

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 MAY 2023

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

Jesus, having completed the work of his Father, speaks of returning to him and of being glorified. As we share in Christ's glory, so too do we share in his suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In his name do we gather, attentive to the Spirit.

Readings for Sunday, May 28: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.



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>
22 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Michael Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemssen
23 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
24 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary Louise Schwenk	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
25 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Mary & Michael Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemssen
27 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	John Patrick McCarthy	Sharon McCarthy
28 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.



NOVENA TO MARY IMMACULATE on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, May 22 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

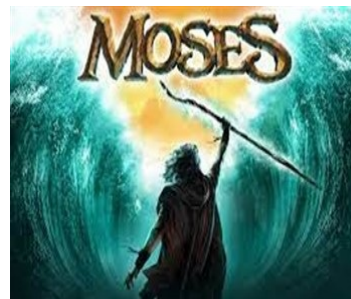
MAGNIFICAT BOOKS: Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the Parish Office.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, May 23.

Collections

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DEPOSIT FOR MAY 7, 2023. \$4,631
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$202,479
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$196,908
 Figures from the May 14 collection will be published in
 the May 28 bulletin.



BUS TRIP to Sight and Sound to see MOSES on Tuesday, May 23. Reminder to those who purchased tickets - the bus leaves from the front of Church at 10:30 AM.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, May 27 and 28, will be the Parish Property Maintenance & Repair Collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 6/7:

4:00 PM Mass - 99
 9:00 AM Mass - 140
 Total Attendance - 239



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

APPEAL: Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide vital support to almost a million people in

need. These individuals are served by a range of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas: Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish, Spiritual Life; Clergy; Local Mission Activities. To donate, please use the envelope mailed to your home or visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST
 610-323-0450

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on 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.

The Corner

"No one has gone to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." —John 3:13

Only the One who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, His members, might have confidence that we too shall go where He, our Head and our Source, has preceded. —Catechism of the Catholic Church 661



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 1 - #365 - unsold
 May 2 - #681 - unsold
 May 3 - #754 - unsold
 May 4 - #444 - unsold
 May 5 - #169 - unsold
 May 6 - #719 - Cheryl Arendt - \$50.00
 May 7 - #989 - unsold



Wanted: Heroes! The Easter Season enters its final week now with an eye towards Pentecost next Sunday.



This is also the season of Priesthood – renewal of Priesthood for those long laboring in the field and happily welcoming the enthusiasm and fresh labors of those newly ordained. Most archdiocesan priests celebrate the anniversary of their priestly ordination around this time with my own being this

weekend (5/20). This weekend also saw seven men ordained to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Praise God! That's some really Good News for our Church. It is a time of renewal and refreshment for Her – right in the midst of our spring. All need to consider their call and



their role in this New Springtime of the Church. Last month, someone sent me a video link on Priesthood (see



below). It is meant to encourage priests both new and old as well as to encourage the Faithful to pray for their priests as their priests pray for them. The video is done in the style of a music video that might be produced by a pop band today. It's called *We Are Heroes*. I dare say it's kinda cool. I enjoyed it and I think that you might enjoy it too! It

offers a bit of refreshment and encouragement for priests and all the Faithful alike as we near the end of the Easter Season and pray for a generous outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that the Church might truly experience a New Pentecost and more boldly than ever proclaim a Risen Christ to our world! You and I together with all priests



are **truly** heroes whenever and wherever we proclaim the Christ – the Risen One Who is Our Lord – and Our Hero!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Look up: "Holy Orders - Catholic Aesthetics" or "<https://youtu.be/Pem0gTgOw-M>"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 27/28

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Bracaglia; Break, Tamaro & Tamaro; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Bernhard; Break, Carr & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Griffin

Greeter -Hildebrand

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:
CECILIA TSHUDY from Joseph & Rita Koren, Anita Stott,
Pat & Michael Porter;
ALICE STEINER from Dave & Yvonne Lake.



VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests: worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.



DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHIP - GROW IN MISSION

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.

VENDORS NEEDED for two upcoming summer events at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. **Strawberry Festival** on Saturday, June 17 from 12:00-5:00 PM. **MagniFest** (music festival) on Saturday, August 19 from 2:00-10:00 PM. We welcome small businesses, artisans, crafters, and more! Visit www.stmaryprov.org for more info and to apply to be a vendor.