

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 MAY 2021

Readings for Sunday, May 2: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

Saul witnesses the risen Jesus and boldly proclaims his Lordship. We proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for one another. He is the vine and we the branches. Together let us praise his name in our assembly of worship.

Readings for Sunday, May 9: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

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>
4 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Calcasacco	Daughter, Jeannine
5 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Scott Lawhorne	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
6 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
7 May	FRI. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie	Viola Family
8 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
9 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Mothers	

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, especially KENNETH STOUTD.

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).

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



MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Manna Bags will be available next weekend, May 9 and 10 after Masses. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on May 15 and 16. 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 Outreach Center in Pottstown. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

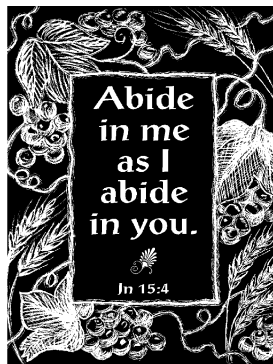
Today is the last day of PREP for the 2020-2021 year. This has been a remarkable year thanks to the pandemic and the various precautions we had to take, but we can all be proud of our catechists and our students for soldiering through the year and adapting to circumstances as necessary, while keeping everyone as safe as possible. But the pandemic isn't the only thing to make this year memorable. We celebrated Confirmation with the Archbishop in September. The students participated in a number of works of mercy during the year. Our third graders celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time and last week received their first Holy Communion. And while learning, they also had a good bit of fun along the way. It was a good year.

The end of the year is a good opportunity to thank our catechists for their commitment to this important ministry in the parish. This year, Mrs. Debbie Huster marks 25 years of service as a catechist. That's a commitment! Mrs. Mara Tammaro and Mrs. Judie Perlstein have each been volunteering for 12 years, and Mrs. Sherry Durante has been with us for 8 years. Thank you, ladies, for so many years of dedicated assistance to helping teach our children the faith. And of course, thanks are due to Mrs. Boyer for overseeing the whole program, and to our aides who help keep the program going.

I had to laugh when I got the mail the other day. I received a letter asking us to pick possible dates for Confirmation in 2022. Here we are trying to wind down one year, and we already have to look ahead to next year. There's no rest for the weary! But since we already have to start planning next year, this is a good time to put out a push for some more volunteers. PREP could always benefit from a few more people willing to lend a hand: catechists, assistants, and substitutes are always welcome. I know there are people out there who would love to lend a hand but may be a little apprehensive about it. That's okay. We can find a role that works for you. Don't forget, at some point even our veteran teachers above were new at some point. If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Maria Boyer.

One final note. We received an envelope in the collection last week with an anonymous note that the individual was donating his or her stimulus payment to the parish. I don't know who you are, but I hope you are reading this. Thank you for your generosity! It is much appreciated.

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan



Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 25, 2021.....	\$4,882
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,727
Parish Giving -	\$155
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$118)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$215,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$189,502
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,407
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$25,498)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$593)
APRIL 26, 2020	
Deposit.....	\$4,402
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$28,846)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,348

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING

to support Religious Education:

APRIL DRAWING - Monica Bauer - \$309.00.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE
610-326-4137

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 100
9:00 AM Mass - 138
Total Attendance - 238

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

KENNETH STOUDT from Barbara & Michael Hipszer.



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. MAY 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

April 19 - #338 - unsold
April 20 - #792 - unsold
April 21 - #571 - Vicki Hansell - \$50.00
April 22 - #823 - Linda Neiman - \$50.00
April 23 - #606 - unsold
April 24 - #535 - unsold
April 25 - #339 - unsold



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.

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 1-2

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 8/9

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Minister of Holy Communion - Bracaglia

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Donnelly

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB on Wednesday, May 12 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM at National Centre for Padre Pio (Spirituality Centre Building), Barto. 11:30 AM Rosary and 12:00 PM Mass for those who wish to stay. Join us for morning refreshments and a discussion of the book entitled, *Stories of Padre Pio* by Katharina Tangari. There is no cost to participate in this book club; however, please register at Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000. The book may be purchased from the Gift Shop of the National Centre for Padre Pio, our on-line Gift Store at www.padrepio.org or purchased from www.smile.amazon.com.

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 7 - Expectant Mother presented by Sister Jean Rhoads, DC. Mary pondered God's presence throughout her life. Such faith and other-centeredness gave her the courage to say "yes" and to respond to her cousin Elizabeth during her time of pregnancy. Register by May 5 at www.miraculousmedal.org.

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.



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVES on May 13 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM and May 14 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.

RESTORE: A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT on May 21-22 at Shrine of St. Therese in Nesquehoning, PA or attend virtually. Our pain distorts the lens through which we look at ourselves, others and the circumstances of our lives. Retreat talks and experiences will reconnect us with the Truth of our inherent dignity, beauty, and wholeness. Retreat also includes: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Fr. Allen Hoffa, De Yarrison and Laura Ercolino. Join us in-person or virtually. Find the full schedule and register at <https://www.youaremadenew.com> or email De at de@youaremadenew.com