



May 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear... For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is the will of God, than for doing evil...for Christ suffered that he might lead you to God."

Are you ready to answer questions people might pose, because you are a believer? There are so many people hungry for the truth and for the Lord, and you might be the instrument He uses to bring them back, or even to meet Him for the first time.

The reason others approach you is because they find something special in you, they want what you have. If you are not sure how to respond, suggest a bible study or faith sharing group – and join one yourself. In this way all can grow together in faith as we walk the journey together. As someone told me today, they heard a voice saying 'I am waiting for you.'

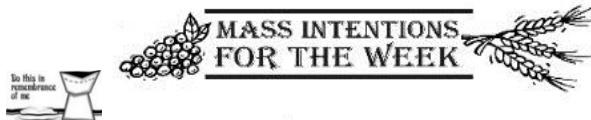
 **Online Giving**

[The app is also available on www.stgabes.org](http://www.stgabes.org)

The Rectory gate will be open Monday – Friday
10:00AM-2:00PM, if you would like to drop your
envelopes in the mailbox It is located on the left side of
the rectory door.

God bless you and your families.

**Thank you for your continued support of
our parish family and God bless!**



[The Mass intention will be said at another location by Father Carl.](#)

SATURDAY, May 16

Father Lee's 50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, May 17

The Benefactors of the Food Pantry RB Sr. Arlene McCann

MONDAY, May 18

For all First Responders

Tuesday, May 19

For all who suffer from addiction and for their families

WEDNESDAY, May 20

Irene Loretta Cassidy

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 21

For all those who are working for a cure for the Coronavirus

FRIDAY, May 22

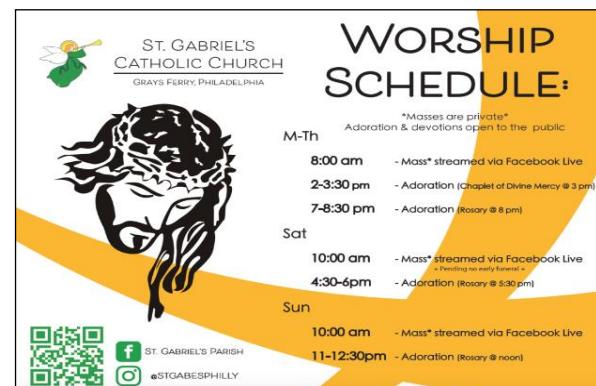
No Intentions

SATURDAY, May 23

Victor & Jennie Capo RB Miki Capo

SUNDAY, May 24

Shea Haggerty



Pray for those on the Sick List

Grace Curran, April DeMatto. Tony Schriver, Joel Rivera, Cathy O'Brien, Catherine Krecko, Nicole Palandro, Claire Williamson, Donna Tafuri, Christopher Browne, Scott McDowell, Mary Kennedy, Lisa Ruggino, Steven Porter, Ed McCarron, Mary & Ann Bell, Tracy Cotter, Carol Mills, Grace Griffiths, Susan Cullen, Colleen Riddell, Greg Barrett, Brian Berry, Nan Mulligan and for those suffering from addiction, especially young adults.

Please send us names you would like to add to the List



Reflections from Sister Rose Byproducts and Unintended Blessings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter joys and blessing!

When I was in the fourth grade I learned the meaning of the word, “byproduct”.

Now a byproduct by definition is “a secondary result, unintended but inevitably produced in doing or producing something else”. Let me give you a few examples: Molasses is a byproduct of refining sugar. Sawdust is a byproduct of the lumber industry. Feathers are a byproduct of poultry processing.

Although the analogy may limp, may I suggest that from the coronavirus many unintended byproducts and blessings have occurred in our personal lives, in the Saint Gabriel Parish community and in our world.

As far as our Catholic faith goes, many have been able to participate in daily and Sunday masses. We have access to very inspiring homilies and a greater appreciate for the Eucharist. Over 2,500 families in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia gather nightly for the recitation of the rosary at 8:00 PM. We watched the Pope speak to the world a message of hope and we saw Archbishop Gomez of Archbishop of Los Angeles rededicate the United States to Our Blessed Mother.

Although many of us are not digital natives, a byproduct of this pandemic has forced us to deepen our knowledge and facility with technology. On a personal note, our staff has learned zoom, google meet, google drive and now Flocknotes.

We have been able to continue our staff meetings, have RCIA classes, study Pope Francis’ document on the “On the Care of our Common Home” and are presently doing scripture study on the Acts of the Apostles.

We now all have a greater appreciation for the “heroes” of our day. That would be our doctors, nurses, medical personnel, fire fighters, police officers, those who prepare and serve our food, and all those who are on the front lines of this health war.

Relationships have deepened and new ones have been formed. We have been forced to be creative with our time and talents. During this week, I invite you to take some time to examine the byproducts and blessings that God is working in your life, your families and all those you are called to minister.

When this pandemic is over, we will all be in whole new places. Let us go forth anticipating what God has in store for those who love Him.

Peace to you and your families.

Daily prayers,
Sister Rose



On Ascension Thursday, we commemorate that our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. Let our hearts ascend with him

Happy 50th 50th Anniversary Of Priesthood Fr. Michael Lee



