you always have your room here.* The day that I moved into the seminary already made a good impression upon my father. The other guys



there were friendly. Imagine that! *Hi! Welcome! Let me help you with your things!* Using the elevator in the faculty wing was necessary, since my father couldn't handle all the stairs. We had company on the ride up. Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Foley most graciously welcomed me to the seminary and then he most sincerely thanked my father for being a father and encouraging his son to now continue the work of Our Lord in His Church. My father was impressed. A high ranking archbishop who worked in Rome on a Pontifical Council spoke with him and thanked him while riding in an elevator. Again, imagine that! As the semester and studies began, things were busy. They were really busy. I found a little time to call home and check-in. I spoke with my father on one of the house phones. Cell phones weren't a thing yet.

My father was going on a bit about some event that had been in the news. In our conversation he started to realize that I had no ides what he was talking about. *It's been all over the news! What do you mean you don't know about it?* I then had to confess that I hadn't watched any news or read a newspaper of late. Further, I hadn't been outside the seminary building in over a week. I wasn't aware of the heavy rain that week either. I was busy, busy, busy. It was as if I was in some exaggerated walled monastery of my own making. He couldn't believe it. He was beside himself. He than offered some of the best fatherly advice. *You know what? You're too busy! You need to take a break; you need to get outside! You need to know what the weather's like and what's going on in the world! Otherwise, what you're studying in there isn't going to mean a whole lot to anyone out here!* After that conversation, I did glance at the newspaper. Then, I went outside for a bit. The sunshine felt especially good as I began to fill my paternal prescription. My father was happy to know that I had made friends and he enjoyed their occasional visit to our home. He saw that overall I was more content and at peace as well; a good sign indeed for both me and him. It was an event in my second year in the seminary that definitively eliminated any lingering doubts that my father may have harbored in regard to my theological adventures at Mother Overbrook. My second year studies actually took place not in the city, but a the foot of Blue Mountain well outside the metro area. It was at a former Vincentian seminary there that my classmates and I engaged in our year of

spiritual formation. A group of men studying for the Archdiocese of New York joined us for the year. What a mix! When they were required to be present for the papal visit to New York that fall, we had the privilege of going with them. Papal vespers took place in their seminary chapel at Dunwoodie. After meeting the future saint and following his departure, everybody ran to a bank of pay phones. *Hello, Dad? Guess what? I just met the Pope and shook his hand! Dad? Dad? Hello?* A son that met the pope...imagine that! I heard the man on the other end momentarily unable to speak. He cleared his throat and his nose. I know that he was wiping his eyes as well. *I'm so proud of you,* he whispered. Any further doubts now evaporated with some drying



tears on the cheek. His support would now be complete and unyielding. Such is the nature of a good father; even more so the Nature of our Heavenly Father. *Thanks, Dad! And Happy Father's Day!* 

Peace! Fr. Wilson



<b>DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 12, 2022</b>	. \$5 <i>,</i> 084
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections \$	213,589
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections \$	217,261

<u>SECOND COLLECTION</u> next weekend, June 25 and 26, will be the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

#### CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL. Call the Parish Office for more details.

#### **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

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#### MASS ATTENDANCE for June 11/12:

4:00 PM Mass - 81 9:00 AM Mass - 102 Total Attendance - 183



#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

#### The Corner

Did you know....?

The feast of Corpus Christi was established in 1264 when it was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.





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

June 6 - #891 - Robert Fitch - \$50.00 June 7 - #760 - unsold June 8 - #143 - unsold June 9 - #888 - unsold June 10 - #478 - Bob Steiniger - \$50.00 June 11 - #469 - unsold June 12 - #188 - unsold

# God our Father,

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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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### 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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 25/26 4:00 PM Mass Lector - Nester Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Bracaglia; Choir, Durante Altar Server - Holmes Greeter - Bell 9:00 AM Mass Lector - Boyer Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & Carr Altar Server - Donnelly Greeter - Carr

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.charitie s.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!

**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. No cost to attend, however, this is a ticketed event. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org. Register at www.padrepio.org.

**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. Banguet 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), Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com), Michael Gmitter (267-625-3377 or michaelgmitter@gmail.com) or Joe Barrese (610-232-4171 or joebarrese@hotmail.com).

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Opening Celebration of the <u>EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL</u> 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.

**2022 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information or to register visit www.catholicwomensconference.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.

**PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS** each Thursday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit <u>www.heedthecall.org/Phillyadores</u>. For more details email <u>Phillyadoration@gmail.com</u>.

WEST CATHOLIC BURRS AT THE BEACH on Sunday, June 26 from 1:00-6:00 PM at Keenan's Pub, North Wildwood. For more details contact George Light (610-853-2028) or Peggy Panichelli (610-420-0987). 085 st. Gabriel, page 4