

## Church of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin

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“We are a Roman Catholic community of involved individuals and families who, through the spirit of tithing, dedicate ourselves to growing in faith and sharing Christ with others.”

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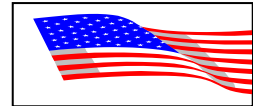
Today is Sunday, May 26, 2019

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we approach this Memorial Day we keep in our prayers those who fought and died for our country, especially family members or friends of those in our Parish Grouping.

Please see the schedule below for Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:



Monday: **Memorial Day**

Tuesday: **Senior Citizens Mass**, 12:30 pm, Social follows in Parish Hall; **Men's Club Cookout**, 6:00 pm, Parking Lot; **Small Group Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Meeting House

Wednesday: **Legion of Mary Evangelization Group**, 5:30 pm, Meeting House

Thursday: **Ascension Thursday** (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses: Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm at Nativity; Thursday morning, 8:30 am at St. Valentine and 9:00 am at St. Gabriel; Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, at St. Germaine; **Legion of Mary**, 10:00 am, Meeting House; **Bingo**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

Friday: **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic**, South Park

Saturday: **Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions**, 10:30 am

Don't forget to purchase St. Gabriel Food Club Cards when you shop or dine at the following businesses: **Bruegger's (\$10)**, **Eat 'N Park (\$25, \$10)**, **Giant Eagle (\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10)**, **Kohl's (\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10)**, **Macy's (\$50, \$25) and Shop 'N Save (\$50)**.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

***The Face of Christ ...*** “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the Face of Jesus Christ, bears the Face of the Lord, who even before he/she was born, and then after birth, experienced the world’s rejection. Every elderly person...even if he/she is ill or at the end of his/her days...bears the Face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the ‘culture of waste’ suggests!”  
(Pope Francis – Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists, Sept. 20, 2013)

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## REBORN IN CHRIST

Five children received the Sacrament of Baptism here last week and are now privileged to share in the Divine Life of Christ:

***Jacob James Huebner***, Son of Laura and Keith Huebner

***Oakleigh Everest Pekney***, Daughter of Christina and Robert Pekney

***Eliza Marie Thomas***, Daughter of Catherine and Mark Thomas

***Henley Brinn Toth***, Daughter of Kathryn and Lane Toth

***Ava Elizabeth William***, Daughter of Nicole and Daniel William

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In charity, please remember all members, relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish and community, with special consideration for the sick, homebound and distressed members.

Pray also for ***Fr. Ray Trance***, retired priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and ***Helen Petrone***, Mother of Theresa Goldbach, Grandmother of Haley and Daniel Goldbach, and ***Brandon Yednak***, Nephew of Tish and Eric Grimm, who died last week.

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## ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

***Peace I Leave With You: My Peace I Give To You...*** As the Church prepares to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost, we encounter today’s Gospel, which is a source of great life and hope. In the course of this brief passage Jesus speaks of He and the Father dwelling with those who love them and of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, being sent to teach them, and then He bestows His peace on them, telling them not to be troubled or afraid. The realities this Gospel presents mean a deal in our own lives as we strive to follow the example of the disciples and be faithful followers of Jesus today. To know that the Lord dwells with us means that we are never alone and always have God’s protection and guidance. To know that the Lord sends His Spirit as our Advocate means that He moves in living and effective ways to provide for us. To know that the Lord bestows His peace upon us means that, as we trust in Him our anxiety and worry can be no more. All of these gifts are important as the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative continues to take shape in our parishes and groupings. As we strive to do the work of the Lord in light of the gifts He has given us, we can trust in His guidance and peace.

Visit [www.onmissionchurchalive.org](http://www.onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For the week of:

May 19, 2019

\$21,564.00

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## PLEASE NOTE

You can put your St. Gabriel Church envelope in the collection basket of whatever Church you attend (in the Diocese of Pittsburgh) on Saturday, Sunday and Holy Days. It will be returned to St. Gabriel for deposit and proper recording. Thank you for your continued support.

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Assistance is available for families of cancer/long term ill patients. I will sit at a home or take patients for chemotherapy/doctor appointments. Please call Larry at 412-670-1927.

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We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations:

### To our Awareness Fund:

\$ 50 in honor of the Baptism of Oakleigh Everest Pekney from her Godparents, Sue and Teddy Polanowski

\$ 40 in honor of the Baptism of Ava Elizabeth William from her Parents

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## MEMORIAL DAY

Join your Whitehall friends and family on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** for complimentary refreshments followed by our **10:00 am Memorial Day Ceremony** at Brennan Plaza (rain or shine).

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## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Members – here's a follow up to an email you've already received:

JUST A REMINDER – This **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, rain or shine, we will have our annual end of the year cook out. An expected start time will be approximately **6:00 pm**. If you have any questions, please call Bill Brennan at 412-882-6216.

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## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS

The Anointing of the Sick Mass was held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, with Fr. Mike Suslowicz and Fr. John Hissrich presiding.

A special thank you goes to Heather Hampton for organizing the Mass, Donna Barnett for helping with seating, and John Gullinger, Alex and Jacob Yanity for serving.

After the Mass a lovely reception was held. We'd like to thank the following ladies for assisting with this event: Chris Bursick, Carol Froehlich, Megan Havrilla, Lisa Malle, Donna Matthews and Kim Young.

...Ria Fruscello, CCM Vice President

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline Number:

1-888-808-1235

## ***A Note From Rosemary Grogan...***

Dear Parishioners,

Last evening I chaired my fortieth and final St. Gabriel Parish Calendar Meeting. When I began this venture in 1979 I had no idea that I would still be doing it forty years later!

Through the years I have worked with some of the finest people that I have ever met. You were able to negotiate and bargain for the best ways to serve not only your organizations but also all of the members of the parish.

It's been a great ride and I really enjoyed meeting and working with so many of you. But as all rides must someday end, it is time to move on to the next chapter of my life.

God bless all of you!     ...*Rosemary Grogan*

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## **HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

Please join John F. Slater Funeral Home as we pay tribute to those who died in service to our country. The Memorial Day Service will be held on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Monument** outside of the Funeral Home located at 4201 Brownsville Road in Brentwood. Our program will include keynote speaker Todd DePastino, Executive Director of the Veterans Breakfast Club, a group dedicated to sharing Veterans' stories with the public. The ceremony will also include American Legion Nix-Vogel Post #935 performing a 21-gun salute and presenting a memorial wreath. Complimentary refreshments will be served beginning at 8:30 am. We hope you will join us for this special tribute!

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. VALENTINE – Volunteer Meeting**

There will be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting on **Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am and at 6:00 pm** in the Multipurpose Room of the School Building. You are invited to attend either session. Please RSVP to Carol Vater to let her know what session you will be attending by calling 412-835-8322 or emailing [cvater@stvals.org](mailto:cvater@stvals.org).

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## **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Please join the Knights of Columbus, Gilmary Council #3868 as we host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. "Signature Servings by Chef Steve" will cater the breakfast buffet. If you joined us for last year's Father's Day Celebration, you know this is an event not to be missed! Location, menu and ticket information to follow!

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## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thanks to **Debbie Kelley and her husband, Steve** for creating and providing the beautiful Communion Board displaying the names of this year's 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants. Mr. & Mrs. Kelley hand craft this board every year to show their appreciation for the Catholic education their daughters received at St. Gabriel School.

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## **BINGO**

The next **St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo** will be held **Thursday, May 30, 2019** in the Parish Hall. Bulls-eye game begins at 7:00 pm. For information, visit [www.stgabespgh.org/bingo](http://www.stgabespgh.org/bingo).

**Menu: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich \* Chips \* Dessert \* Beverage**

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## **WHITEHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY – NEW RELEASE**

***Hello Neighbor! – A Pgh. Picnic Party...Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm***

As an appetizing end to our Whitehall Reads Initiative, we're hosting a catered lunch and celebration of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Meet your neighbors...Drop by for a "bite in the Burgh" and enjoy a variety of games and activities for all ages. No registration is required – first come, first served while it lasts!

