

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 7 MAY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, May 7:** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

We are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood” called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

**Readings for Sunday, May 14:** Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.



**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>
8 May	MON.	9:00 AM	Mary Louise Schwenk
9 May	TUE.	9:00 AM	Harry & Anne Boeshore
10 May	WED.	9:00 AM	Jane Perkins
11 May	THU.	9:00 AM	Nagel Family
13 May	SAT.	4:00 PM	Husband, Joe
14 May	SUN.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			Our Living and Deceased Mothers



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially CECILIA TSHUDY.

**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.



**COMBINED FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 PM in the social hall.



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.



The Women's Society is selling chances for a **Mother's Day Basket** after Masses until Mother's Day, May 14 when the winner will be drawn. Approximate value of the basket is \$200.00. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.

# Collections ©IPPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 30, 2023.** ..... \$  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. .... \$  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. .... \$  
 Figures from the April 30 Collection will be published in the May 14 bulletin.



Due to an increase in the cost of the votive candles, we need to ask for a donation of **\$3.50** per candle. The cost of the small candles at the Blessed Mother Statue in the vestibule will not change.

## The Corner

**SOUL-ER** energy is a renewable resource, as long as you stay in the **SON**.



**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.



## SPECIAL MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYER

next Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, at the Blessed Virgin Mary Grotto after the 9:00 AM Mass. Special Blessing will be given for all Mothers, living and deceased. Miraculous Medals will be

distributed to those attending. Join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME**

610-323-4440

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



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on May 15 and 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.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:  
DOROTHY LEVANOVTCH from George & Terry Weikel, John & Jane Walsh, Nancy Razzis, Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer, Kathryn Arms, Mary Lenhardt, Allen & Patricia Ayling, Judith Loughin;  
JOHN KENNEDY, JR. from Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer.



## 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.



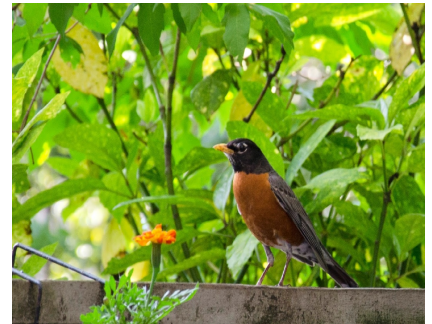
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The fragrance was pleasant and subtle. I prefer it so – never too intense or overpowering. It happened as



soon as I opened the rectory door early preparing to leave for the cathedral on the morning of this past Holy Thursday. It's never happened like that at any other

rectory in the past. Ah, the beauty of Stowe! The faint fragrance of hyacinths awakened my sleepy soul to the realities of springtime: the blooming flowers and budding trees, colors returning to nature's palette, light breezes warmer felt, and



birds aflutter as a new sun rises. *Spring is in the air* as they say...and so it must be in our hearts. Are you ready for spring? Are you engaging it? Open

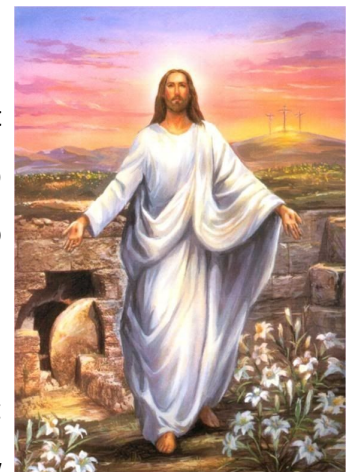
the door and breathe in the fresh and sweetly fragrant air. It's springtime in the Church as well. Some would



disagree seeing still only the dark and dreary days of winter. Some seem to prefer this. Maybe all of us do at times – staying curled-up on the couch under the afghan with a warm cup of sleepy time tea. Spring like

hyacinths awakens our senses. I have read somewhere that the sense of smell is rooted in the deepest part of our brain – the most

fundamental and rudimentary part. That sense is often engaged in an effort to awaken those suffering coma. It is time to breathe in the spring air. It is time to awaken and rise from our winter repose. It is time to open the door, step outside, and engage the new springtime of the Church proclaiming once again the Good News to a winter weary world. The morning of the Resurrection was the most fragrant ever. Having broken the bonds of death that fragrance would only grow



and spread as Jesus emerged from the tomb of His Sacred Slumber. Arise and join with Him now. Breathe in the Fragrant Air of Resurrection! It is springtime once again in the Church!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 13/14

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

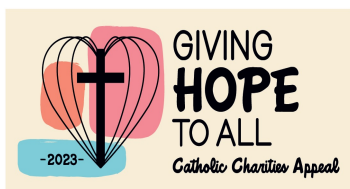
Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & Donnelly

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



**THE FLOWER VASES** used on the Main Altar have been refurbished by the Women's Society. Thank You to the Women's Society for their generosity!!



### 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. To donate to the Catholic Charities Appeal, please use the envelope mailed to your home or visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

### ST. GABRIEL LODGE 95<sup>TH</sup> 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. 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](http://www.phillydisciples.org/goforth).



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES!

Come out to watch the National League Champions take on the Chicago Cubs all while benefitting the Catholic Charities Appeal. CCA Night with the Phillies is scheduled for Friday, May 19 at 7:05 PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly support Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries. To purchase tickets, go to [www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities](http://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics. Next events: **Tuesday, May 9**, 7:30 PM - Bible Study at St. David's, Willow Grove; **Saturday, May 13**, 12:30-8:00PM - Young Adults Retreat at St. David's, Willow Grove - purchase tickets at <https://shorturl.at/H1346>. For more details, contact [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org).