

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

11 APRIL 2021

Readings for Sunday, April 11: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

Readings for Sunday, April 18: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48.

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 4:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
13 Apr. TUE. 9:00 AM	Msgr. Richard Wright	
14 Apr. WED. 9:00 AM	Robert Custard	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
15 Apr. THU. 9:00 AM	Health & Recovery of John Sowell	
16 Apr. FRI. 9:00 AM	Grandparents of Paula & Dennis Bolonski	
17 Apr. SAT. 4:00 PM	Decd. Members of Koniow Family	Norman Family
18 Apr. 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, especially ANTHONY FONTANA.

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).



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, June 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot.

Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items (kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos) also accepted. No furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors accepted.



We welcome PETER & ANGELA IANNOZZI who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Today's column is one giant thank-you note. Our celebrations during Holy Week were amazing – filled with reverence and beauty. One big reason for that is because people actually came out to participate in the celebrations. Thank you to those who joined us. I want to thank in particular all the liturgical ministers who had a “visible” presence – our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers. Our music ministry, under the direction of Kathy Kulp, did an outstanding job. Due to pandemic restrictions, our choir (already small to begin with) has divided up into smaller groups and alternates who sings at each liturgy – there are only a couple people in the loft at a time. Rehearsal time is also limited. They still did a fine job under those adverse circumstances, and I'm grateful for the beauty they brought to the celebration.

Beyond that, a lot of work has to happen behind-the-scenes, and with quick timelines. You may not see them doing their work, but you'd feel it if they didn't! To that end, a big note of thanks to Diana Gulotta and her team of helpers for all the work they do in decorating the church. The church has to be decorated and undecorated four times in the span of a week (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter). Myriad comments have been made to me and on Facebook about how beautiful the church looks. Excellent job, decorators. A big thank you to our parish sacristans, Tony Vitacco and Stephanie Pacanowski. It's a big job to set up before and clean up after all these major liturgies and to make sure everything is where it needs to be, when it needs to be there. And last, but not least, a word of gratitude to Steve Pasko and his helpers for keeping our building clean and sanitizing the place between celebrations. I joked the other day that the air in the church was a delightful aromatic mix of flowers, incense and Lysol.

Our Lenten outreach program has concluded, and I am blown away by the results. Our collection for the Al's Heart Warming Center included: 12 boxes of disposable gloves; 2 boxes of face masks; 67 rolls of paper towels; 163 pairs of underwear; 12 thermal shirts; 22 tee-shirts; 17 leggings; 18 boxes of feminine hygiene products; 37 pairs of gloves; and 14 grocery bags full of snack items. We also collected 12 rolls of toilet paper; 7 coats; 9 hats; 10 scarves; 38 pairs of socks; 2 blankets; 6 bags of miscellaneous groceries; and 2 bags of clothing. Items in this second list that could be used by the shelter were given to them; other items were donated to other community organizations. Most amazing was the response to our PREP laundry challenge. Our PREP students prepared 80 laundry kits (detergent pods, dryer sheets, and bags to hold clean clothing). They also collected **\$814.25** in quarters. That came from 18 students. WOW! We did have a bit of a competition with this, which the 3rd grade class won for raising the most money, but I think we can be very proud of all of them. By the way, the teachers were not allowed to help their classes, as much as they all wanted to. A few anonymous parishioners supported the coin drive as well, for which we're grateful. Thank you to everyone who participated in this parish-wide work of mercy during Lent, and a special thanks to Maria Boyer for coordinating this whole effort – tallying items and taking them to the shelter each week.

I hate to end on a sad note, but I must. We say goodbye this week to Joe Harbach. Joe was the music director at the parish for many years, and after a hiatus, returned a couple years ago to serve as one of the parish organists. Today is his last day on the bench, and we thank him for sharing his musical talents with us to edify and beautify our worship of Almighty God. Joe, thank you, and God bless you.

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 28, 2021.....	\$3,554
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,249
Parish Giving -	\$305
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,446)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$195,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$166,166
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,261
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$28,834)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$739)

MARCH 29, 2020

Deposit.....	\$2,854
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$29,296)
Difference from previous year.....	\$462

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 4, 2021.....	\$9,497
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,310
Parish Giving -	\$245
Holy Thursday Collection -	\$686
Easter Flower Collection -	\$232
Easter Collection -	\$5,024
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$4,497

Year to Date Budget.....	\$200,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$175,663
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,392
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$24,337)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$608)

APRIL 5, 2020

Deposit.....	\$5,418
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$28,878)
Difference from previous year.....	\$4,541

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 98
 9:00 AM Mass - 109
 Total Attendance - 207

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 3/4:

8:00 PM Mass - 53
 9:00 AM Mass - 139
 Total Attendance - 192

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Requests can be made by email (contact@sgsm62.org) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be mailed or can be picked up at the parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 17

AND 18, will be the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

ON THE THIRD DAY
The Master’s Mercantile
 610-705-0130

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

GEORGE SIVER from Judie & Jakob Perlstein;
ANNA NERI from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia;
EARL J. BOEHMER from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
SIMON NAGEL III from Simon Nagel IV & Shirley A. Nagel.

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.

NOVENA FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH on Monday, April 19 at 7:00 PM. Join us as we honor St. Joseph and ask for his intercession.

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



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

Raffle Drawing 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 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- March 22 - #505 - unsold
 - March 23 - #933 - unsold
 - March 24 - #309 - unsold
 - March 25 - #895 - unsold
 - March 26 - #614 - Grayson Arendt - \$50.00
 - March 27 - #249 - Paul Grenewald - \$50.00
 - March 28 - #656 - unsold
 - March 29 - #942 - unsold
 - March 30 - #345 - unsold
 - March 31 - #330 - unsold
- MARCH FIGURES: 227 tickets sold - \$1,135.00.
 Payout to winners - \$150.00. Cost for ticket printing - \$100.00. March Profit - \$885.00. THANK YOU to everyone who supported the March Lottery.
- April 1 - #065 - unsold
 - April 2 - #086 - unsold
 - April 3 - #565 - unsold
 - April 4 - #982 - unsold



Red Cross Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on April 19 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/sduxxr> or

call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Pre-registration is required.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 10/11

4:00 PM Mass
Lector - WARZESKI
Deacon Murtha
Altar Server - HOLMES

9:00 AM Mass
Lector - BOYER
Extraordinary Minister - CARR
Altar Server - DONNELLY

April 17/18

4:00 PM Mass
Lector - NESTER
Deacon Murtha
Altar Server - HOLMES

9:00 AM Mass
Lector - LA ROSA
Deacon Murtha
Altar Server - GERASIMOWICZ

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information or to register visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - Every third Sunday at Malvern Retreat House, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Procession followed by a presentation and discussion about St. Joseph. On April 18 our focus will be **"St. Joseph - Young Husband of Mary."** Visit www.malvernretreathouse.com or call 610-644-0400 for more details.