***Drive a Lincoln & Support the Library...Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm***

Benson Lincoln and the Residence at Whitehall are sponsoring a "Driven to Give" fundraising event to benefit the Whitehall Library. Come to the beautiful new Residence at Whitehall (parking lot area – 4750 Clairton Blvd., 15236) to test-drive a gorgeous Lincoln! The Library will receive a \$30 donation for every test drive. **This is not a sales event!** It is a charitable community project sponsored by Benson Lincoln and the Lincoln Motor Company. *There is no participation fee, but you must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license in order to drive.* In addition to being able to see and drive these beautiful cars, there will be plenty of other fun things to do, including: Raffle Baskets, Drawings (including a drawing for free Pirate tickets) Refreshments and more!

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**ST. BASIL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION** ...St. Basil High School Class of 1969 is having its 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on **Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** at Salvatore's Party Center, 5001 Curry Rd., Pgh., PA 15236.

If you have any questions or to RSVP (no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>), email Joe Belliotti at [stellerfan2564@att.net](mailto:stellerfan2564@att.net) or Rosemary Holmes Henk at [pittfan722@verizon.net](mailto:pittfan722@verizon.net).

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## **HELP WANTED**

Part-time Housekeeping Position available – John F. Slater Funeral Home, Inc. – The Whitehall House – 15 to 18 Hours a week – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. If interested, please call 412-881-4100 and ask for John or Andrew.

Weekend Office Coordinator – John F. Slater Funeral Home – Part-time – 13 Hours plus – Must have Telephone, Typing and Computer Skills. Call 412-881-4100 (John or Andrew) if interested.

**Franciscan Child Day Care Center** ... is seeking a nurturing caregiver for infants, age 6-weeks to 12- months, as well as seasonal caregivers for their Summer Program for school-age children. The Center is also hiring substitute caregivers to work as needed to cover caregiver absences. Candidates must have experience in childcare and references. Full time benefits include healthcare and paid time off. For more information, or to apply, please email Mrs. Merlo at [smerlo@osfprov.org](mailto:smerlo@osfprov.org).

**Benvenuti Landscaping & Reconstruction** (fully insured & licensed)...provides grass cutting, mulching, edging, trimming, small tree removal, total yard reconstruction, Spring & Fall cleanup and pressure washing. Depending on the cost of the job, Ray will give back 5 to 10% to St. Gabriel Church. If interested, call Ray at 412-218-9161 or 412-535-2286.

# MASS INTENTIONS

May 27 to June 2, 2019

## MONDAY – FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - MEMORIAL DAY

7:30 am Walter Englert, William and Margaret Rau (req. Family)

## TUESDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY

**12:30 pm** Betty Nieman (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) (req. Husband, Harry)

## WEDNESDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 am Julie Duttine (Birthday) (req. Family)

## THURSDAY – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Dennis Bowersox (req. John, Kathy and Ryan Barry)

## FRIDAY – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 am Sandra Suslowicz (req. Legion of Mary)

## FIRST SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN

10:00 am Dan and Ida Lee (req. Daughter and Family)

5:00 pm Gary Goldstrohm (Anniversary) (req. Family)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Georges Family (req. Family)

11:00 am In Loving Memory of Marge Stanko (req. Bob and Pattie Stanko)

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## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 27 to June 2, 2019

Monday, May 27	7:30 am	Susan Skindzier and Hannah Alonso
Tuesday, May 28	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Carson Barone and Mary Hampton
Wednesday, May 29	7:30 am	Adam Degenhardt and Katie Lucarelli
Thursday, May 30	9:00 am	School
Friday, May 31	7:30 am	Alexa Meyer and Alexandra Santelli
Saturday, June 1	10:00 am	Ian Cross and Aiden Barrett
	5:00 pm	<b>Christian &amp; Colton Barr</b> and <b>Dean &amp; Mackenzie O'Toole</b>
Sunday, June 2	9:00 am	<b>Jared Koenig, Luke Garda</b> and <b>Thomas Meyers</b>
	11:00 am	<b>Dennis Shapiro, Anna Kosslow</b> and Andrew Koltas

...(highlighted names are Seniors' final Masses)