

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 MAY 2021

Readings for Sunday, May 9: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

Readings for Sunday, May 16: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.

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>
11 May	TUE.	9:00 AM	Jen Rothermel	Ron & Carol Fry
12 May	WED.	9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie	Villano Family
13 May	THU.	9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
13 May	THU.	7:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
14 May	FRI.	9:00 AM	Evelyn Segnere	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
15 May	SAT.	4:00 PM	Gregor & Rose Ferez	Granddaughter, Bonnie
16 May	SUN.	9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

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).

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 13 is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on May 13 at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. No vigil Mass on May 12.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Manna Bags will be available this weekend. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag next weekend, May 15 and 16. 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 Outreach Center in Pottstown. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

The Red Cross sent out a note last week that they are experiencing the **lowest blood donor turnout since the pandemic began** a year ago, and supplies are now critically low. In an effort to increase donations, anyone who donates blood between May 1 and May 15 will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card by e-mail and will be entered into a drawing to win a travel trailer camper.

We have **blood drives here at St. Gabriel's on Thursday and Friday of this week (5/13 and 5/14)** – which just gets you in for the Amazon gift card. As I write this, there are still lots of openings: 11 slots available for Thursday and over 30 slots available for Friday. I'm sure they would prefer a better showing than that. If you are eligible to donate blood, please consider doing so. Tell your friends and neighbors about the blood drives as well. Pre-registration is required, and you can sign up by going to <https://rb.gy/sduxxr> or by visiting our website.

This weekend and next weekend are traditionally very special weekends in the Archdiocese, as it is the time in which men are ordained as deacons and priests for our local Church. As of my writing this, six men will be ordained as transitional deacons (i.e. deacons who are preparing for priesthood) for the Archdiocese this Saturday morning, May 8. Next Saturday, May 15, two men will be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese. Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin their service in ordained ministry. Please also continue to pray that more young men will hear God's call to priesthood and respond generously.

On the theme of generosity, a quick update about the Catholic Charities Appeal. The latest report shows we are around halfway toward our parish goal: \$6,174 toward a goal of \$12,000. A few months ago, soon after the appeal began, I had reported that we were further along. I'm not entirely sure what happened, but I suspect they were reporting the final 2020 number where they should have been giving the in-progress 2021 number. At any rate, this is where we are now. Thank you to all who have contributed to this important Archdiocesan appeal. If you haven't done so yet and wish to make a contribution, please check the materials you received in the mail or contact the office and we can give you the information you need.

It's annoying to have to write this, but it must be said. Once again, some suspicious e-mails have again been going around, supposedly from me, asking the recipient to call a phone number or reply to the e-mail as quickly as possible because I was apparently in need of some urgent assistance. Sadly, there are scammers and crooks out there who would love nothing more than to take your money under false pretenses. We're not the only parish that suffers from this either. Every now and then I get e-mails supposedly from other priests that I can tell right away are fake, but as the scammers get better, they can be more convincing. So please be careful. There are so many generous and loving people in this parish, and I would hate for anyone to be duped. If you get something that seems fishy or suspicious, delete it.

And of course, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the parish! God bless you on this special day.

Have a great week, and don't forget to publicize and sign up for those blood drives!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 2, 2021.....	\$4,025
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,920
Parish Giving -	\$105
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$975)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$220,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$193,527
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,398
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$26,473)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$602)
<i>MAY 3, 2020</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,785
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$30,061)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,588

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 15 AND 16, is the 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.
610-326-1510

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - As of April 30, our parish has raised \$6,174 which is 51% of our goal of \$12,000. Contributing to our Parish goal allows you to be an active part of the success of this year’s Appeal. Thank you to all who have given. To those who have not yet given, prayerfully consider how you can help those most in need in the Greater Philadelphia Area by supporting the Appeal. Pledge forms/envelopes are available in the vestibule of church. You can also make a donation by visiting www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 1-2:

4:00 PM Mass - 91
9:00 AM Mass - 118
Total Attendance - 209



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. MAY 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

April 26 - #733 - unsold
April 27 - #038 - unsold
April 28 - #122 - unsold
April 29 - #158 - unsold
April 30 - #620 - Sue Hyland - \$50.00
APRIL FIGURES: 262 tickets sold - \$1,310.00.
Payout to winners - \$400.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for April \$810.00. THANK YOU to everyone for supporting this fund raiser.
May 1 - #274 - unsold
May 2 - #875 - unsold

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.



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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 8/9

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Minister of Holy Communion - Bracaglia

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Minister of Holy Communion - Deacon

Altar Server - Donnelly

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 15/16

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Minister of Holy Communion - George

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Minister of Holy Communion - C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB on Wednesday, May 12 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM at National Centre for Padre Pio (Spirituality Centre Building), Barto. 11:30 AM Rosary and 12:00 PM Mass for those who wish to stay. Join us for morning refreshments and a discussion of the book entitled, *Stories of Padre Pio* by Katharina Tangari. There is no cost to participate in this book club; however, please register at Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000. The book may be purchased from the Gift Shop of the National Centre for Padre Pio, our on-line Gift Store at www.padrepio.org or purchased from www.smile.amazon.com.

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.

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. Learn more about Mary, our Blessed Mother, by joining us every Friday in May, as we delve into the life and motherhood of Mary as presented by sisters of the Daughters of Charity. May 12 - Spiritual Mother presented by Sister Regina Hlavac, DC. How blessed Jesus was to have such an awesome mother to nurture him physically and spiritually. What an impact Mary had on Jesus, his followers and all she met. Mama Mary is our spiritual mother. Join us to see how Mary touched the life of her dear Son and beyond. Register at www.miraculousmedal.org.



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on May 13 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM and May 14 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.