

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5 DECEMBER 2021

Readings for Sunday, December 5: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

Readings for Sunday, December 12: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
6 Dec.	MON. 9:00 AM	All the Unemployed	Frances Czeiner Family
7 Dec.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Michael J. Rudy	Ron & Kathy
7 Dec.	TUE. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 Dec.	WED. 9:00 AM	Almond, Gentile & Mundy Families	Jack Bucciaglia Family
9 Dec.	THU. 9:00 AM	Stephen & Katherina Barnoski	Ron Bernas
11 Dec.	SAT. 4:00 PM	John R. Schwenk	Kathy Pennypacker
12 Dec	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially EDWIN G. PENNYPACKER.

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY CANDY SALE after weekend Masses:

Milk or dark chocolate covered peanuts - \$8.00 - ½ pound box.

Milk or dark chocolate covered raisins - \$8.00 - ½ pound box.

Milk or dark chocolate covered marshmallows - \$6.00 per box.

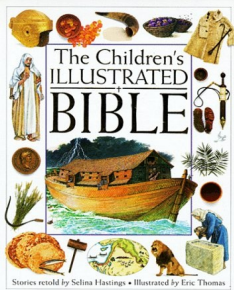


Flowers of the side altars last weekend were for the 60th Anniversary of Jack & Marge Bucciaglia at the request of their children.

DECEMBER 8, FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a holyday of obligation. Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 PM; Mass on Wednesday, December 8 at 9:00 AM.

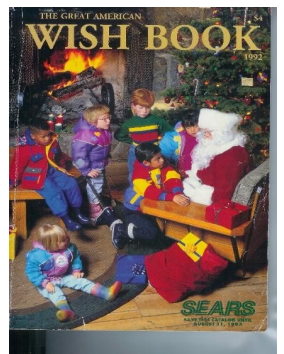


What a great honor and privilege to have been called to priesthood! In today's world with its 21st Century problems, with never ending pandemics, and where absolutely everything is politicized for good or ill, priesthood stands out and is unique. Despite at times, tragic scandals within and without, priesthood remains as does God's call. Just one of the many privileges of priesthood is to have studied oh so many different books and texts over the years. Actually, this was a part of my priestly formation well before time spent in the seminary. The book that is the Bible especially intrigued me from my youngest days. I still have the Children's



Bible of my youth. Santa brought it when I was in first grade - at my parent's request. I know this because the dedication inside the front cover was from "Mom & Dad" and in my father's script. Obviously, my father had secretly met with Santa at some point, but I dare not let on that I knew! The pictures and stories from that Bible are etched forever in my mind and I have used it as a priest in preaching before and speaking with young people. That picture Bible was seminary training in the truest sense planting very early in life a seed unknown. Gosh, if my parents only knew! Since that time, I've delved ever more deeply into Scripture. Later in my schooling, I was captivated by the paperback Good News Bible - New Testament with its stick figure sketches. Indeed, I wouldn't now

rank it ever among the best of Bible translations, but it certainly conveyed a most important Message for me at the time. Later, I graduated to the New Jerusalem Bible - New Testament which was a hand-me-down from my cousin after he graduated from Mercy Tech High School and then, I moved on to the Catholic Study Bible in my own high school years at Cardinal Dougherty. Looking for a special Christmas gift this year to give to a young person in your life? Might I suggest a Bible appropriate for their age? Advent and its culmination are our springtime and a time for planting seeds. This time of year also had me thinking of another great book that I've read and studied. It was a book unique and unlike any other. I would spend hours with it reading, re-reading, marking pages, and making notes. At this time of year, what little tike wouldn't? I would study it at the dining room table, kitchen table, on the couch in the living room, and at night while lying in my bed. At times, my parents had to tell me to simply put it down in order to eat dinner, do my homework, or get to sleep. Sometimes, it would be temporarily confiscated much to my dismay. Such was the power and influence of that epic tome known as the *Sear's Christmas Catalog*, aka, the annual *Wish Book*. The day it arrived in the mail brought joy to this little guy's heart. I would begin to form a long list along with my letter to Santa. There was simply so much that I wanted! Most of what I wanted, I didn't get, but I was always very happy with what Santa did bring – and I knew that there would always be next year. I'm not sure why, but I never did get the air rifles or drums that I so wanted and for some strange reason, every year I always got socks and underwear for which I never asked. At any rate, that book was very much a part of my Christmas tradition as a youngster. The annual Christmas catalogs and Bibles of my very early priestly formation perhaps held something in common. Both led me to ponder and reflect. Both caused anticipation and the hope of "wish list" fulfilled. Today my "list" is longer than ever and there is still so much that I'm hoping to receive, but I know that priesthood is a gift on-going and one by which I, in turn, can offer a most unique Gift to others. How awesome is that? And to think that it all began with a Good Book, a Christmas catalog – and a wish list!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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WEEKLY BUDGET..... \$5,000

