

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JANUARY 2018

Readings for Sunday, January 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

Readings for Sunday, January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
22 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Angeline Testa	Bonnie Stankunas
24 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Betty & Andrew Pinder	Francis J. Czeiner Family
25 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	Reilly Family	Tom & Cathy Reilly
26 Jan.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Michael Pinder Sr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner Family
27 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
28 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Michael & Anna Zomolsky	Bob Zomolsky & family



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.



We welcome THOMAS & JANE PERKINS who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday, January 25 at 7:15 PM in the Rectory.

2018 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day during 2018 can be made at the parish office during regular business hours. The Mass stipend of \$10.00 must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian devotions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Tony Vitacco

Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Shelly Stockmal, John Nester

Altar Servers - Michael Holmes

Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Jim Mich

Extraordinary Ministers - Kathy Bernhard, George Siver, Jack Buccigliaglia

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeter - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

"Together Building the Kingdom of God"

Welcome to Ordinary Time

The holiday season has come and gone. We are returning to our normal rhythms of life without all the hassles and time constraints of the Christmas Season. We have bought, wrapped, cooked, eaten, worried, and cleaned far too much and are probably pretty tired now. We cringe as credit card bills start arriving to pay for it all. We have entered the month of January - cold, snow, ice, early dark days - a chance to get back into our normal routine.

It is also the time when we faithfully make resolutions to do something in this new year of 2018 - eat better, get more exercise, lose weight, join a gym, etc. Well, I have some things that I would like you to consider as New Years Resolutions as we journey together in the spiritual realm.

First, I would like you to resolve to have more, longer, and better conversations with God - that is - prayer. Make some time each day to talk with God. It can be the few moments after you wake up; or the few moments when you go to bed before you fall asleep; while waiting in line at the store or bank; or commuting to work. Don't do all the talking - take some time to listen to God to speak to you. Morning and Evening prayers are good but try to do some deeper spiritual reading. There are many good books available on line.

Second, I would like you to resolve to read the Word of God more frequently. The Scriptures are where we meet the Lord in a special way. There is a wonderful "app" for those who have smart phones or tablets which is called "Laudate." It has the readings of the day, the Liturgy of the Hours, meditations, and the New American Bible and it is free. There is also another free "app" called "Missio" which has all the talks that Pope Francis has given.

Third, I would like you to resolve to be more attentive to Saturday and Sunday Mass. Resolve to not let other things interfere with you coming to Church and worshiping, praying, being nourished and sharing fellowship at the Lord's Table. Too often we allow work, family duties, sports, recreation, and even our late Saturday evenings to get in the way of our Sunday opportunity to participate in the Eucharist.

Finally, remember that you are in God's house and after Mass, people remain to pray and share time with the Lord. Sometimes, there is so much talking that we forget we are in the presence of the Divine. Take yourself into the vestibule or outside and let God's House remain a place of prayer and silence so He may communicate with you.

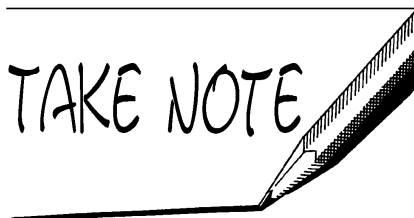
These four resolutions, if kept, can change lives - yours and those around you. Keeping these four resolutions will help you build the Kingdom of God and make it more visible to others.

Please pray for Nicole Griffin and Jim Reitz who will come into full communion with all of us at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. They have been working with the RCIA team as they continue to discern God's plan for them.

Finally, remember to pray for one another and for all of our many intentions. Remember those who are sick in our midst. The power of prayer is so strong and it can move mountains. Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of you."

Peace and blessings as we enter this New Year of 2018! Have a good week.

