

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

19 APRIL 2020

Readings for Sunday, April 19: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift of faith, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

Readings for Sunday, April 26: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled until further notice.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
20 Apr. MON. No public Mass	Carol Adams Nemeth	Deacon Michael Murtha
22 Apr. WED. No public Mass	Agnes Slaby	Doris Smith
23 Apr. THU. No public Mass	Nancy Pyott	Jay & Karen Schutt
24 Apr. FRI. No public Mass	Tim Reilly	Layne Reilly
25 Apr. SAT. No public Mass	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
26 Apr. SUN. No public Mass	Neil Hipszer	Barbara & Michael

Fr. Hickey will celebrate a private Mass each day to fulfill the Mass Intentions for Masses previously scheduled. The Chapel will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for private prayer.



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.

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC:
PREP CLASSES are cancelled until further notice.
CHOIR PRACTICE is cancelled until further notice.
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is cancelled until further notice.
CONFIRMATION has been postponed - will be rescheduled at a later date.



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) or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

Dear Parishioners,

My heart aches because, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to celebrate Eucharist together. Please be assured that I will continue to remember you and your family in the private Masses that I will be offering. During these difficult days, we cannot congregate to celebrate Eucharist, it seems to me that Lord is inviting us to be Eucharist to one another.

We, who are blessed to be a Eucharistic people, are now called to be Eucharist to one another. There are many ways to do this.

- Praying together in the sanctuary of our homes for all who are sick and ministering to the sick. May I recommend for your consideration the Family Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or Prayer of the Consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Calling up elderly relatives, friends, and neighbors, offering to shop for them or pick up medicines or other necessities for them.
- Preparing meals for families suddenly faced with unemployment.

These are just a few ways in which we can show ourselves to be the Eucharistic people we claim to be. I am sure you, in your own creative ways, can think of myriad other ways in which you might serve others.

While this is indeed a health crisis that effects all of us, it is also a financial crisis for many. Many of our people are finding themselves suddenly unemployed and are experiencing financial distress. To the extent that we are able, we need to help where we can.

As you are aware, our parish is totally dependent on your generosity in our weekly Offertory to meet our financial obligations. Without that income we cannot pay utility and other maintenance bills; pay our staff who are needed to keep the parish operating. Therefore, please continue to support your parish by mailing in your weekly offering, dropping your offering off at the parish office, or setting up electronic giving. Directions are on our website. ***I am most grateful to all who have been supporting our parish financially during this most difficult time.***

Fr. Hickey

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) announced that Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez's previous directive to suspend the celebration of all public Masses in the Archdiocese until further notice remains in effect.

These liturgical guidelines are intended to provide for the pastoral needs of the faithful while respecting and abiding by directives from government agencies concerning gatherings and crowd sizes.

- The March 17, 2020 suspension of all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia remains in effect until further notice. This includes all Sunday and weekday Masses with the faithful. Priests will continue to offer Holy Mass privately during this period and to honor all requested Mass intentions.
- All churches, following a possible published modified schedule, are to be open and available for the faithful to pray, especially to visit the Most Blessed Sacrament, in a manner that respects and follows current guidelines from governmental agencies concerning crowd sizes and gatherings.
- The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will continue to stream the 11:00 a.m. Mass live from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul every Sunday.

Additional information regarding opportunities for prayer and devotions are available on the Archdiocesan website, www.archphila.org.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 5, 2020.....	\$5,418
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,568
Parish Giving -	\$850
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$418
Year to Date Budget.....	\$200,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$171,122
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,278
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$28,878)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$722)

MARCH 31, 2019

Deposit.	\$5,332
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.	(\$26,927)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$1,951)

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 12, 2020.....	\$7,701
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,335
Parish Giving -	\$540
Easter Flower Collection -	\$174
Holy Thursday Collection -	\$293
Easter Collection -	\$3,359
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$2,701

Year to Date Budget.....	\$205,000
Year to Date Collections	\$178,823
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,362
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$26,177)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$638)

APRIL 7, 2020

Deposit.	\$4,315
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.	(\$27,612)
Difference from previous year.....	\$1,435



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.** **APRIL LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP TICKETS.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

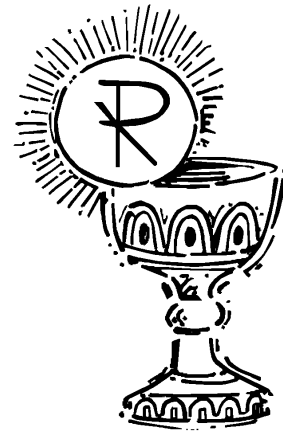
- April 1 - #521 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
- April 2 - #661 - unsold
- April 3 - #168 - Mark & Tracey Flynn - \$50.00
- April 4 - #202 - unsold
- April 5 - #602 - unsold
- April 6 - #978 - unsold
- April 7 - #893 - Terry Donnelly - \$50.00
- April 8 - #188 - unsold
- April 9 - #228 - Ginger Scheidt - \$100.00
- April 10 - #518 - Gene Hunter - \$50.00
- April 11 - #443 - unsold
- April 12 - #408 - Jim Bauer - \$100.00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2020 - The Catholic Charities Appeal is a time for our Parish to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to those who need it most. It is our honor as a parish to support the Catholic Charities Appeal year after year. With the help of you and all our parishioners, hope is given to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries across the Archdiocese. To give hope this year to those who need it the most, please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL. Call the parish office for details.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly
to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

O, Mary, Mother of God, who,
amidst the tribulations of the world,
watches over us and over the Church of your Son,
be to us and to the Church truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
make hast to help us in all our necessities,
that in this fleeting life you may be our succor,
and obtain for us
an end to epidemics and pandemics
and all other afflictions.
Help us to gain life everlasting through the merits of Jesus,
as we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MAY issue at the parish office. **Please call the parish office prior to stopping for your book.**

REDNER'S TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes. Money we receive from this program 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 a card, we can not use those tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape card at any Redner's. Containers for the Redner's tapes are in the vestibule of church.

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. Call the parish office to purchase a blanket.

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available include: 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer and 8-1/2" serrated knife. For more information or to purchase any of the RADA cutlery, please call Denise Bucciaglia (610-468-4032).