

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 5 MAY 2019

**Readings for Sunday, May 5:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

**Readings for Sunday, May 12:** Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
6 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Deborah Fick	Fr. Gregory J. Hickey
8 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Florence O'Brien	Michael Burke
9 May	THU. 9:00 AM	John & Cay Francis	Jane Perkins & family
10 May	FRI. 9:00 AM	Carl & Josephine Sciscio	Daughter, Anna
11 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Our Living & Deceased Mothers	
12 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living & Deceased Mothers	



**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 OUR BLESSED MOTHER requested by St. Gabriel Women's Society.



**MANNA FOOD DRIVE BAGS** will be available at the Masses next weekend, May 11 & 12. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 18 or Sunday, May 19. Canned food items most needed are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Donations will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

**THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 11/12:

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Hickey  
 Lectors - Jim Mich  
 Extraordinary Ministers - John Nester, George Siver, Tony Vitacco, John Bracaglia, Terry Donnelly  
 Altar Servers - Maeve Donnelly  
 Greeters - Nikki Gambino and Marie Hildebrand

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Ortega  
 Lectors - Jack Bucciaglia  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Cristin Bucciaglia  
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes  
 Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

### REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

In Robert Bolt's play, *A Man for All Seasons*, he portrays Thomas More as a man of principle, envied by such rivals as Thomas Cromwell and loved by the common people and his family. I would like to suggest that St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish could be a more vibrant parish for all seasons when all those who travel from the many neighborhoods which comprise our parish, drive into a place that God has reserved to give each of us a time away from the world to deepen the spirituality principles of our very selves to connect us to the Lord and renew us in mind, body, and spirit.

There is an old expression that the "eye is the mirror of the soul." At St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Community, one of the marvels that the eye sees is the majestic property, the place of worship, the statues, the beauty of the grounds, and the statuesque trees that mirror each of the seasons.

The trees have seen each of us in all of the seasons. In the winter, the trees are barren, at times ugly and twisted. They are in a sleeping mode awaiting new life. They are no longer dressed but open to being vulnerable. In the spring, they come back to life. New buds appear and than almost overnight are dressed again in their beautiful new colors of green. Their buds are full of promise. In the summer, the foliage and trees are laden with blossoms that smell sweet and they once again are beautiful and give us shade and security. In the autumn, the trees are like a canvas of beautiful and rich colors of the rainbow. The Lord is the artist that puts rich and vibrant colors on every tree. One only has to drive and look at the beautiful colors of autumn. It is like a meditation to observe the beauty of transformation.

As we are enjoying the beauty of the Easter season, we begin again the possibility of conversion and transformation in our personal lives and in our parish community. The trees that surround our homes and parishes are there throughout the entire year. Just as we cannot judge a tree in one season, we cannot judge a person by only one season. The essence of who you are in the spiritual life is composed of all four seasons and the Lord is there for each of our four cycles. He brings us from the various modes of the desert to a full oasis in our spiritual lives.

Don't let the pain or dryness of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Through the parish experience, the Lord asks us to persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come. Always "Aspire to inspire." Happiness keeps you mellow. Trials keep you growing. Sorrows keep you in balance. Failures keep you humble. Successes keep you growing. God keeps you going so the message is always to have trust in Him.

The cycle of the trees tells us much about ourselves and where we are in our individual season. We are now in the season of spring and we are in the Liturgical Season of Easter and we continue to sing the Alleluias of Easter. We celebrate Jesus Christ who has penetrated into our time and space and become one like us. It is a time of unconditional love. Jesus comes to live among us as a member in a family.

May each of you be blessed with health, happiness, and the peace of Christ. I deeply appreciate your faithfulness and your support as we make this journey together.

Have a good week!

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

### Notice to Parishioners

As of March 31, 2019, the balance in our Heritage of Faith Account is \$20,100.31.

The following projects have been approved by the Finance and Parish Councils.

We put out three bids for the rectory roof and Cannon Roofing was awarded the contract for a total of \$7,880.00. A new security system has been installed to cover the parish center and the church property. There are four cameras outside the parish center as well as four cameras for the exterior of the church property as well as a camera inside the Church. Both buildings also have recorders that can be accessed by the computer as well as cell phones. The total cost for this project is \$4,548.00. This system was procured through SAH Incorporated. Both bills have been paid and the Heritage of Faith Foundation will reimburse the parish upon receipt of all the paperwork. An oral announcement was given about both of these projects at both Masses on the weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 by Father Hickey.

Any questions or concerns, please call Fr. Hickey at 610-327-2248 or email me at [g hickey@sgsm62.org](mailto:g hickey@sgsm62.org).

This notice will be in the bulletin the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 28, 2019.....	\$4,004
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,599
Parish Giving -	\$90
Easter Collection -	\$315
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$996)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$220,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$194,623
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,423
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$25,377)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$577)
<i>APRIL 29, 2018</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,285
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$22,507)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,870)

### MASS ATTENDANCE for April 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 179  
 9:00 AM Mass - 133  
 Total Attendance - 312  
 Mass Attendance for April 28/29, 2018 - 365

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be the Mother's Day Envelope Collection.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**CLOTHING DRIVE** will be held in our church parking lot on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using

the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot 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. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).



