

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AUGUST 2020

Readings for Sunday, August 9: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33.

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

Readings for Sunday, August 16: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

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 Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
10 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	August Ferrante	Wife, Jeannine
12 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Vincent Aversa	Jack & Lori Carr
13 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Daniel & Catherine Lubreski	Tony Vitacco
14 Aug.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Walter & Ruth Catalinas	Tony Vitacco
15 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
16 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	James & Michael Harbach	Bill & Jeanette Gatta

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.
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).

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 in these special Marian Devotions.

CONFESSIONS are being heard in the Cry Room, for the time being instead of the sacristy. This will allow for more distance and air circulation than the confessional affords, but also give those going to confession a greater sense of privacy.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

It's amazing how much things have changed in a few months. My usual routine before leaving the house is to double check that I have my wallet, phone, and keys before closing the door. Now, I've had to add a mask and hand sanitizer to that mental list. The other day I was halfway to the entrance of a store before I realized I left my mask in the car and had to turn around – feeling like the eyes of the world were on me and mocking me for being so absent-minded! My guess is I'm not the only one to whom that's happened. We've all had to alter our way of thinking and doing things as a result of this pandemic, and in many ways we're still adjusting.

That's certainly been the case with the life of the Church as well. Things are markedly different than they were just a few months ago. You used to come into a church and bless yourself with holy water; now you have to squirt sanitizer on your hands. I'm sure some of you haven't been able to sit in your favorite pew because it's been roped off in the interest of social distancing. And of course, everyone is asked to wear a mask. I thank all of you for your flexibility and willingness to accommodate the changes we've been asked to implement in an effort to keep everyone healthy.

At the same time, we have to be careful that we're still being reverent and respectful while we're worshipping at Mass. One area of concern is the reception of Holy Communion, and the challenge that mask-wearing offers. Out of respect for the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, we have to ensure that our focus at the moment of reception is on Jesus, who is coming to us personally in the Sacrament. To that end, I ask everyone to remove your mask before placing your hands out to receive the Sacred Host. After you receive and consume the Host, you should put your mask back on. Sometimes people come up to receive while their mask is on, and they end up trying to remove their masks while still holding the Sacred Host in their hands. There is, of course, a greater risk of dropping the Host when this happens, and in that time of fiddling with the mask, our attention is no longer on Jesus and the most sacred event taking place. So again, remove mask, reverently receive and consume host, replace mask.

I know we're all adjusting and getting used to "the new normal," and I'm sure there will be times where people will forget to pull down or take off their mask. If that's you one day, please don't be offended or embarrassed if I or another Minister of Communion ask you to remove your mask first. We just want to make sure we're giving Our Lord the respect and attention He deserves in the moment.

As I said a few weeks ago, I'm edified by the number of people who have returned to Mass here at the parish. That shows this parish is filled with great people with great faith, which makes it a joy to be here. Thank you!
– Fr. Kiernan

GUIDELINES DURING GREEN PHASE OF COVID-19:

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick or at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19. Mass will continue to be available via live-stream or on TV on Sundays. Live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 11:00 AM via www.archphila.org. Also on TV: 6ABC at 5:00 AM; ME TV at 7:00 AM; EWTN at 8:00 AM.

Entering the Church

Please wear a mask or face covering. Entrance to Church by the MAIN FRONT DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only.

Exiting the Church

Exit the Church using the SIDE DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only. Please do not congregate inside of Church for any reason. Please keep your mask or face covering on until you exit the Church.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 2, 2020.	\$6,180
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,645
Parish Giving -	\$105
Air Conditioning Collection -	\$1,430
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$1,180
Year to Date Budget.....	\$25,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$20,940
Average per week Collection	\$4,188
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$4,060)
Average per week Deficit	(\$812)
 <i>AUGUST 4, 2019</i>	
Deposit.	\$5,628
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$5,623)
Difference from previous year.....	\$1,563

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 1 & 2:

4:00 PM Mass - 67
 9:00 AM Mass - 86
 Total Attendance - 153

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 610-385-1222



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Society of St.

Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.



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 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.**

AUGUST LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU to all who have been supporting this fund raiser.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

July 27 - #139 - unsold
 July 28 - #017 - unsold
 July 29 - #162 - unsold
 July 30 - #747 - unsold
 July 31 - #464 - Gene Hunter - \$50.00
 JULY FIGURES: 252 tickets sold - \$1,260.00. Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of printing of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for July - \$810.00. THANK YOU to everyone for supporting the Lottery Raffle.
 August 1 - #987 - unsold
 August 2 - #320 - unsold

2020 MASS BOOK - Requests for Mass intentions from September through December are now being accepted. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses due to the limited number of Masses available. Both weekday and weekend Masses are available - only a few weekend Masses are still open. The stipend of \$15.00 for weekend Masses and \$10.00 for weekday Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass intention. Please contact the parish office to request Mass intentions.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I appeal to you today to give generously to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

As the only institution of higher education founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican, Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church, charged with educating the future leaders of the Church, the nations, and the world. Here are just two ways Catholic University is educating the next generation of clergy, religious, and young lay men and women from every geographical region of the United States:

- Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. Through hosting a national conference series focused on laity response to the sex abuse crisis, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law, culture, and more, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.
- Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. By way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics the University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today.

Our national university is educating an important generation of lay and ordained leaders within the United States. The **Collection for The Catholic University of America** will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of August 15 and August 16, 2020. Thank you and God bless you for supporting America's Catholic university and the countless number of students who will experience an education grounded in Catholic tradition.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ **Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.**

Archbishop of Philadelphia

FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY'S ADDRESS:

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1436 Lansdowne Avenue
Darby, PA 19023
Fr. Hickey's birthday is August 10.

MORNING FACILITY PERSONNEL POSITION is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Please visit the website www.stteresacalcutta.com for details or call St. Teresa parish office (610-287-2525).

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 August 14-16 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 inquires are strictly confidential.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PROCESSION - Join us for outdoor Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House on August 16. We will begin at 2:00 PM outside of the Family Life Center. We will say the Rosary during the procession. Optional Stations of the Cross will follow. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and visit the grounds of the Malvern Retreat House.

WORLD MISSION ROSARY - Rosary Campaign for an end to the Coronavirus - A couple thousand people have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE! in the Archdiocese. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an end of the Coronavirus, especially now on Thursdays, as we pray in unity for our brothers and sisters in Mission lands world-wide. Schedule: every Thursday at 8:00 PM through October. For more details and a link to the rosary, visit www.phillyevang.org/rosary/ or dial-in by telephone (646-558-8656) - enter the Webinar ID: 494 480 541.