

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 11 FEBRUARY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, February 11:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1; Mark 1:40-45.

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

**Readings for Sunday, February 18:** Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15.



**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>
12 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
13 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Josephine Battista	Husband, Al
14 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
14 Feb.	WED. 7:00 PM	Barbara Guadagno	Bill & Jeanette Gatta
15 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Robert Fitch	Dave Lake
17 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 Feb.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & children



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MARGARET BUCCIAGLIA.

**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.



**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



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



**BUS TRIP** on Tuesday, May 14 to see "Daniel" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster. Depart from church at 10:30 AM. Return to church at approximately 7:00 PM. Cost is \$169.00 - includes motorcoach transportation, lunch at Hometown Kitchen, tax and gratuity for lunch and ticket to the show. Make plans now to join us and ask your friends to join you. Call the parish office to reserve your seat!

LOST WEEK

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**DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2024. . . . . \$4,803**  
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$137,163  
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$139,358

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, February 17 and 18 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.



**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**

January 29 - #277 - unsold

January 30 - #264 - unsold

January 31 - #098 - unsold

JANUARY FIGURES: 229 Tickets sold - \$1145.00. Payout to winners - \$550.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for January - \$495.00.

February 1 - #913 - unsold

February 2 - #339 - unsold

February 3 - #982 - unsold

February 4 - #695 - unsold

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

JOSEPHINE BATTISTA from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;

JOHN DELLA PENNA from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;

MARY GACURA from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;

PATRICIA GILROY from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;

MARGARET BUCCIAGLIA from Maria, Anthony & Miranda DiMarco, St. Gabriel PREP Staff & Students, Kathy Bernhard, Helen Chieffo, Vivie Fitch.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for February 3/4:**

4:00 PM Mass - 146

9:00 AM Mass - 121

Total Attendance - 267

## **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

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**APPAREL ALERT!** Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2)

and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer ([mboyer@sghsm62.org](mailto:mboyer@sghsm62.org)).



**CHURCH MAGNETS** are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on February 19 and March 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels in recent weeks across the country. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 17/18

### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & Bernhard

Altar Servers - Miller & Griffin

Greeter - Carr

### *The Corner*

Jesus is always healing someone in the Gospels. It's easy to distance ourselves from that and think we aren't the blind, deaf, or lame. But we are. Or we think Jesus isn't interested in healing us too. But He is. He's ready to raise you up. Are you ready to ask Him to? Make this Lent a holy one.

### **MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE**

Sponsored by the Women's Society  
Saturday, March 2

Note pick up times!

#1 Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#2 Saturday, March 2 after 4:00 PM Mass

Please circle pick up time

1 dozen Meatballs - \$13.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

½ dozen Meatballs - \$7.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

1 quart of Sauce - \$7.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Orders and payment due by February 25.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.



**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14** - Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

**FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT** - The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT** - All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. Operation Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to church.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Wednesdays beginning February 21 at 1:00 PM.

Fridays beginning February 16 at 5:00 PM.

### **CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

Wednesdays beginning February 21 at 12:30 PM.

Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

**MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION BOOKS** are available at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Feel free to take a copy home with you for Lenten Reflection.



What greater love? I figure that somewhere, some minister will think it a great idea and will try it. Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day this year. How sweet! However, it might be best to share any heart-shaped sweets on the 13<sup>th</sup> this year, since the 14<sup>th</sup> of February is a day of fast and abstinence – and Lent is a time of year when so many folks give up those same



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sweets...heart-shaped and otherwise. A heart-shaped sweet or a heart-shaped card or a box of chocolates given in a heart-shaped box represents love. I have on my desk a little Valentine's note adorned with some crayoned hearts from some pre-school tikes in a former parish of mine. Such cards from kids are the best, aren't they? On Valentine's Day, the world celebrates what, in reality, we celebrate every Sunday at Mass: Love! If Valentine's Day is about love and Jesus has told us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends, then the Cross of Jesus is the greatest act



of True Love. Thus, if the Cross is the greatest act of love and on Ash Wednesday ashes are imposed representing the dying and rising of that greatest act, then if Ash Wednesday happens to fall on Valentine's Day wouldn't it be wonderful to impose ashes on the forehead in the shape of a heart! How sweet! Don't worry! Ain't going to happen here at the hands of this priest, but somewhere someone...well, you know. Maybe this metaphor could be taken even further to say that the two shapes, cross and heart, are really one, because one does not exist without the other and that as much as we talk rightfully so about repentance, reconciliation, and return during Lent, the true meaning of Lent is Love. In fact, this is the whole meaning of life. Whoa! Gee, my hands are now sweating and my heart is thumping



just like it did during my grade school dance while dancing with a girl named Donna. To know the true meaning of Life and the true meaning of Church is sweet indeed. All of us have a love for our Church, but some have a greater love. I would suggest that sacristans, in fact, have a greater love. Theirs is a mostly behind the scenes work that others do not see and it is a very necessary and important work at that. In the seminary, I was designated as "cathedral" sacristan for



a year. I don't know that I saw it as a work of love at the time, so much as a seminary obligation to be fulfilled. But I do know that I was blessed to be a part of many different ceremonies at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul while meeting different priests and bishops at the same time. My greatest blessing for me during my assignment was the handling of the Neumann Chalice on a regular basis. This was the very chalice that Saint John Neumann himself used and really I could feel his presence every time I touched it. He's a saint that I've grown to love all because I was sacristan. Tony has been

our head sacristan here at Saint Gabe's for quite a number of years and I think that it is quite evident that he has loved his work "behind the scenes" and that he loves the Church. In fact, I think that it is quite evident that Tony very much loves all of us! This will be Tony's last weekend as our head sacristan. This news is indeed somewhat bittersweet for all of us, but I'm happy that he gets to spend more time with his wife, Theresa, and his steed, Pancake, but I know for sure that he won't be galloping off into the sunset just yet! Tony, on behalf of the entire parish here at Saint Gabriel - thank you for your loving and devoted service as our sacristan over the years! Know that you are truly loved by all of us...and Happy Valentine's Day!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson