

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 MAY 2023

Readings for Sunday, May 14: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this same Spirit who leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

Readings for Sunday, May 21: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a.



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>
15 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - Pottstown Police Dept.	Tony Vitacco
16 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Blanche & Jeff
17 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
17 May	WED. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
20 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
21 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Michael Cress	The Family



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.



NOVENA TO MARY IMMACULATE on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass.



Flowers at the Blessed Mother Statue and Altar are in HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER requested by members of the Women's Society.



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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Thursday, May 18 is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass Schedule: Wednesday, May 17 - Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM; Thursday, May 18 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, May 16 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Friday, May 19 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 30, 2023. \$4,559
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$197,848
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$188,666
Figures from the May 7 Collection will be published in the May 21 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, May 20 and 21, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
APRIL DRAWING - Joseph Karpinski - \$267.00.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: This spring the Catholic Charities Appeal needs your help. Your heartfelt and steadfast

support allows over 180 missions and beneficiaries help thousands of people from all walks of life throughout the Archdiocese. If you have already contributed to the Appeal this year, your gifts have been invaluable, and we are tremendously grateful for your efforts. All gifts can be given by way of the Appeal website, www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org. On this In-Pew Weekend, if you are inspired to make a contribution, please know that your act of kindness, no matter the amount, will make a substantial difference.

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on May 15 and June 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 29/30:

4:00 PM Mass - 109
9:00 AM Mass - 113
Total Attendance - 222



MANNA FOOD DRIVE next weekend, May 20 and 21. Manna Bags are at the entrances of Church. Please fill your bags with canned food items such as beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans. Bring your filled bags to the church vestibule next weekend.

The Corner

Happy Mother's Day!

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:
Our mothers, by birth or adoption, who nurtured us and supported us through life.
Our Church who takes on the maternal role of guiding us through life.
And our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all her children.



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 24 - #323 - unsold
April 25 - #416 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00
April 26 - #577 - unsold
April 27 - #412 - Amy Porter - \$50.00
April 28 - #999 - unsold
April 29 - #992 - unsold
April 30 - #295 - unsold
APRIL FIGURES: 241 tickets sold - \$1205.00. Payout to winners - \$550.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for April - \$555.00.



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The plate, itself, hung over the doorway to our kitchen for the longest time. I was nine years old then, which means, that I would have been in the Fourth Grade. The Fourth Graders made these plates for their mothers for Mother's Day that year. Each student would design his or her own plate. Artist that I'm not, my design



was rather simple: the humblest looking little stick-figure flower in green, pink, and yellow with some grass, the sun and a few fair weather clouds with the words, *Happy Mother's Day, By Gene Wilson, (Age 9)* that would be inscribed around the plate's edge. Our designs were then sent off to a factory and when they returned, they were now impressed on each student's unique plate - dishwasher safe in more ways than one. When I brought it home, my mother thanked

me and hugged me and I think even cried a little though I didn't know why. My artistic rendering wasn't great to be sure, but it wasn't **that** bad. Using a specially designed clasp, she hung the plate on the wall above the kitchen doorway. It remained there until well after God called my mother home. I don't know whatever



became of it, but I will always see it hanging there above that doorway never to be removed. That plate was never used for food on the table, but it always held something that was far more nourishing. A plate on the table might hold bread or potatoes, but a Fourth Grader's Mother's Day Gift Plate hung on the wall held a love between mother and son. That's why it still hangs there to this very day even if only in my mind's eye – and

it always will. Mother's Day is a day for honoring our mothers. They may not be perfect, but they need not be. They gave us life. They gave us love.



thank you

Mom

They still do, no matter where they might be. Honor your mother and all those who were and are like mothers to you. Ask the one Mother, who *is*

perfect to watch over them and protect them and to repair any "plates" that might be broken or lost, so that, all of our Mother's Day Gift Plates might hold a large helping of love as we say to our mothers, *Happy Mother's Day and thank you for being my mom!*

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 20/21

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes & Francis

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter -Neiman

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

DOROTHY LEVANOVITCH from Charles Gulotta;

CECILIA TSHUDY from Dick & Ginny Linderman.



ST. GABRIEL LODGE 95TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Friday, June 2 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Stephanie Grace performing. Food and drink specials.

Saturday, June 3 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Anniversary Dinner: Italian Buffet (Red & White wine, Antipasto (cheeses, olives, salami, prosciutto), Chicken Marsala, Spaghetti with Aglio & Olio (oil and garlic), Rigatoni with sauce, Sausage - onions & peppers separate, Meatballs, Salad and Italian bread, Special Italian dessert). Dinner served at 7:00 PM. \$30 per person. Reservations by May 27 - call the Lodge (610-326-4137) or Bill Strock (610-310-6164). Music by Nick Desiderio.

Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Car and Motorcycle Show. \$15 per vehicle. DJ BlgBoi. Bar and Kitchen open all day.



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Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. It will be a year of journeying with the Archbishop into deeper missionary discipleship from February 2023 to February 2024. To subscribe visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES!

Come out to watch the National League Champions take on the Chicago Cubs all while benefitting the Catholic Charities Appeal. CCA Night with the Phillies is scheduled for Friday, May 19 at 7:05 PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly support Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries. To purchase tickets, go to www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics. Next events: Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 PM - Theology on Tap at Local Tap, Lansdale; Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 PM - Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Montgomeryville. For more details, contact www.metanoiayoungadults.org.