

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 15 MAY 2022

**Readings for Sunday, May 15:** Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished in their preaching the kingdom of God. This kingdom, to be marked by our love for each other, will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth.

**Readings for Sunday, May 22:** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.



**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>
16 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - Pottstown Police Dept.	Tony Vitacco
17 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
18 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
19 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
21 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Gregor & Rose Ferez	Granddaughter, Bonnie
22 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners 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 THE BLESSED MOTHER requested by the 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 them.



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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Would you like to go to the prom with me? After about an hour and a half on the phone talking about a lot of nothing, I finally got around to the question. Her quiet patience gave way to laughter as she said, “yes.” Somehow, she knew that the question was coming. Call it “woman’s intuition” – aided by the help of her darn cousin who was a friend and classmate. I was so elated and my father was elated, too, since the phone was now free once again. *Finally*, he quipped as he picked up the phone to make a call of his own. Landlines were the thing back then, just like heavy metal and big hair bands.

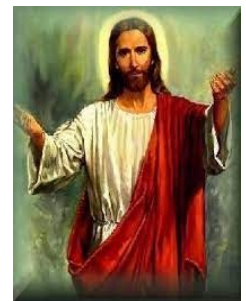


There was *Metallica*, *Warrant*, *Guns N’ Roses*, and *Judas Priest* just to name a few, but we wouldn’t be dancing to any of them at the Junior Prom. Yes, Virginia, Father, here, was a headbanger – and once a headbanger, always a headbanger. I supposed that one would really have to call it “headbanger lite.” I, myself, didn’t have any piercings or tattoos, though some friends did. My headbanging would later become tempered by some nineties grunge with a bit of punk thrown in just for a bit of rebellious flavor. That flavor would be savored more fully sometime later in a seminary entered and a priesthood embraced. At the prom, though, we would be dancing to some squeaky clean pop favorites of the day.



*Devo* was certainly whipping it that night. In fact, that Junior Prom and subsequent proms were less about music and dance – and more about the whole event itself. Proms weren’t really about hanging out with friends as well as with your prom date, because we all hung out together anyway and dates and dating were a part of that. Proms were happenings and rites of passage in so many ways. That first prom involved a new suit and borrowing Dad’s Delta 88 Coupe. It cleaned up very nicely as did I. I don’t remember the dancing that

night really. I do remember my date. My girlfriend looked so beautiful in her dress. I remember the smell of her perfume – and I remember her kiss that night as well. In the morning, I was just a little different. All of us were. We had experienced our first prom. The word “prom” is shortened from the word “promenade.” “Promenade” has to do with strolling and leading from one place to another. Wildwood may have its famous boardwalk, but Cape May has its promenade. The entire Easter Season is much like a promenade. The Risen Lord calls us and is inviting us to go from one place to another. He’s inviting us to the prom – to His Prom. Oftentimes, we hang “on the phone” so long not because He’s taking so long to ask, but because we’re taking so long to respond. Nonetheless, He keeps asking. We’re already half-way through the month. It’s May and it’s prom season. Buy a new suit or dress. Comb your hair and wash the car. Flowers are always a nice touch too! Put on your dancing shoes and get ready! The phone is already ringing and it’s for you! What will **your** answer be?



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR MAY 8, 2022** . . . . . \$3,877  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$192,543  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$196,908

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 21 AND 22**  
 will be the Parish Property Maintenance and Repair  
 Collection.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for May 7/8:**

4:00 PM Mass - 104  
 9:00 AM Mass - 112  
 Total Attendance - 216



**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**

May 2 - #467 - unsold  
 May 3 - #794 - unsold  
 May 4 - #804 - unsold  
 May 5 - #589 - unsold  
 May 6 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00  
 May 7 - #916 - unsold  
 May 8 - #724 - Jack Bucciaglia - \$100.00

**"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**ON THE THIRD DAY**  
 610-705-0130

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 14/15**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,  
 Durante & Durante; Choir, Nester  
 Altar Server - Holmes  
 Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,  
 Vitacco & Donnelly  
 Altar Server - Donnelly  
 Greeter - Hildebrand

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 21/22**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,  
 Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, George  
 Altar Server - Holmes  
 Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C.  
 Bucciaglia & Bernhard  
 Altar Server - Gerasimowicz  
 Greeter - Carr



American Red Cross

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on  
 Monday, 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.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL** - This  
 weekend we will celebrate In-Pew  
 Weekend for the 2022 Catholic  
 Charities Appeal. Please consider a  
 donation to help those most in need in

the Philadelphia area. The Catholic Charities Appeal's  
 overall goal of \$12.5 million is vital to the efforts of the  
 human service programs in the five-county Philadelphia  
 area. The Appeal funds hundreds of beneficiary  
 organizations that serve thousands. Thank you to those  
 who have given and for those who have not yet,  
 prayerfully consider how you can help by supporting the  
 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal. You may use the  
 envelopes in the pews or visit  
[www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org) to make your donation.

**REDNER'S REGISTER TAPE PROGRAM** - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church.

**BABY BLANKETS** - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. Contact the parish office to purchase the baby blankets.

*The Corner*

**"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** — John 14:6

Do you want to read your Bible but don't know where to start? Jesus tells us to go "through Him." So start with the New Testament where you can read all about Jesus from His own words and from the people who personally knew Him when He was here on Earth. Then you can go back to the Old Testament so you can understand God's Plan, and to see how the Old predicts the New, and the New fulfills the Old. Fall in love with God's love letter to you.

**PAR-ReCycle Works...E-Cycle Event** scheduled for May 15 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish parking lot from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Bring used electronics - desktop computer systems, laptop, notebook computers, Ipads, cell phones, phones, phone systems, Ipods, MP3 Players, DVD players, VCR's, printers, flat screen monitors and computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, cords, power supplies, AC adaptors & wiring, all software. The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled: older CRT Monitors and TV's; Flat screen TV's; Computer Monitors (flat screen LCD's); Air conditioners; Dehumidifiers; Air purifiers; Microwaves. No batteries. For more details contact Sam Whitehouse ([samwhitehouse@comcast.net](mailto:samwhitehouse@comcast.net) or 610-420-7202).

**COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE** on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. 7:00 AM - Arrival and set up (Tables \$10 each). Event will be in church parking lot behind church. Rain or shine (if raining, event will be inside). For more information: 610-323-4312 or [office@emmanuelpottstown.com](mailto:office@emmanuelpottstown.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.

**EMMANUEL'S CLOSET** at Emmanuel Church, Pottstown. Free Clothing - no questions asked. Visits are limited to one per month. Monday & Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM. Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Every other Tuesday & Saturday from 4:00-6:00 PM. Use the Hanover Street entrance.

Currently accepting donations of the following items for men, ladies and children: gently used spring & summer clothing, new underwear and socks.

**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](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.

**CONCERT FOR RACIAL HEALING - "We Find Hope In You"** by the Archdiocesan Choirs of Philadelphia on May 15 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Words of inspiration and hope will be offered by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. Admission is Free.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Catholic Women's Conference on October 22 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. The conference will be back in its fullness with keynotes, breakouts, Mass with the Archbishop, Confessions, food and vendors.

**COME AND REST AWHILE SPRING RETREAT** at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia from May 20-22. Take some time to pause in prayer and reflection. A spiritual director will be with you to guide and companion you throughout the weekend. Register at [www.msbt.org](http://www.msbt.org) or call 267-350-1830.

**ST. HUBERT CLASS OF 1972** will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 details contact Linda ([SHBambies1972@gmail.com](mailto:SHBambies1972@gmail.com)).