

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 22 MAY 2022

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

By listening attentively to the Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices. All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**Readings for Sunday, May 29:** Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.



**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>
23 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Robert Hegedus	Hegedus Family
24 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	George Cambourakis	Simon Nagel
25 May	WED. 9:00 AM	People on Parish Sick List	Tony Vitacco
25 May	WED. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
26 May	THU. 9:00 AM	27 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Amy & Matt Porter	
28 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	John Patrick McCarthy	Sharon McCarthy
29 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 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.



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**, Thursday, May 26 is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 PM; Mass on Thursday, May 26 at 9:00 AM.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, May 23 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

**WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING** to support Religious Education:  
MAY DRAWING - M/M Stephen Pasko - \$282.00.



The little guy squirmed out of the front pew in which he had been sitting next to mom and dad. It was a long ceremony for sure, but being up front, he had an unobstructed view of all that was going on. His eyes were now fixed on his much older brother. As his brother, older I imagine by some eighteen or so years, now lay down on the floor, the little guy decided that he should do the same. He kind of balled up on the floor with head turned keeping an eye on big brother who would soon also be known as Father. This was the image captured in a photo and shown as a slide at the beginning of the keynote address at the recent convocation of archdiocesan priests. *Fathers, this is priesthood* said the speaker, a clergyman



from another diocese. It was a poignant image that must have especially resonated for those present that were siblings. There are a number of those in the archdiocese. However, the image and the words spoken resonated for all. ***This is priesthood***. It is one, whose call began not with words, but with example, a curiosity peaked, and perhaps an uncomfortable pew during a long ceremony. All priesthood is like this. All priests can cite those who gave example: the “big brother” upon whom the eyes were fixed. It could have been a particular pope, pastor, parochial vicar, or even one’s pain-in-the-neck brother. There was always the example. I remember that no-quite-but-soon-to-be ordained priest (otherwise known as a transitional deacon) that visited my sixth grade classroom when I was in school. I have no recollection whatsoever of what he said that day, but unbeknownst to him, he planted a seed that would take root and grow. Jesus planted seeds in exactly this way...except that He knew. With one seed already taking root, it was Andrew that hurried to find his brother. *Come and see!*, he said. Peter would come. He would see and he would be profoundly moved by the example. A miraculous abundance of fish caught in the sea would lead to a very unique and special seed being planted in the soil of Peter’s heart. Jesus continues to sow such seeds. This weekend six men were ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They all have stories to tell of example given and seeds sown. The speaker at our convocation said something else that I’ve never heard. He noted how religious communities have their founders. For example, Jesuits might boast that they were founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola, while the Passionist Community of our own Saint Gabriel was founded by St. Paul of the Cross. The “community” that is known as the Diocesan Priesthood has a founder as well, he said. That founder is none other than Saint Peter, himself – the first diocesan priest! Example begets example and seeds sown lead to ever more plants, fruit, seeds, abundance, and a whole New Way that is, in a word, exemplary. Pray for priests. Pray for those whose roots have just taken hold and those whose roots have seen many a season. Pray that all of us together might set the good example that cannot be overlooked so that from among us there will be those who “come and see” as seeds are planted and take root! ***This is priesthood!***



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Collections

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**DEPOSIT FOR MAY 15, 2022.** ..... \$3,644  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. .... \$196,187  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. .... \$201,816

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 28 AND 29**

will be the Father's Day Remembrance Collection.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for May 14/15:**

4:00 PM Mass - 102  
 9:00 AM Mass - 90  
 Total Attendance - 192



### **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 fundraiser 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 9 - #784 - unsold  
 May 10 - #382 - unsold  
 May 11 - #514 - Sue Commale - \$50.00  
 May 12 - #169 - unsold  
 May 13 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00  
 May 14 - #446 - unsold  
 May 15 - #099 - unsold

### **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**  
 610-326-7880

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

### **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

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 28/29**

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman



American  
Red Cross

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, June 6 and Monday, June 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an

appointment.

### **ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:

MONICA BAUER from Jeannine Ferrante;  
ALAN L. SHUNK from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;  
HARRY ALDERFER from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

**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.

**RADA CUTLERY** - The Women's Society has decided to forgo the RADA Program. They have a few items left: 2 vegetable peelers - cost is \$8.00 each. Contact the parish office to purchase these items.

### ***The Corner***

When you are anxious, you can always find comfort in God's holy Bible. A few examples...

**"Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you."** —1 Peter 5:7

**"Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."** —Joshua 1:9

**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.



Join us for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies on Thursday, June 30 at 6:05 PM at Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia. Watch the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves. Seating available in the following areas: Outfield (sections 101-107) at \$38 per tickets; Pavilion (sections 201-205) at \$30 per ticket; Pavilion Deck (sections 301-310) at \$20 per ticket. A portion of all tickets sold will go to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Go to [www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic.charities.com](http://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic.charities.com) to purchase tickets. If 500 tickets are sold a CCA beneficiary will throw out the first pitch of the game and also sing the National Anthem!



**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.

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.



*"Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God's people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church."*

Pope St. John Paul II  
Address to Seminarians  
St. Martin's Chapel  
October 3, 1979

**GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter & Fr. Bally Council on Friday, August 12 (rain or shine) at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18-hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and awards at approximately 2:00 PM. For more details contact Mark Nunan (610-754-7185 or [marknunan6614@gmail.com](mailto:marknunan6614@gmail.com)) or Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)).