

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 1 MAY 2022

**Readings for Sunday, May 1:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

**Readings for Sunday, May 8:** Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.



**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>
2 May	MON.	9:00 AM	Edwin G. Pennypacker
3 May	TUE.	9:00 AM	Philip Maddaloni, Sr.
4 May	WED.	9:00 AM	Elsie Spaar
5 May	THU.	9:00 AM	Stanley & Philomena Weil
7 May	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
8 May	SUN.	9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Mothers



**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 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 them.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: ALBANIA "PINA" TERPOLILLI from Chris, Gene & Domenic Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio.



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.



**BEEF & BEER SOCIAL** on Saturday, May 21 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM). Music - DJ. Held in the church social hall. Menu includes: roast beef, pasta salad, potato salad, chips, pretzels, dessert, 2 kinds of beer and wine. Cash

bar for other alcoholic beverages. Cost: \$30.00 in advance; \$40.00 at the door. Tickets available at the parish office or from any Women's Society member. Block of tickets available to parishioners to sell at work or to friends. Call Lori (610-326-6030). Benefits our Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine and Garden Project.



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It was an absolutely gorgeous, sunny, summerlike day and the *Fantastic Four* (Logan, Maria, Owen and Liam) that made their First Communion last Sunday were all smiles. Out on the front lawn after Mass, it was Liam that showed me the flowers that he had planted by our Blessed Mother statue. Way to go, Liam! She, too, was all smiles, albeit, for the last time. As I write this, the statue pedestal is bare, Mary having been removed. Very soon a



a new Mary will be smiling down upon Liam and the three other fantastic four First Communicants as well as the rest of us. Much work and organizing continues in order to make our Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine & Garden Project a reality. It is a labor of love for sure! Many of you have been and continue to be so very generous! For this I am so very grateful! Kudos need to be given already to the Women's Society for their heading-up of the project and the Knights of Columbus #1192 Father Bally Council for their gracious assistance. Aside from the actual statue itself, our new Prayer Garden will boast a refurbished pedestal base and brand new grotto in which the statue of Mary will rest. In addition, there will be landscaping/floral work done, a new rosary walkway, new benches, and a Prayer Pavilion situated on the lawn in front of the statue area. Also, the Knights of Columbus will eventually be providing a Memorial to the Unborn headstone to be placed near Mary. In the future, there is the thought of erecting an outdoor Way of the Cross along with some privacy fencing. Of course, as with all temporal matters, there are costs involved. A Beef & Beer Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from after the Vigil Mass until 10:00 pm in our Church Hall. Not only will this fun evening benefit our Marian Grotto and Parish Prayer Garden, but this will be the first major parish social event in quite a number of years! Remember the pandemic? It's time to gather for a fantastic evening supporting a fantastic cause with some fantastic friends both new and old, such that even our young *Fantastic Four* Communicants are duly impressed as we seek to be superheroes one and all in honoring Our Lord's Blessed Mother, Mary! Hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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**DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 24, 2022.** . . . . . \$5,309  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$185,098  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$189,502

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for April 23/24:**

4:00 PM Mass - 100  
 9:00 AM Mass - 145  
 Total Attendance - 245



## **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**

April 18 - #694 - unsold  
 April 19 - #556 - unsold  
 April 20 - #362 - unsold  
 April 21 - #865 - Victor Schue - \$50.00  
 April 22 - #200 - unsold  
 April 23 - #198 - unsold  
 April 24 - #430 - Jim & Denise Bucciaglia - \$100.00

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

**MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES**  
 610-327-2600



## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

on Mondays, May 2 and May 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Here in the United States there is a great need for revitalization through evangelization. The Church at home needs to be strengthened by sharing the message of Christ in all of its beauty. Soon, as an Archdiocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This annual collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. Funds generated by this initiative make the basic faith formation programs possible in dioceses where Church communities are impoverished and struggling to share the message of the Gospel.

The Melkite Eparchy of Newton, with about 35,000 members, covers the entire United States. Melkite Catholics are members of the Eastern Catholic Churches, with their own cultural and liturgical traditions in full communion with the Holy Father and Catholics from the Latin Rite. The nationwide reach of the eparchy means that its parishes and administrative offices are found in locations all around the country. Communications through the internet and the diocesan quarterly magazine are crucial ministries that keep members in touch with each other and their bishop despite the challenge of geographic distance.

With generous support from Catholic Home Missions, Sophia Press distributes its quarterly magazine to 12,000 members. It publishes liturgical books that the faithful need to participate fully in the liturgy. The eparchy's Office of Communication also maintains the eparchy's website and conducts the Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you provide a lifeline that allows members of mission dioceses to remain in contact with each other, even if they live across the country.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please be generous to this appeal through the collection offertory envelope. #iGIVECatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-home-missions>) also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it. Please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ,

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

Archbishop of Philadelphia

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 30/May 1

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING

#### DRIVE on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00

AM to 12:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking

lot. Place 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. 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 Corner

*"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world."* – St. Teresa of Avila



### MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Manna Bags will

be available at Masses next weekend,

May 7 and 8. Kindly return your filled

Manna Bags on Saturday, May 14 or

Sunday, May 15. Canned food items in

greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables,

pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Food collected will be

delivered to the Cluster Outreach in Pottstown.

### SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB at the National Centre for Padre

Pio, Barto on Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00 AM to

11:15 AM. Discussion on the book, *Mercy in Padre Pio* by

Stefano Campanella. Purchase the book at the National

Centre for Padre Pio gift shop or on-line at

[www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org). For more information or to register

contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

### COST ESTIMATES FOR

#### BVM SHRINE & GROTTO PROJECT

BVM Statue..... \$2,700

Benches, angel & birdbath..... \$1,900

(Above items paid from Women's Society Funds)

Stonework, overlay & labor..... \$8,000

Landscaping..... \$3,000

Stonework for gazebo. .... \$1,000

Gazebo painting & small repairs. .... \$500

Heavy Equipment & operator. .... \$1,000

Lighting & extras..... \$1,000

Grotto was donated.

Gazebo was donated.

Total estimated cost. .... \$14,500

### CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

### DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL with Father Pio Mandato,

FMHJ at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on

Monday, May 16 from 9:30 AM to 3:15 PM. There is no

cost for this Day of Spiritual Renewal; however, it is a

ticketed event. Register at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) by clicking

on the event calendar for May 16.

### HALLAHAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S "50 YEARS &

BEYOND LUNCHEON on Wednesday, May 18 for

graduates from 1972 or before. Held at Connstatter's,

Philadelphia. Cost is \$40.00 per person; \$25.00 for

Religious. Reservations are needed. For more

information contact the Alumnae Office (215-568-3081 or

[office@hallahanalumnae.net](mailto:office@hallahanalumnae.net)).

### 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 [www.Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://www.Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). For

more details email [Phillyadoration@gmail.com](mailto:Phillyadoration@gmail.com). Specific

details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday

before the scheduled prayer time.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS for couples in the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-5 years, 25

years and 50 years on Saturday, May 7 at 5:15 PM

Anticipated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and

Paul, Philadelphia. RSVP - Office for Life and Family (215-

587-0500 or [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org)).