**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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

April 22 - #220 - unsold  
 April 23 - #236 - Gene Hunter - \$50.00  
 April 24 - #896 - unsold  
 April 25 - #076 - unsold  
 April 26 - #567 - Darlene Matta - \$50.00  
 April 27 - #190 - George Siver - \$50.00  
 April 28 - #204 - Frances March - \$100.00

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

ROSELLA MURGIA from Gerry Murgia & family;  
MARY ANN KARPINSKI from Joanne & Dan Egrie, West Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners, Susan Childers, Gerry Murgia, Buccigliata family, Joyce & Pamela Pashley, Donna & Bob Hurter, Gail Davy & Friends at GP, Phyllis & Kevin Villano, Ron DiGiosia, Gladys McGrath;  
RICHARD BARNDT from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

**"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL."** For further information, please call the parish office.

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

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**  
610-326-4137

**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Cost for a one year subscription is \$36.00. Subscription begins with the September 2019 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions and payment is June 21.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BEEF & BEER FUND RAISER** sponsored by West End Fire Company Firefighters, Stowe on Saturday, May 18 in West End Fire Company's Nicholas J. Lenhardt Hall from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Must be 21 years old or older to attend. \$25.00 admission includes: Food, Beer, Soda, Ice Tea, Water, Door Prizes. 50/50 and Basket Raffle tickets will be sold.

**TRAVEL WITH FR. PAUL BRANDT**, Pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish to Budapest, Prague, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Vienna and Czestochowa. Trip Dates: June 29-July 12, 2019. Cost is \$4,600.00 - airfare and ALL included. To register, contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9730. You can also register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** meets on Wednesday, May 8 at 10:30 AM at Diakon Services at Manatawny Manor, Pottstown. Discussion topic: Surviving Day-To-Day. Our support group is designed to help you connect with people in similar situations. Come share stories with others who know exactly what you're experiencing. You'll also learn ways to cope with difficult behaviors and other helpful caregiving tips. Contact Gina for more information at 610-705-3749 or [CookeG@diakon.org](mailto:CookeG@diakon.org).

**SPECIAL HEALING MASS WITH ST. MICHAEL AND THE ANGELS** sponsored by Flame of Love on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 PM at St. Anastasia Church, Newtown Square. Fr. Jim Blount will celebrate the Mass. For more details call 610-622-4257 or Denise at 610-356-7153.

**ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA 25<sup>TH</sup> CANONIZATION ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION** on Thursday, May 16 at the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Gianna Beretta Molla in Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster. Rosary Recitation at 6:30 PM. Mass at 7:00 PM. First-Class and Second-Class Relic veneration after Mass. Light refreshments in the downstairs Church Hall. For additional information call 215-657-3101 or email [jw@saintgianna.org](mailto:jw@saintgianna.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!** IHM Sisters Donor Education Event. Wednesday, June 5 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at SEI, Oaks. Join us for a FREE, exciting and informative event hosted at SEI headquarters. The morning will feature a dynamic presentation on philanthropic approaches and opportunities given by Laura Solomon of Laura Solomon & Associates, Ardmore. The event will conclude with a tour of the famous West Art Collection at SEI. To receive a formal invitation, please email your name, address and phone number to [missionadv@ihmimmaculata.org](mailto:missionadv@ihmimmaculata.org) by May 15.

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 14 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, May 18 - Rock Climbing at Philadelphia Rock Gym, Wyncote. Pre registrations highly preferred, \$15 until May 11, \$20 after May 11.

Tuesday, May 21 - Theology on Tap at Conshohocken Brewing Company, Bridgeport. Doors open at 7:00 PM; Talk starts at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 28 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM.

For more information about these events, visit the website at [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org).

**WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT** with Fr. Steve DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. May 31 - June 1 at Mariawald Renewal Center. For women of all ages seeking a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Retreat includes Mass, teaching on the 5 Keys to Freedom in Christ, healing prayer, personal coaching, reflection, sisterhood and adoration. Registration required. Visit [www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats](http://www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats) or contact De Yarrison (610-287-2989).

**91<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPAGHETTI DINNER - ST. GABRIEL LODGE** on June 1 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All you can eat Spaghetti with 2 meatballs or sausage with 1<sup>st</sup> serving, tossed salad, bread and dessert. \$8.95 - Adult; \$5.95 - Children (5-10 yrs); Children under 5 eat free. Walk-ins welcome.

**BUS TRIP TO HOLLYWOOD CASINO** - Wednesday, June 19. Leaves from St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Parking Lot, Pottstown at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$27.00 - includes tip for driver. Package is \$30.00. Call Judy Petro (484-236-1049) for reservations.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES** on June 21. Plan a night out with family and friends watching the Phillies vs. Miami, all while benefitting the Catholic Charities Appeal. If 500 tickets are sold, a student from Catholic Social Services OST Program will throw out the first pitch of the game and a beneficiary Group will sing the National Anthem. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal. Visit [www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight) to purchase tickets.