

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 MAY 2021

Readings for Sunday, May 16: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.

As a witness of Jesus' resurrection, Matthias is chosen to replace him "who was destined to be lost." Let us bless the Lord who has so loved us and in whom we are called to love one another.

Readings for Sunday, May 23: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27, 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
18 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
19 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
20 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Conroy	
21 May	FRI. 9:00 AM	Francesco Ferraro	Wife, Rita
22 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Cornelia Zangrilli	John & children
23 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

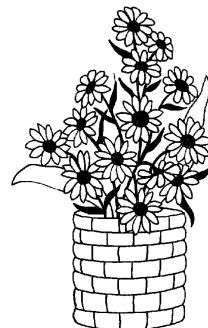
Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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 PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

NOVENA FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM. Join us for this Novena as we honor St. Joseph and ask for his intercession.



Flowers on the Main Altar are in memory of MAMIE SWAVELY-JOHNSON for the anniversary of her birthday requested by Lori, Pete, Jack, Margie and family.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in honor of OUR BLESSED MOTHER from individual members of the Women's Society.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

First, a special note and invitation for high school students in the parish. During the week, I received a promotional flyer from St. Aloysius Parish about a new youth program they are starting for high school aged children with an invitation that children from other parishes are welcome to join them. I'm happy to pass on the invitation. They're calling it STAY (ST. Aloysius Youth), and it's a program for high school students looking to grow their faith and make new friendships. Some activities planned include hikes, bonfires, and movie nights. It sounds like a lot of fun and a great opportunity, so if any teens in our parish are interested, check it out! Their first meeting is this Sunday evening, May 16, from 6:00-7:30 in the St. Al's parking lot.

Thank you to all who signed up for the blood drives after the announcements last week. I'm writing this before the drives actually take place, but we did get a number of additional people signed up. Hopefully all will have gone well by the time you read this.

As you've probably seen, the state has been easing a number of restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic, and the CDC has been updating their guidelines and recommendations. This week, we expect to receive updated guidelines from the Archdiocese with regard to the celebration of Mass and other sacraments and devotions in the church. Once we have those updates, the parish staff will meet to discuss their implementation.

One concern is with regard to seating and spacing. Mass attendance has been steadily climbing in the past few months, though we are still well below pre-pandemic levels. I'm happy to see that of course. But it presents a logistical challenge. With every other pew roped off, and most people sitting on the edges of the pews to maintain distancing, it's getting harder to fit everyone in the church. It's also more difficult for the occasional late-comer to find an open seat. We'll see how we can address this. In the meantime, please know that, like most churches, we usually have more open seating up front. If you arrive early and head to the front, you probably won't have a problem.

Speaking of pandemic-related matters, it might be time for another reminder about masks and Holy Communion. While we are asked to keep our masks on while processing up to receive Holy Communion, we should remove the mask before we actually receive the Sacred Host. Perhaps the most efficient way to do this is to remove the mask while the person in front of you receives, then step forward, bow, and open your mouth or extend your hands – depending on the manner in which you choose to receive. After consuming the Host, replace the mask as you walk back to your seat. I'm noticing people wearing masks at the moment of reception and then awkwardly trying to remove their masks, while holding the Host or trying to jam the Host under a mask into their mouths. Receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion is such a profound experience that all our focus needs to be on what is happening at that moment. Fumbling with a mask can easily distract us from the sacred encounter, and it can be easy to drop the Host. So please, remove your mask before you receive.

Our novena devotion to St. Joseph continues this Wednesday evening (May 19) at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us as we continue this prayer during this special year.

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 9, 2021.....	\$3,381
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,126
Parish Giving -	\$205
Easter Collection -	\$50
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,619)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$225,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$196,908
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,376
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$28,092)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$624)
 <i>MAY 10, 2020</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,200
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$31,861)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,769

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 22 AND 23, will be the collection for Parish Property Maintenance and Repair.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. Look for the

GreenDrop truck 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. No furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 8/9:

4:00 PM Mass - 94
9:00 AM Mass - 105
Total Attendance - 199



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. **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. JUNE LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

May 3 - #473 - unsold
May 4 - #668 - unsold
May 5 - #893 - Terry Donnelly - \$50.00
May 6 - #635 - unsold
May 7 - #816 - Nick Viscuso - \$50.00
May 8 - #385 - unsold
May 9 - #088 - unsold

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the parish office. Please call prior to coming for your book.

2021 MASS BOOK - Requests for Mass Intentions from July thru December are now available. Stipend for Mass Intention is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to arrange for Mass Intentions.

THE ROSARY is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 15/16

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Minister of Holy Communion - George

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Minister of Holy Communion - C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 22/23

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Minister of Holy Communion - Donnelly

Altar Server - Donnelly



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 1 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and June 2 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the church social hall.

Prospective donors can sign up

directly for the blood drive at <https://rb.gy/sduxr>.

You can also visit our website or call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR PADRE PIO on

Tuesday, May 25 at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. 11:30 AM Rosary and Mass. Veneration of his relic beginning at Noon with Fr. Keith Chylinski.

For more information visit www.padrepio.org, contact Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH at Malvern Retreat House - May

20 - focus on **St. Joseph - Virginal Father of Jesus**. Mass offered at 5:30 PM; Supper at 6:15 PM; Presentation and Discussion at 7:00 PM. For more details visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

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

VISITATION BVM SCHOOL, Trooper, has a full-time maintenance/custodian position available. Hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily. Pay \$15.00 per hour. Also includes benefits. Clearances in accordance with federal, state, child abuse prevention and safe environment requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required. For more information call Mary Ann (610-539-5572). Resumes may be sent to humanresources@visitationbvm.org.

MAY MARIAN SERIES: THE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

every Friday in May from 7:30 to 8:30 PM via Zoom. Our Blessed Mother plays a unique role in Church history, and for centuries, devotees have looked to her for motherly guidance. Many rely on her graces and intercession as they make their journey toward Christ, her Son. Learn more about Mary, our Blessed Mother, by joining us every Friday in May, as we delve into the life and motherhood of Mary as presented by sisters of the Daughters of Charity. May 19 - *Sorrowful Mother* presented by Sister Theresa Sullivan, DC. The celebration of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit ascended upon Mary and the apostles, was not Mary's first encounter with the Holy Spirit. At the Annunciation, the Holy Spirit came upon her. This presentation explores how Mary trusted the Holy Spirit as she journeyed through the sorrows, disappointments, and crosses of her life, which can be an example for all. Register at www.miraculousmedal.org.

PRIVATE PERSONAL RETREATS are now offered at

Malvern Retreat House. The first two opportunities for private retreats will be June 1-4 and August 23-27. Retreatants will have the opportunity for daily Mass, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, and spend time by themselves in silent prayer. There will also be the opportunity for spiritual direction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.