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021..... \$4,120

Regular Sunday Collection - \$2,764

Parish Giving - \$190

All Souls Collection - \$10

Parish Property Maintenance - \$1,156

WEEKLY DEFICIT (\$880)

Year to Date Budget..... \$105,000

Year to Date Collections..... \$81,061

Average per week Collection..... \$3,860

Year to Date Deficit. (\$23,939)

Average per week Deficit..... (\$1,140)

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Deposit. \$3,577

2020-2021 Deficit to Date. (\$22,534)

Difference from previous year..... \$1,405

WEEKLY BUDGET..... \$5,000

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021..... \$4,411

Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,110

Parish Giving - \$105

Christmas Flower Collection - \$1,196

WEEKLY DEFICIT (\$589)

Year to Date Budget..... \$110,000

Year to Date Collections..... \$85,472

Average per week Collection..... \$3,885

Year to Date Deficit. (\$24,528)

Average per week Deficit..... (\$1,115)

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Deposit. \$3,726

2020-2021 Deficit to Date. (\$23,808)

Difference from previous year..... \$720

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 20/21:

4:00 PM Mass - 110

9:00 AM Mass - 106

Total Attendance - 216

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 116

9:00 AM Mass - 87

Total Attendance - 203



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. **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.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

November 15 - #866 - unsold

November 16 - #732 - Maeve Donnelly - \$50.00

November 17 - #671 - unsold

November 18 - #989 - unsold

November 19 - #930 - unsold

November 20 - #414 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00

November 21 - #195 - unsold

November 22 - #739 - unsold

November 23 - #019 - unsold

November 24 - #208 - Cristin Bucciaglia - \$50.00

November 25 - #926 - Doris Yarmush - \$100.00

November 26 - #492 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00

November 27 - #017 - unsold

November 28 - #219 - unsold

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME

610-326-1510

WINNER OF 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

November Drawing - M/M Stephen Hersperger - \$285.00.

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



A VISIT FROM ST. NICK. Please join us on Sunday, December 12 after the 9:00 AM Mass for fellowship in the social hall. There will be refreshments, crafts, games, card making, and music. Please bring some baked goods to share and your camera for any pictures with St. Nicholas. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** If your child is not in our PREP program, please call, text, or email (610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org) to let us know how many children you will be bringing, so St. Nicholas has enough treats for everyone.

2022 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for 2022 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join them.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studied.

THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in this year's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your gift supports a shared spiritual mission that impacts each of us. If you have not yet donated, please consider making your gift today using the envelope mailed to you or one at the church entrances.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Tuesday, December 7 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors can sign up directly at <https://rb.gy/sduxr>. You can also call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 11/12

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bracaglia & Vitacco; Choir, George

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & C. Buccigaglia

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



CHRISTMAS WAFERS will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, November 29. There are 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested. Wafers are available on a first come-first serve basis.



OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of Church beginning Saturday, November 27 until Sunday, January 2. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are: Winter car seat covers, soft newborn toys (no stuffed animals), size 3 diapers, baby clothes sizes 6 mo - 18 mo, winter coats size 12 & 18 months, maternity jogger pants, elastic bottom newborn gowns. Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give. Ornaments are in a box near the Giving Tree.

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

DONALD HEGEDUS from Bob & Vivie Fitch, Helen Chieffo, Ronald DiGiosia;

EDWIN G. PENNYPACKER from Jack & Margie Buccigaglia;

CARMIE PETRILLO from Jack & Margie Buccigaglia.