Fr. Hickey



Dear Men of the Parish:

As part of our Strategic Plan, we are considering offering a new group for the men of the parish. It is open to all those who are 18 years of age or older. If you are interested in joining, please email Fr. Hickey at ghehickey@sgsm62.org. Please let me know your name and best telephone number to get in touch with you. We have two men who would like to coordinate this new venture with Fr. Hickey. They are: Thomas Reilly and Mark Flynn.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 14, 2018.....	\$3,280
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,195
Parish Giving -	\$85
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,720)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$145,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$129,265
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,457
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$15,735)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$543)

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Deposit.....	\$4,744
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$15,939)
Difference from previous year.....	\$204



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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

January 8 - #492 - unsold
January 9 - #346 - unsold
January 10 - #183 - unsold
January 11 - #962 - John Donnelly - \$50.00
January 12 - #991 - unsold
January 13 - #550 - unsold
January 14 - #166 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 191
9:00 AM Mass - 156
Total Attendance - 347
Mass Attendance for January 14/15, 2017 - 332

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests for statements of 2017 contributions to St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish can be made by email to the parish office (contact@sgsm62.org) or by calling the parish office (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their parish envelopes.) Statements will be available by January 31, 2018.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend will be our annual Utility Fund Collection.

"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!" For further information, please call the parish office.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME
610-323-4440

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: ANTHONY ANTONELLI from Nicoletta Gambino & family.

MAGNIFICAT - Those who purchased the Magnificat may pick up their FEBRUARY issue at the parish office.

REDNER'S TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this rebate is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder - the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape Card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use the card, we can not use the tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape Card at the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's. Containers for the Redner's tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop off your tapes at the parish office.

MOO MONEY - Our parish is a participant in the Moo Money Fund Raising program offered by Turkey Hill. For every 500 milk lids turned in with the Moo Money label, the parish will receive \$25.00. Money the parish receives is used to offset our PREP expenses. Containers for the Moo Money lids are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the parish office.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS - All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers for the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call Kathy at the parish office to volunteer.

YARDSTICKS - We are still collecting yardsticks and rulers for Fr. Hickey's friend, Tina Hyde. She uses them for special projects for special people. You may recall that years ago, banks and retail businesses gave them to customers as promotions; like carpet, furniture, fabric, hardware and departments stores. Most we imprinted with the company's name, address and phone number, but many had slogans printed on them like: We go that extra yard for you; Inch by Inch, it's a cinch; How do you measure up; We are a foot ahead of the rest; Buy your candy by the yard, to name a few. Now they give out pens and refrigerator magnets, so yardsticks have become scarce. Many thanks for collecting the yardsticks.

HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. To purchase a blanket, please call the parish office.

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available for purchase include a 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer, server spoon and 8-1/2" serrated knife. For more details or to purchase the RADA Cutlery, please call Louise Roberts (610-323-5765).

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 in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, January 23 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; Friday, February 2 - Movie Night (Wreck It Ralph) at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Whales at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com.

FLAME OF LOVE EVENT on Candlemas Day, Friday, February 2 at St. Charles Seminary. Begins at 6:00 PM; Mass at 8:30 PM. Celebrant and homilist - Fr. James Blount, SOLT. Bring a friend. Questions, contact Annie Myers (610-332-1940 or anbmyers2021@gmail.com).

GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE -

Our upcoming Philadelphia area program retreat will be held February 18-23. This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5-day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation. This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in God because of the betrayal of abuse. For more information for yourself or a loved one, contact Jeanne (610-203-2002 or info@griefftograce.org). You can also visit the website www.griefftograce.org.

MARDI GRAS AND VALENTINE'S POLKA DANCE PARTY

at the TK Club, Conshohocken on Sunday, February 11 from Noon to 5:00 PM to support St. Mary Polish American Society. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. We would appreciate if people could buy their tickets by Wednesday, January 31 so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).

RETRouvaille - Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern - February 16-18 and April 13-15. For more information or to register for one of our weekends, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

on February 9-11 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Cost is \$130 per person, double occ. Join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single to take a step back from our busy lives. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.