

PENTECOST SUNDAY

23 MAY 2021

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.

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who “renews the face of the earth,” was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness for sins.

Readings for Sunday, May 30: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20.

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>
25 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Rev. James Gormley	Bucciaglia Family
26 May	WED. 9:00 AM	David Bolonski	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
27 May	THU. 9:00 AM	George Schad	Ron & Carol Fry
28 May	FRI. 9:00 AM	David Guadagno	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
29 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
30 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Michael & Mary Rudy	Mary, Kathy & Ron

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).



Congratulations to our newly baptized, REESE ROSE HILDEBRAND and her family!



Flowers on the Main Altar are in honor of ST. RITA and MADONNA GRANDE requested by Cynthia Nore and Rita.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

They say when you want God to laugh, you tell Him your plans. Amen.

Exhibit A: last week I wrote in this column about possible changes to pandemic protocols in the weeks ahead and how we had a plan to address new guidelines that may come out. And then God laughed. A day after sending the bulletin to print, the CDC updated their mask guidance for those who have been fully vaccinated effective immediately. By the time you read the bulletin, the “what if” was a reality, and the material in the bulletin column was already obsolete. I’m writing this week’s column before the latest update to Archdiocesan guidelines are released, so I better not say anything more on the subject.

Exhibit B: with pandemic restrictions easing up nationwide, my family decided to plan a group vacation in June. Even though the time was right around the time that priest changes take effect, I figured it wouldn’t be an issue – there would be a slim chance of me getting transferred after only a year. And then God laughed, because a few days after booking the plane ticket, the phone rang with a call to see if I’d be interested in a transfer.

By now you know that the Archbishop has appointed me pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Springfield. The next few weeks will be a time of transition as I prepare to move down there and as this parish prepares to welcome its new pastor, Fr. Wilson. As I alluded above, I’ll be joining my family on a vacation in June, right around the time that the transfer is supposed to take effect. Fr. Wilson and I are working on a plan to delay the official move a few days so that I don’t have to cancel the trip. I appreciate his flexibility on that.

Even though we’re in a time of transition right now, things are still happening here at the parish. One behind-the-scenes item of note: on Thursday, the parish phone system is going to be upgraded. Our current system is outdated and not the most user-friendly. On top of that, the monthly bill has increased dramatically in the time I’ve been here. Our new system will be about 40% cheaper each month and will allow for better call handling. Of course, there will be a learning curve and we’ll probably discover a few bugs along the way. Overall, it’ll be good to have a higher-quality, lower-cost service.

Having said that, because they are upgrading everything campus-wide, if you call the office on Thursday, there may be times when you can’t get through, so please be patient. Also, as I said a few weeks ago, all calls for any parish-related business should be made to the main phone number: (610)-326-5127.

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the conclusion of the Easter Season. It went quickly, didn’t it? Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter flower fund or who donated funds to procure flowers to decorate our sanctuary (and to those who helped maintain them) these past few weeks. All the flowers helped mark the beauty of the season and made it look like a special time.

Have a great week!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 16, 2021.....	\$4,908
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,054
Parish Giving -	\$115
Ascension Collection -	\$739
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$92)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$230,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$201,816
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,387
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$28,184)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$613)
 <i>MAY 17, 2020</i>	
Deposit.....	\$2,864
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$33,997)
Difference from previous year.....	\$5,813

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 29 AND 30, will be the Father's Day Remembrance Collection.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MEMORIES 'N' MORE
610-326-1911



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 15/16:

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



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 10 - #965 - Monica Miller - \$50.00
May 11 - #191 - unsold
May 12 - #479 - unsold
May 13 - #620 - unsold
May 14 - #621 - unsold
May 15 - #759 - Jack Carr - \$50.00
May 16 - #822 - 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 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

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 29/30

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Minister of Holy Communion - Nester

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 1 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.

JOB OPENING: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville is looking for an Administrative Assistant for Religious Education. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Part-time position - 19 hours per week. Sunday, 8 AM to 12 Noon; Monday, 3:00 to 8:30 PM; Tuesday, 3:00 to 8:30 PM; Wednesday, 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. E-mail your resume to Deborah Rorabaugh at drorabaugh@stteresacalcutta.com.

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

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

KENNETH STOUDT from Chris, Gene & Domenic Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio.

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. May 28 - *Adoptive Mother* presented by Sister Kara Davis, DC. *Then Jesus said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"* (John 19:27). With these words spoken by Jesus on the cross, He shares His mother with us. Mary, the mother of God, becomes our mother, ready at any moment to intercede for us and shower us with grace. Register at www.miraculousmedal.org by May 26.

SUMMER NOVENA - THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH:

Mondays, June 7 to August 2 at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Philadelphia. For more information visit www.miraculousmedal.org/events/summer-novena-2021.

CHESTER COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE on Saturday,

June 5 in West Chester. 9:00 AM Mass at St. Agnes Church with Most Rev. John J. McIntyre, Aux. Bishop of Philadelphia. 9:00 AM Protestant Prayer Service at Christ Church. 10:15 AM March to Planned Parenthood for Prayer. 10:30 AM March to Historic Courthouse for Program Speakers. For more details visit www.ChescoproLife.org/CCMarchforLife.