

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5 JUNE 2022

Readings for Sunday, June 5: 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.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit, and live by that same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to remind them of all that Jesus said and did, and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

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



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.



Date			Intention	Requested By
6 June	MON.	9:00 AM	Mary Bien	John & Jane Nodolski
7 June	TUE.	9:00 AM	Decd. Members of St. Gabriel Parochial School Class of 1964	Tony Vitacco
8 June	WED.	9:00 AM	Walter Nodolski	John & Jane Nodolski
9 June	THU.	9:00 AM	John Paul Porter	Simon Nagel
11 June	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
12 June	SUN.	9:00 AM	Neil Hipszer	Barbara & Michael



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.

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

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 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.



Flowers on the Main Altar last weekend were in honor of ALL VETERANS requested by LCPL. Matt Snyder Camp Snoops Project.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: STEPHEN PLUM, JR. from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

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



The last day of school will soon be arriving for many, but what about that first day? I really enjoyed First Grade – for exactly one day. Then, I decided: *Enough of that!* Though my stomach ailment was actually a ruse, my mother bought it for one day (*Good!*). On day two, she became suspicious (*Uh, oh!*). On day three, my father went into work late (*Oh, no!*). Backed into a corner and cowering behind a large chair, he stood over me and barked **“YOU ARE GOING TO SCHOOL!”** Clearly I had no choice. The battle was lost, but far from it the war. In defeat, I cried out, “I surrender, I surrender!” And I really did surrender – and have ever since. The First Grade



dungeon door swung open and there stood Sr. Rita Bernard in the full, black, SSJ regalia of the time. She seemed to me a cross between the Wicked Witch and Dracula. With her steely, reptilian eyes in her “nunish” voice and with the most rigid face this side of a *Szondi Test*, she said, “Good Morning, Eugene!” (*Oooo, I just got a chill.*) Then, she glared at my father and said without ever moving her lips, “I’ll take him from here.” Her claws latched into my shoulder blade and tore me away from my father’s grip. Years later my father told me that he felt so sorry for me (*Gee whiz, thanks Dad!*). Into the lair I went and though a little boy was defeated that day, his spirit was not. I somehow knew already in First Grade that it was all about conformity. Learn the rules. Learn reading. Learn writing. Learn arithmetic. Be a productive member of society. Grow-up, find a job, find a suitable partner, reproduce, and finally, after wrapping it up on the back nine, turn out the light and call it a day. I wanted none of it! I

wanted to be free – to play all day; explore ant hills; play with my Hot Wheels and Tonka Trucks, and tear up and down the block on my Big Wheel! I wanted that freedom then, and I still do! Though not a basketball player, I became good at hoops – and jumping through them. And I was good – a good boy; a good student, and a “good egg” one might say. It was all a rebel ruse, because within lay an insurrectionist awaiting his moment. Little did I know at the time, that my First Grade teacher, Sr. Dracula, was schooling me not in the conformity of simply learning the rules, but in the rebellion that foments when one begins to question why we have rules to begin with! What I didn’t know at the time was that Sister was a rebel, herself – and I was her star pupil! She was schooling me in the Act of Rebellion, which begins with knowing the rules and the reasons for the rules and then, turning them all upside down! I mean what else would lead a young woman to give up family and friends and having her own children in order to wear a full black regalia on a warm day in September in a stuffy basement classroom full of 42 or so, six year old urchins? Sr. Rita was a rebel – and still is to this day. She was nurturing the rebel in me and I didn’t even know it at the time. How cool is that? In my school of non-conformity, I learned about Jesus. I learned about His turning everything on its head. I learned about His being accused of insurrection and rebellion. I learned about His rejecting the world and its rules for a Rule far greater. I learned that Jesus was a rebel – and I couldn’t resist **His** rebel yell. If you listen closely and perceptively, maybe you’ll hear it too. Many years later, as I prepared for my own revolutionary moment of entering the seminary, I received a most beautiful letter in the mail. It was from Sr. Rita Bernard – the Rebel. She was so pleased and happy! She assured me of her prayers as the fight for **the** Rebel Cause would continue. Yes, I am a rebel at heart – and so is Sr. Rita, because Jesus, Himself, is. What about you? Join the Good Fight! Rebel!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR MAY 29, 2022. \$3,385
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$204,448
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. \$208,868

SECOND COLLECTION - This weekend Fr. Charles Kennedy will be speaking at our Masses for the annual **Mission Co-operation Appeal**. He represents *Father Chuck's Challenge*, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeffer, a deceased beloved priest of our Archdiocese. Today's second collection will benefit the homeless of Haiti and Nicaragua through the agency of **Father Chuck's Challenge**. In the past 15 years 1,500 homes have been provided to the homeless of Nicaragua and Haiti. Your help can keep the outreach going to our poorest neighbors in our hemisphere. Thank you for your prayers and donations.
www.fatherchuckschallenge.com.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, June 11 and 12, will be the Elevator Maintenance Collection.

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The Corner

What a beautiful Feast we have in Pentecost!

"The Holy Spirit, whose Presence is so silent, because it is within, sees our thoughts, hears our sighs, and fulfills our desires. The very Breath of God breathes within us for we are His living temple."

—Mother Angelica

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 28/29:

4:00 PM Mass - 113

9:00 AM Mass - 99

Total Attendance - 212



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 23 - #073 - unsold

May 24 - #560 - unsold

May 25 - #993 - unsold

May 26 - #329 - unsold

May 27 - #191 - unsold

May 28 - #099 - unsold

May 29 - #130 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on Monday, June 6 and 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.

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 4/5

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & George

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

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

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 1st, 2nd, & 3rd 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).

COMMUNITY MEALS served 4 days a week at Emmanuel Church, Pottstown. Use the Walnut Street entrance. Monday - 5:00 PM. Tuesday - 6:00 PM. Friday - 11:30 AM. Saturday - 5:00 PM.

REUNION - St. Hubert Class of 1972 will be celebrating their 50th high school reunion on June 9 with a Golden Girls' walk alongside the graduating Class of 2022. The Reunion will immediately follow at Knowlton Mansion. For information contact Linda at SHBambies1972@gmail.com.

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. Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and asking Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. We encourage everyone to pray that those whom the Lord is calling will have the courage to respond to His invitation. To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit www.heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. For more details email Phillyadoration@gmail.com. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time.



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 to purchase tickets. If 500 tickets are sold a CCA beneficiary will throw out the first pitch of the game and also sing the National Anthem!

