

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5 APRIL 2020

Readings for Sunday, April 5: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14–27:66.

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

Readings for Sunday, April 12: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9.

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>MASSES FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
6 Apr.	MON. No public Mass	Mary Ellen Nodolski	Anna & Andrew Washko and family
8 Apr.	WED. No public Mass	Donna Shipkovs	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
9 Apr.	THU. No public Mass	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
10 Apr.	FRI. No public Mass	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
11 Apr.	SAT. No public Mass	Bucciaglia & McHugh Families	Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family
12 Apr.	SUN. No public Mass	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

Fr. Hickey will have 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.
- LADIES ROYAL TEA** scheduled for April 19 has been postponed - will be rescheduled at a later date.
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is cancelled until further notice.
- SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING** scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 has been cancelled.
- WOMEN'S SOCIETY APRIL MEETING** has been cancelled.



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).

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

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Announces Additional Liturgical Guidelines For The Celebration of Palm Sunday And the Sacred Paschal Triduum

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.

Updated liturgical guidelines developed by the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship and approved by the Archbishop were shared with all priests and deacons. They pertain to the celebration of Palm Sunday and the Sacred Paschal Triduum as well as the ongoing pastoral and temporal response of our local Church in the face of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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.

Condensed highlights are presented below. A full copy of the most recent guidelines, along with comprehensive information and resources, can be found at <http://archphila.org/covid19/>.

- 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.
- Although Palm Sunday Mass will not be celebrated publicly, the palm distributed to the faithful on this day has great meaning. Palm is to be blessed and available for distribution at a later time determined locally.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Masses are not to be celebrated publicly.
- The Chrism Mass will not be celebrated publicly. Instead, Archbishop Pérez will celebrate it in a private manner at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.
- The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is further postponed until Easter Monday, April 13, 2020. That timeline will be re-examined pending future development. The bishop celebrant of the conferral of Confirmation, in consultation with the pastor, will make arrangements for a new date for the celebration.
- 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, including Palm Sunday, and will also stream liturgical celebrations for the Sacred Paschal Triduum from www.archphila.org.

Additional information regarding opportunities for prayer and devotions are available on the Archdiocesan website.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 29, 2020.....	\$2,854
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,352
Parish Giving -	\$150
Easter Flower Collection -	\$352
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$2,146)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$195,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$165,704
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,249
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$29,296)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$751)
MARCH 24, 2019	
Deposit.....	\$2,959
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$27,259)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,037)



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

March 23 - #650 - unsold
 March 24 - #019 - unsold
 March 25 - #700 - Kevin Villano - \$50.00
 March 26 - #859 - Tony Vitacco - \$50.00
 March 27 - #546 - Jim Bracaglia - \$50.00
 March 28 - #398 - unsold
 March 29 - #274 - Betty Skokowski - \$100.00



FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures during Lent.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 10, 2020**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
 Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.