

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

27 DECEMBER 2020

Readings for Sunday, December 27: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40.

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mindful of his covenant, God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son, Isaac. The child Jesus and his parents are blessed by Simeon.

Readings for Sunday, January 3: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

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>
28 Dec.	MON. 9:00 AM	Eva Segnere	A Friend
30 Dec.	WED. 9:00 AM	Joseph & Helen Pota	Ron & Kathy Bernhard
31 Dec.	THU. 9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti	Ginny & Dick Linderman
1 Jan.	FRI. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	

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 RALPH MINOTTO.

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 Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 29; Wednesday, December 30; Thursday, December 31; Friday, January 1.

MASS ON JANUARY 1 will be at 9:00 AM. **There will not be a Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on December 31.**

NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Starting January 1, the Daily Mass schedule is going to be adjusted. Mass now will be celebrated Tuesday – Friday with no Mass on Monday. Eucharistic Adoration will move to Wednesdays, at the same time.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 13, 2020.....	\$4,199
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,940
Parish Giving -	\$225
Immaculate Conception Collection -	\$768
Christmas Flower Collection -	\$266
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$801)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$120,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$95,363
Average per week Collection	\$3,973
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$24,637)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,027)

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Deposit.....	\$4,320
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$22,565)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,072)

Due to an early print schedule, figures from the December 20 collection will be printed in the January 3 bulletin.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Raffle Drawing 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. **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. JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- December 7 - #842 - unsold
- December 8 - #862 - Elaine Norman - \$50.00
- December 9 - #299 - unsold
- December 10 - #072 - unsold
- December 11 - #437 - unsold
- December 12 - #708 - unsold
- December 13 - #072 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 12/13:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 66
- 9:00 AM Mass - 84
- Total Attendance - 150

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

<p>MORGAN BASEMENT WATERPROOFING 610-696-0100</p>
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2021 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January to June 2021 are now being accepted. Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

ST. CHARLES SEMINARY APPEAL - As the final days of 2020 wind down, we encourage you to learn more about the St. Charles Seminary Appeal and see how you can support the work of the talented faculty, staff, and incredible students of the seminary. Your gift makes a profound impact on our seminary community and the future of our faith. Visit www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org to learn more and donate today.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:
JOSEPH E. O'NEILL from Ron & Carol Fry.

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.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

First Reading - Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the Lord came to him, "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The Lord took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

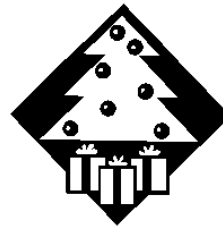
Second Reading - Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age – and Sarah herself was sterile – for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting

the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GIVING

TREE will be in the vestibule of church until next Sunday, January 3. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are: Premie baby girl clothing, diapers sizes Newborn to 3, baby clothing sizes 12 month

and 18 month, Maternity clothes sizes XL and XXL, Maternity leggings all sizes, Maternity tops size S. They can also use any other baby items. Help us decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give. Ornaments are in a box next to the Giving Tree. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to Birthright of Pottstown.