

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 MAY 2022

Readings for Sunday, May 8: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

Readings for Sunday, May 15: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.



**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.**



Date			Intention	Requested By
9 May	MON.	9:00 AM	Carol O'Leary	Fr. Wilson
10 May	TUE.	9:00 AM	Christopher J. Gantert	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
11 May	WED.	9:00 AM	Albania "Pina" Terpolilli	Jack & Lori Carr
12 May	THU.	9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
14 May	SAT.	4:00 PM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
15 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 are welcome to join them.



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.



BEEF & BEER SOCIAL on Saturday, May 21 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM). Music - DJ. Held in the church social hall. Menu includes: roast beef, pasta salad, potato salad, chips, pretzels, dessert, 2 kinds of beer and wine. Cash

bar for other alcoholic beverages. Cost: \$30.00 in advance; \$40.00 at the door. Tickets available at the parish office or from any Women's Society member. Block of tickets available to parishioners to sell at work or to friends. Call Lori (610-326-6030). Benefits our Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine and Garden Project.



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Aside from it being unprecedented, inflicting damage unknown upon the integrity of the institution itself and our nation as a whole, the leak of a SCOTUS draft document having to do with the possibility of upending the infamous 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing a mother's "right" to abort her child is rather remarkable, to say the least, for another reason. It occurred in the week before Mother's Day

is celebrated in our country. Perhaps, this is all a part of a ploy to give the pending official decision of the court greater scrutiny and attention. There is just one problem for the Leaker(s). It has to do with Mother's Day. Mother's Day is one of our few secular "holy days." One best not forgo or forget it. The other secular "holy days" are Christmas and Thanksgiving. All of these days are "obligatory" in the church of the secular where the pews are filled with "nones." There must be presents purchased at Christmas and turkey meals had at Thanksgiving as we ring in the holiday season and make retail accounting

ledgers black. However, Mother's Day is not just "holy." It's "sacred." Father's Day, by the way, is a bit different. Dad, for the most part, just wants to be left alone to tinker on the car, fish, or play golf. *Enjoy your day, Dad!* Mothers, on the other hand...well, let's just say...**do not forget mom!!!** Flowers, candy, cards, and dinner – over the years Mother's Day involved all of these for me! In grade school, I remember *always* making a card for my mother on her special day. She so enjoyed those handmade cards from her son and she always displayed them prominently. My father and I would try so hard to make her day as easy as possible – say by not swinging a golf club in the house damaging the ceiling or setting a pencil on fire just to watch it burn while risking burning down the whole house. Kirk had his wrath of Khan. I had my wrath of Mom. I'm so grateful to my mother for what she's given me. I mean, I wouldn't be here without her. Sure, life can sometimes be difficult at times. We all know that. But not being is even harder. That's what makes abortion so wrong. One never even gets a chance – to be a mom or thank a mom or be with mom. There is no maternal correction of childish behavior because there is no child. Fires do not have to be put out nor ceilings repaired. No cards are lovingly made by little hands at school by a pupil that



doesn't exist and then, even the secular "holy days" aren't so "holy" anymore; nor so happy. We celebrate Mother's Day today in a special way as we thank our mothers and all mothers for the beautiful Gift of Life. Despite all of the challenges and contradictions at times, quite honestly, what could be better? A life given, lived well now with Faith, results in Life Eternal. This is what we celebrate in this Easter Season and especially on this day on which we honor

all moms. Happy Mother's Day! And thank you Mom, for that most precious Gift of Life!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR MAY 1, 2022. \$3,568
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$188,666
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. \$193,527

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 14 AND 15
 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 30/May 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 109
 9:00 AM Mass - 139
 Total Attendance - 248



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

April 25 - #437 - unsold
 April 26 - #211 - unsold
 April 27 - #802 - unsold
 April 28 - #160 - unsold
 April 29 - #544 - unsold
 April 30 - #833 - unsold

APRIL FIGURES: 248 tickets sold - \$1240.00. Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost for tickets - \$100.00. Profit for April - \$790.00. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THIS FUND RAISER.**

May 1 - #928 - unsold

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PRIESTS CONVOCATION - The Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather this week with our Archbishop in Hershey, PA for a time of prayer and fellowship. Remember to pray for all our priests.

Please note that Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA will be here to celebrate Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - Next weekend we will celebrate In-Pew Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal. Please consider a donation to help those most in need in

the Philadelphia area. The Catholic Charities Appeal's overall goal of \$12.5 million is vital to the efforts of the human service programs in the five-county Philadelphia area. The Appeal funds hundreds of beneficiary organizations that serve thousands. Thank you to those who have given and for those who have not yet, prayerfully consider how you can help by supporting the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Manna Bags will be available at Masses this weekend, May 7 and 8. Kindly return your filled Manna Bags on Saturday, May 14 or Sunday, May 15. Canned food items in

greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Food collected will be delivered to the Cluster Outreach in Pottstown.

The Corner

May is the month of Mary, and in 2018, the Church established a new memorial on the Monday following the solemnity of Pentecost that celebrates **"Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church."** Be sure to say a prayer of honor to Mary on Monday, June 5!

And so today on this Mother's Day, we say a prayer in honor of ALL mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, and others who have been like mothers to us. **"Dear Lord, please bless all of these beautiful souls and grant them peaceful and joyful hearts. Amen."**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 14/15

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

PAR-ReCycle Works...E-Cycle Event scheduled for May 15 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish parking lot from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Bring used electronics - desktop computer systems, laptop, notebook computers, Ipads, cell phones, phones, phone systems, Ipods, MP3 Players, DVD players, VCR's, printers, flat screen monitors and computer peripherals. No batteries. For more details contact Sam Whitehouse (samwhitehouse@comcast.net or 610-420-7202).

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. 7:00 AM - Arrival and set up (Tables \$10 each). For more information: 610-323-4312 or office@emmanuelpottstown.com.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Discussion on the book, *Mercy in Padre Pio* by Stefano Campanella. Purchase the book at the National Centre for Padre Pio gift shop or on-line at www.padrepio.org. For more information or to register contact angela@padrepio.org.

DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL with Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Monday, May 16 from 9:30 AM to 3:15 PM. There is no cost for this Day of Spiritual Renewal; however, it is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for May 16. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org.

CONCERT FOR RACIAL HEALING - "We Find Hope In You" by the Archdiocesan Choirs of Philadelphia on May 15 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Words of inspiration and hope will be offered by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. Admission is Free.

COME AND REST AWHILE SPRING RETREAT at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia from May 20-22. Take some time to pause in prayer and reflection. A spiritual director will be with you to guide and companion you throughout the weekend. Register at www.msbt.org or call 267-350-1830.

HALLAHAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S "50 YEARS & BEYOND LUNCHEON" on Wednesday, May 18 for graduates from 1972 or before. Held at Connstatter's, Philadelphia. Cost is \$40.00 per person; \$25.00 for Religious. Reservations are needed. For more information contact the Alumnae Office (215-568-3081 or office@hallahanalumnae.net).

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: DOLORES DOHERTY from Barbara & Michael Hipszer; CAROL ANN CORRIGAN from Tony & Theresa Vitacco; MICHAEL J. VITACCO, SR. from Tony & Theresa.

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



American
Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, May 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS each Thursday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit www.Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. For more details email Phillyadoration@gmail.com. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time.