

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 MAY 2019

Readings for Sunday, May 12: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

Readings for Sunday, May 19: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

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>
13 May MON. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
15 May WED. 9:00 AM	Special Intention	
16 May THU. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
17 May FRI. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
18 May SAT. 4:00 PM	Gregory & Rose Ferez	Granddaughter, Bonnie
19 May SUN. 9:00 AM	People 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.



Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in honor of OUR BLESSED MOTHER requested by St. Gabriel Women's Society.
 Flowers on the Main Altar are in honor of ALL OUR MOTHERS.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, May 17.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE BAGS are available at the Masses this weekend. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag next weekend May 18 and May 19. Canned food items most needed are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Donations will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING on Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 PM in the social hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Ortega
 Lectors - Melanie Warzeski
 Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Nikki Gambino, Terry Donnelly
 Altar Servers - Maeve Donnelly
 Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

9:00 AM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Hickey
 Lectors - Sylvia Marcheskie
 Extraordinary Ministers - Rita Templin, Cindy Nore, Gary Huster, Debbie Huster
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
 Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Mother's Day

I was reading an article recently. A mother and father who had been married to one another for 45 years were living in California. They had put their children through college and had supported them in every way. Their son lived in New York City and their daughter lived in Chicago. Unfortunately, they rarely called let alone visited their parents. The Dad went to drastic measures because it was the day before Mother's Day and he called his son and told him that he had bad news for him. He proceeded to tell his son that the parents were getting a divorce. The son went ballistic and called his sister and they both decided to fly to California to be with their parents and try to straighten them out. The Dad came into the living room and said: "Honey, the kids will be home for Mother's Day and guess what, they are paying their own way." It's a shame that that was the only way he could get his children to celebrate Mother's Day. A visit, a call, flowers, dinners are things that should happen on a regular basis and not be confined to the 2nd Sunday in May of each year.

Last year, I put the following in the bulletin for Mother's Day and it is worth repeating. I am sure every Mom who will be reading this will remember the day each of us was born and the great joy she experienced when we were welcomed into the world.

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you and you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said: "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking their life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, Mommy."

On this special day, all of us sons and daughters wish you the happiest Mother's Day and we thank you for the gift of life that you have given to us. We deeply appreciate all you do for us, for worrying about us, for always being there for us, and especially for loving us. For our Mothers who are in heaven, we pray for you daily and we know that you watch over us even now as we live our lives here on earth. We know that one day you will be there to welcome us home to our eternal home.

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, we had our Annual May Procession at the end of Mass last Sunday. To: All Moms - enjoy your special day!

Have a good week and be good to your Mother every day!

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 5, 2019.....	\$3,978
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,888
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,022)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$225,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$198,601
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,413
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$26,399)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$587)
<i>MAY 6, 2018</i>	
Deposit.....	\$4,621
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$22,886)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$3,513)

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 4/5:

4:00 PM Mass - 162
 9:00 AM Mass - 144
 Total Attendance - 306
 Mass Attendance for May 5/6, 2018 - 356

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

APRIL DRAWING - Joseph Harbach - \$349.00.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL
610-326-1510

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. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

MARY ANN KARPINSKI from Ronald Hedrick, Jay & Shirl Harp.



Raffle Drawing

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

April 29 - #769 - unsold
 April 30 - #399 - Linda Long - \$50.00
 APRIL FIGURES: 340 tickets sold - \$1,700.00. Payout to winners - \$700.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for April - \$900.00. Thank you for your support!
 May 1 - #898 - unsold
 May 2 - #287 - unsold
 May 3 - #644 - unsold
 May 4 - #334 - unsold
 May 5 - #876 - unsold

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



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.

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Notice to Parishioners

As of March 31, 2019, the balance in our Heritage of Faith Account is \$20,100.31.

The following projects have been approved by the Finance and Parish Councils.

We put out three bids for the rectory roof and Cannon Roofing was awarded the contract for a total of \$7,880.00. A new security system has been installed to cover the parish center and the church property. There are four cameras outside the parish center as well as four cameras for the exterior of the church property as well as a camera inside the Church. Both buildings also have recorders that can be accessed by the computer as well as cell phones. The total cost for this project is \$4,548.00. This system was procured through SAH Incorporated. Both bills have been paid and the Heritage of Faith Foundation will reimburse the parish upon receipt of all the paperwork. An oral announcement was given about both of these projects at both Masses on the weekend of March 30th and 31st, 2019 by Father Hickey.

Any questions or concerns, please call Fr. Hickey at 610-327-2248 or email me at ghickey@sgsm62.org.

This notice will be in the bulletin the weekend of May 4th and 5th and May 11th and 12th, 2019.

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.

TODAY IS "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS"

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially in our Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - Please consider how you can help those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Contributing to our parish's individual goal of \$12,000 allows you to be an active part of the success of this year's appeal. To date our parish has contributed \$3,607 which is 30% of our goal.

2ND ANNUAL BEEF & BEER FUND RAISER sponsored by West End Fire Company Firefighters, Stowe on Saturday, May 18 in West End Fire Company's Nicholas J. Lenhardt Hall from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Must be 21 years old or older to attend. \$25.00 admission includes: Food, Beer, Soda, Ice Tea, Water, Door Prizes. 50/50 and Basket Raffle tickets will be sold.

91ST ANNIVERSARY SPAGHETTI DINNER - ST. GABRIEL LODGE on June 1 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All you can eat Spaghetti with 2 meatballs or sausage with 1st serving, tossed salad, bread and dessert. \$8.95 - Adult; \$5.95 - Children (5-10 yrs); Children under 5 eat free. Walk-ins welcome.

TRAVEL WITH FR. PAUL BRANDT, Pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish to Budapest, Prague, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Vienna and Czestochowa. Trip Dates: June 29-July 12, 2019. Cost is \$4,600.00 - airfare and ALL included. To register, contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9730.

BUS TRIP TO HOLLYWOOD CASINO - Wednesday, June 19. Leaves from St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Parking Lot, Pottstown at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$27.00 - includes tip for driver. Package is \$30.00. Call Judy Petro (484-236-1049) for reservations.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES on June 21. Plan a night out with family and friends watching the Phillies vs. Miami, 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. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal. Visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight to purchase tickets.

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION AND PETITION on Sunday, May 19 from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Confessions beginning at 5:30 PM. Followed by Mass at 6:30 PM.

SPECIAL HEALING MASS WITH ST. MICHAEL AND THE ANGELS sponsored by Flame of Love on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 PM at St. Anastasia Church, Newtown Square. Fr. Jim Blount will celebrate the Mass. For more details call 610-622-4257 or Denise at 610-356-7153.

WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT with Fr. Steve DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. May 31 - June 1 at Mariawald Renewal Center. For women of all ages seeking a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Retreat includes Mass, teaching on the 5 Keys to Freedom in Christ, healing prayer, personal coaching, reflection, sisterhood and adoration. Registration required. Visit www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats or contact De Yarrison (610-287-2989).