

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 2 JUNE 2019

**Readings for Sunday, June 2:** Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In him may all become one.

**Readings for Sunday, June 9:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

**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>
3 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti	St. Gabriel Women's Society
5 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary Rulli	Monica Bauer
6 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Mary Rulli	Bob & Vivie Fitch
7 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	George Woods	Ron & Carol Fry
8 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
9 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Nancy Barbalace	Husband, Tony



**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.

#### WOMEN'S SOCIETY COVERED DISH SOCIAL & MEETING

on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 PM in the Convent Building. Please bring a covered dish - no desserts, please. Dessert will be provided. Mary Ann Dailey will present her photographic journey to the African Serengeti.

NO SECOND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY in June, July or August.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, June 7.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS - The parish office will close at 12:30 PM on Fridays during the months of July and August.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 8/9:

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Hickey

Lectors - Melanie Warzeski

Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, John Nester

Altar Servers - Michael Holmes

Greeters - Marie Hildebrand and Ginger Scheidt

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Ortega

Lectors - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers - Chris Gerasimowicz, Helen George, Cristin Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz

Greeters - (volunteers needed for this Mass)

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

At this time of year, many of our local colleges and universities are holding graduations and I wish all of our parishioners who are graduating many blessings as they embark on new careers. I remember fondly my days at Immaculata University and working with undergraduate and graduate students. I also remember the many find liturgies on Sunday evenings and the number of students who would attend. Several students who were finding themselves on a variety of levels started to take seriously their various roles within the church community and enrolled themselves in the RCIA, which we too have in our parish of Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Boyer, Director of Religious Education.

A friend of mine in Houston, Texas shared this story with me a few years ago and it is worth repeating. His name was Tim. He had wild hair, wore a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He was brilliant and very profound, and very, very, bright. He became a Catholic while attending college.

Across the street from the campus was a well-dressed, very conservative church. They wanted to develop a ministry to the students, but were not sure how to go about it. One day Tim decided to attend Mass there. He walked in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The Mass had already started and so Tim started walking down the aisle and was looking for a seat. The church was completely packed and he could not find a seat. By now, people were really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one would dare say anything.

As Tim got closer and closer to the pulpit, he realized that there were no seats. He just squatted down right on the carpet. By now the parishioners were really uptight, and the tension in the air was thick. About this time, the celebrant realized that from way at the back of the church, a deacon who was not on for the Mass was slowly making his way up the aisle toward Tim. The deacon was a man in his eighties. He had silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. He was a godly man, very elegant, very dignified, and very courtly. He was walking with a cane, and as he started walking toward Tim, everyone was saying to themselves that you could not blame him for what he was going to do. How could you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It took the deacon some time to reach Tim. The church was utterly silent except for the clicking of the deacon's cane. All eyes were focused on him. You couldn't even hear anyone breathing. The celebrant couldn't even preach the homily until the deacon did what he had to do.

Now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Tim and worships with him so he won't be alone. Everyone choked up that day with emotion. When the celebrant gained control he said, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!"

Sometimes, it is easier for us to be judgmental than to accept people for who they are. I will never forget my friend's story. As we strive to be a welcoming community, let us never judge a book by its cover but strive to understand the whole person and the situation.

Young adults are wonderful people. They are full of life and want to be heard, understood, and listened to. Youth Ministry is full of surprises. We always are in need of moderators for Youth Ministry. May each of us never grow older without realizing we were young and searching for our place within the community.

This is the last week of the Easter Season and we are preparing for the great feast of Pentecost. May we be ever open to the Spirit and come out of our comfort zone to make room for not only whom we judge to be like us but to all who enter the doors of our parish community. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and let us see as Jesus does.

Please join with me in congratulating Julia Philomena Porter who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on June 2, 2019.

Have a great week!

Fr. Hickey

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 26, 2019. ....	\$5,105
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,403
Parish Giving -	\$90
Parish Property Maintenance & Repair -	\$1,612
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$105
Year to Date Budget.....	\$240,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$211,963
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,416
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$28,037)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$584)
<i>MAY 27, 2018</i>	
Deposit. ....	\$3,068
2017-2018 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$25,482)
Difference from previous year..	(\$2,555)



**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 20 - #141 - Judy Viscuso - \$50.00
- May 21 - #603 - unsold
- May 22 - #587 - unsold
- May 23 - #095 - unsold
- May 24 - #596 - unsold
- May 25 - #697 - unsold
- May 26 - #242 - unsold

### MASS ATTENDANCE for May 25/26:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 151
- 9:00 AM Mass - 151
- Total Attendance - 302
- Mass Attendance for May 26/27, 2018 - 292

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be the 50/50 Gold Envelope for support of Religious Education.

### WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE

**DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
MAY DRAWING - Sharon McCarthy - \$270.00.

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

### “ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**AMITY SELF STORAGE**  
610-385-1222

**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Cost for a one year subscription is \$36.00. Subscription begins with the September 2019 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions and payment is June 21.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE** will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using

the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. 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 and 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](http://www.gogreendrop.com).

**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 Marian Devotions.

**OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS** - All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers at the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

**SUMMER NOVENA OF HOPE** at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Philadelphia on nine Mondays from June 3 to July 29. Times: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM. The theme is *Vincentian Saints, Models of Sanctity*. Those unable to attend the Novena of Hope can join by viewing livestream at [www.MiraculousMedal.org/livestream](http://www.MiraculousMedal.org/livestream). For more information contact Colleen Buckley at [Cbuckley@Cammonline.org](mailto:Cbuckley@Cammonline.org).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Sunday, June 9 - Service Project at Manna on Main Street, Lansdale - registration required, event begins at 10:30 AM; Tuesday, June 11 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales - begins at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, June 18 - Theology on Tap at Conshohocken Brewing Company, Bridgeport - Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, June 25 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales - begins at 7:30 PM. For more information visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) or email [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

**HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION AND PETITION** on Sunday, June 9 at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to spend time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's super-abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness. Confessions will be available beginning at 5:30 PM. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass at 6:30 PM.

**RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN** on June 7-9 at Malvern Retreat House. The theme is *Encountering the Joy of the Lord*. Retreat Master Deacon Harold Burke-Siver will be inspiring all through this retreat filled with uplifting music, adoration, the Sacraments and quiet time. To register or for more information visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** - Bond with others who understand. Next session is on June 12 at 10:30 AM at Manatawny Manor, Pottstown - theme is *How to Make the Doctor Listen*. Come share stories with others who know exactly what you're experiencing. You'll also learn ways to cope with difficult behaviors and other helpful caregiving tips. For more information contact Gina at 610-705-3749 or [CookeG@diakon.org](mailto:CookeG@diakon.org).

**WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN** - Twelve Short Talks will get you marching. Saturday, June 15 at Annunciation BVM Parish, Havertown. 8:30 AM Parish Mass. Ends at 2:00 PM. Bring your own lunch. Sponsored by Flame of Love. Free of Charge. Register by calling 610-622-4257. For more information visit [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us).

**REMAIN IN MY LOVE** - Initiative for the Renewal of Christian Marriage and Family Life. Plenary Sessions for Individuals, Couples and Families. At each session, national Catholic speakers will present the splendor of Christ's teachings on the high dignity of the vocation of marriage and Christian family life. There will also be a personal testimony from a witness couple, a call to action and time for Q&A and discussion. Session #1 - *He Saw That It Was Very Good - The Goods of Marriage*. Speaker is Father Dennis Gill. Saturday, June 15 from 1:00-3:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster or Sunday, June 30 from 2:00-4:30 PM at Cathedral Chapel of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The same presentation is offered at each location - choose one location. Free and open to the public, please RSVP. Childcare will be provided during each presentation. For more information and to register visit [www.archphila.org/remain2019](http://www.archphila.org/remain2019).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES** on June 21 - game time is 7:05 PM. Phillies vs. Miami. Plan a night out with family and friends all while benefitting the Catholic Charities Appeal. If 500 tickets are sold, a student from Catholic Social Services OST Program will throw out the First Pitch of the game and a Beneficiary Group will sing the National Anthem. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal and our incredible Beneficiaries. To purchase tickets, visit [www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight).

**QUO VADIS DAYS** - The Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood is hosting this summer camp. The theme for this camp is *Living the Gospel with Generosity*. This 4-day, 3-night camp held at Black Rock Retreat Center on June 24-27 is an annual favorite for high school aged men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). The camp includes daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, outdoor activities, a ropes course, powerful prayer, great talks, and an opportunity to interact with the Philadelphia seminarians. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for participants to not only have fun and interact with the seminarians, but begin to learn how to listen for God's voice in their lives. For more information visit [www.HeedTheCall.org/Summer](http://www.HeedTheCall.org/Summer).