

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2020

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

Through the blood of Jesus we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at His right hand forever.

Readings for Sunday, May 3: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10.

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>
27 Apr.	MON. No public Mass	Special Intention	
29 Apr.	WED. No public Mass	Maria O. (DeSantis) Scalzo	Richard & Ann Burgy
30 Apr.	THU. No public Mass	Decd. Members of St. Pius X HS Class of 1968	Tony Vitacco
1 May	FRI. No public Mass	Ralph Murgia	Wife, Gerry & family
2 May	SAT. No public Mass	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 May	SUN. No public Mass	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RETREAT are postponed - will be rescheduled at a later date.

CHOIR PRACTICE is cancelled until further notice.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is cancelled until further notice.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY COMBINED MEETING & PRAYER SERVICE scheduled for May 7 has been cancelled.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

In Robert Bolt's play, *A Man for All Seasons*, he portrays Thomas More as a man of principle, envied by such rivals as Thomas Cromwell and loved by the common people and his family. I would like to suggest that St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish could be a more vibrant parish for all seasons when all those who travel from the many neighborhoods which comprise our parish, drive into a place that God has reserved to give each of us a time away from the world to deepen the spirituality principles of our very selves to connect us to the Lord and renew us in mind, body, and spirit.

There is an old expression that the "eye is the mirror of the soul." At St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Community, one of the marvels that the eye sees is the majestic property, the place of worship, the statues, the beauty of the grounds, and the statuesque trees that mirror each of the seasons.

The trees have seen each of us in all of the seasons. In the winter, the trees are barren, at times ugly and twisted. They are in a sleeping mode awaiting new life. They are no longer dressed but open to being vulnerable. In the spring, they come back to life. New buds appear and then almost overnight are dressed again in their beautiful new colors of green. Their buds are full of promise. In the summer, the foliage and trees are laden with blossoms that smell sweet and they once again are beautiful and give us shade and security. In the autumn, the trees are like a canvas of beautiful and rich colors of the rainbow. The Lord is the artist that puts rich and vibrant colors on every tree. One only has to drive and look at the beautiful colors of autumn. It is like a meditation to observe the beauty of transformation.

As we are enjoying the beauty of the Easter season, we begin again the possibility of conversion and transformation in our personal lives and in our parish community. The trees that surround our homes and parishes are there throughout the entire year. Just as we cannot judge a tree in one season, we cannot judge a person by only one season. The essence of who you are in the spiritual life is composed of all four seasons and the Lord is there for each of our four cycles. He brings us from the various modes of the desert to a full oasis in our spiritual lives.

Don't let the pain or dryness of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Through the parish experience, the Lord asks us to persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come. Always "aspire to inspire." Happiness keeps you mellow. Trials keep you growing. Sorrows keep you in balance. Failures keep you humble. Successes keep you growing. God keeps you going so the message is always to have trust in Him.

The cycle of the trees tells us much about ourselves and where we are in our individual season. We are now in the season of spring and we are in the Liturgical Season of Easter and we continue to sing the Alleluias of Easter. We celebrate Jesus Christ who has penetrated into our time and space and become one like us. It is a time of unconditional love. Jesus comes to live among us as a member in a family.

May each of you be blessed with health, happiness, and the peace of Christ. I deeply appreciate your faithfulness and your support as we make this journey together.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

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.

Options for viewing Mass on TV or the internet:

TV: 6ABC - Sunday at 5:30 AM; ME TV - Sunday at 7:00 AM; EWTN - Sunday at 8:00 AM.

Internet: Live streaming of Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Sunday at 11:00 AM from www.archphila.org; check web sites for St. Aloysius Church, St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, St. Thomas More Church and St. Columbkil Church for viewing the Mass.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 19, 2020.....	\$2,929
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,329
Parish Giving -	\$600
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$2,071)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$210,000
Year to Date Collections	\$181,752
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,327
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$28,248)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$673)

APRIL 14, 2019

Deposit.	\$3,976
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$28,636)
Difference from previous year.....	\$388

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

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

HILDA MAE CARPENTER from Ron & Kathy Bernhard.



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 (610-326-5 1 2 7) o r e m a i l (contact@sgsm62.org).

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

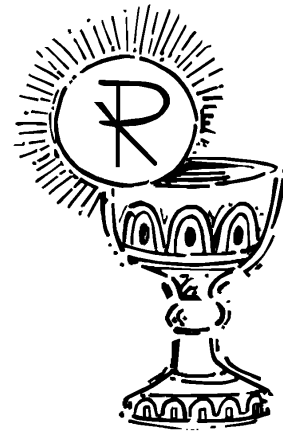
LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- April 13 - #996 - unsold
- April 14 - #071 - Glenn Hipszer - \$50.00
- April 15 - #655 - unsold
- April 16 - #597 - unsold
- April 17 - #157 - unsold
- April 18 - #158 - unsold
- April 19 - #567 - unsold

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2020 - The Catholic Charities Appeal is underway! When you support the Appeal, it means that a special needs student has access to a quality Catholic education designed to meet his or her individual needs. It means that through Nutritional Development Services, the hungry are nourished through one of the many food pantries across the region. It means that families across the Archdiocese are provided with core social services, including much needy baby items like diapers and formula, pregnancy and parenting classes, family strengthening programs, emergency rent, and utility assistance. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, you shine a light of hope. You feed the hungry, aid the poor, and bring joy to those most in need. To learn more about the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal or to donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

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).