

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 12 FEBRUARY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, February 12:** Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways.

**Readings for Sunday, February 19:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.



**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>
13 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	John Schubert	Ken & Helen George
14 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
15 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
16 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Bob McMaster	Judy Farenish
18 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & Children
19 Feb.	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.  
**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 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.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on February 20 and March 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

**2023 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass.



### ***The Corner***

Do you think folks are hungry for the Word of God? Just think about this... The top 2 podcasts on Apple Podcasts are "*The Bible in a Year*" and "*The Catechism in a Year*," both hosted by Father Mike Schmitz. *The Bible in a Year* has been downloaded more than 430 MILLION times worldwide!

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2023.** . . . . . \$4,815  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$139,358  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$134,556

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, February 18 and 19, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

**2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - Requests can be made by email at [contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone at 610-326-5127. Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



**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 30 - #344 - unsold  
 January 31 - #483 - unsold  
 JANUARY FIGURES: 259 tickets sold - \$1,295.00. Payout to winners - \$400.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for January - \$795.00  
 February 1 - #887 - unsold  
 February 2 - #737 - unsold  
 February 3 - #321 - Joe Gierschick - \$50.00  
 February 4 - #122 - unsold  
 February 5 - #797 - unsold

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

## MASS ATTENDANCE for February 4/5:

4:00 PM Mass - 131  
 9:00 AM Mass - 99  
 Total Attendance - 230

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST**  
 610-323-6369



## ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER FEAST DAY SOCIAL

on Saturday, February 18. Happy Hour (BYOB) from 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner and Dancing from 6:00-9:00 PM. Cost: \$15.00 per person in advance; \$20.00 per person at the door. Children 12-18 - \$7.00. Children 12 and under - \$5.00. Menu: Broasted Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Potato & Macaroni Salads, Bread & Rolls, Red Beet Eggs, Ring Bologna & Cheese, Pickles & Olives, Baked Beans, Chips, Coffee & Soft Drinks, Dessert. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the parish office on weekdays.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 18/19

**4:00 PM Mass**  
 Lector - Vitacco  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Bracaglia; Choir - Tammaro  
 Altar Server - Holmes  
 Greeter - Bell  
**9:00 AM Mass**  
 Lector - Boyer  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Bucciaglia & Gerasimowicz  
 Altar Server - Wasylkowski & Griffin  
 Greeter -Hildebrand

**WHY CONFESSION?** - A Panel Discussion on Zoom on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 PM. Join four priests of the Archdiocese for a webinar discussion on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Email your questions in advance to [revival@archphila.org](mailto:revival@archphila.org). For more details or to register visit [www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/events](http://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/events).



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This Sunday is one of several “secular” holy days that are recognized and celebrated by most, especially when it happens to be your team that’s in the Big Game. Family gatherings are planned. Schedules are altered. Parties take place. Some even take a personal day come Monday (often out of head pounding necessity). Folks stock up on chips, dips, Buffalo wings, and beverages both for the adults – and those for the kids. Super Bowl Sunday is

actually an international event and even those who have no interest in it, whether here or abroad, are aware that it is taking place. Millions watch the game live. Back on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1981, I was among those watching - but in the wee hours of the morning.

On Sunday of that year, I was with a group of friends in Germany. Like so many in this country that have their “holiday” traditions, so too, this group of Bayern boys. Knowing that I would be in the area that year, they invited me to participate in their traditions. I arranged to celebrate only a Vigil Mass for Sunday that weekend, so that I might have all of Sunday itself free.



Their tradition has three parts: football game, American lunch, and Super Bowl party deluxe. The football game that they play early Sunday is their own annual Super Bowl - or “Beer Bowl” as they call it. Being but in their twenties, I was the Tom-recently-retired-G.O.A.T.-Brady among them...but only in terms of age...not playing ability. We

had a great time on that cold, blustery morning replete with snow flurries. Remaining injury-free, thank God, I only came *this close* to having an arm broken. Even the fellow hit so hard that he couldn’t breathe, was soon enough standing on

the sideline catching a smoke while drinking a cold one. *Cancel the ambulance! He’s breathing! It’s a miracle!* I think my prayers might have helped! After the game, we enjoyed our American lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries. The “Super Bowl” trophy was then awarded to the winning team for that year. In reality, we were all winners that day. After lunch, because of the time difference, everyone was able to head home to wash-up, freshen-up, and take a bit of a needed respite. The actual Super Bowl game would begin at 12:30 in the morning. The Eagles spectacular win in those wee hours was just delicious icing on the cake. The fact that I was the only one there sporting an Eagles’s jersey while sitting between two New England fans made the Bird’s victory even sweeter. Super Bowl Sunday is a day rather unique isn’t it? Family and friends get together and celebrate. It’s what every Sunday is really supposed to be. It is a day on which



we forget divisions, animosities, and even politics for a time, because there is a focus on Something Greater. Super Bowl Sunday is about the love of a game and sport. It is about family, fun, and friendship. It is about new friendships made and old ones rekindled. Every Sunday is our “Super Bowl” