

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29 MAY 2022

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

Stephen, the first martyr of the infant Church, washes his robe in the blood of the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega. He proclaims Jesus Lord and King, Most High over all the earth. In him may all become one.

Readings for Sunday, June 5: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-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>
30 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Michael & Mary Rudy	Mary, Kathy & Ron
31 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Dorothy & Peter Chuck	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
1 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Giocomo & Annetta Ferrante	Jeannine Ferrante
2 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
4 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
5 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY COVERED DISH SOCIAL on Thursday, June 2 starting at 6:00 PM in the social hall. New members always welcome. BYOB.

ROAST BEEF FOR SALE. 1-1/2 pound container - frozen. No rolls. Cost is \$8.00. Contact the parish office if interested.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JUNE issue at the parish office.



It jarred me out of a sound sleep. I was confused; suddenly terrified. I didn't know what it was. Frightened and crying, I ran down the hallway calling out for my mom and dad. They were both already awake. My father was leaning out of the bedroom window looking and listening as my mother took me in her arms. Turning away from the window, my father then caressed the side of my face and told me not to be afraid. Something very strange was happening. Dogs were barking and startled neighbors could be heard chattering. I don't know how to describe it. It was a sort of very deep noise with a rumbling unlike anything I had ever heard or felt. My father turned on *KYW News Radio*. People were already phoning in. Folks were reporting a loud noise and rumble. The graveyard shift radio station personnel had experienced it too. The radio shortly confirmed my father's initial educated guess: *I think we had an earthquake*. It was 3:21am on February 28th of that year. On that day in 1973, the Philadelphia region experienced a 3.8 magnitude earthquake or tremor as minor quakes are known. If this was a minor quake, that caused such confusion and quandary, then what of a quake much higher on the *Richter* scale? Who could endure it or survive? Major geological earthquakes can be devastating and tragic. They give evidence of a fallen world subject to evil and its accompanying sin. Indeed, they give evidence of a world in need of redemption, renewal, and re-creation. The Earthquake of Christianity is quite its opposite. *This Earthquake is redemption, renewal, and re-creation*. Initially frightening and confusing, the Christian Earthquake ultimately brings joy and fulfillment. In fact, a true Christian is one who has endured a major earthquake and has been forever transformed by it. On Good Friday afternoon, the earth shook violently as Christ was crucified and death, itself, was destroyed. Rumbling also accompanied a Risen Jesus emerging as the stone of a tomb was rolled back. Earth would shake once again on the Day of Pentecost as the Heavens poured forth a Spirit and Twelve men were transformed. Such transformations continue to this very day, because such quakes continue. Each of our seven Sacraments are nothing else if not earth shaking and bone jarring outward Signs of Grace waking us from the sound sleep into which we are so often lulled by a world that oh so needs a good shake. In this time now between the Ascension and Pentecost, know that there will be quakes and tremors. Jarring at first and perhaps just a little frightening, especially for the child in each one of us, they alert us to a transformation taking place suddenly and quickly in the early morning hours of a New Day. On this Memorial Day Weekend as we begin our transition into summer, prepare for a transition of your own. Prepare to be transformed! Prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the Earthquake of Christianity that forever shakes our world anew!



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson

The Corner

As we celebrate Ascension.....

“Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to His Father and our Father. Say: Thank You God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which You have in Your love planned and prepared for me.”

—excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan

LOST WEEK

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DEPOSIT FOR MAY 22, 2022. \$4,876
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$201,063
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. \$206,195

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - Fr. Charles Kennedy will be speaking at our Masses for the annual **Mission Co-operation Appeal**. He represents *Father Chuck's Challenge*, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeffer, a deceased beloved priest of our Archdiocese. Over the last 15 years, donors to *Father Chuck's Challenge* have provided more than 1,500 homes for desperately poor beneficiaries, previously living virtually homeless, in plastic and plank shelters, in an area frequently ravished by tropical storms in the Northern Highlands of Nicaragua and in hurricane ravaged Haiti. Thousands more need help of all kinds. Information available at www.fatherchuckschallenge.com. *"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do unto Me."* (Mt. 25:40)



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 16 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- May 17 - #815 - unsold
- May 18 - #963 - unsold
- May 19 - #545 - unsold
- May 20 - #488 - unsold
- May 21 - #517 - Robert Mackey - \$50.00
- May 22 - #902 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 115
 9:00 AM Mass - 109
 Total Attendance - 224

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 4/5

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & George

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr



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.

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.

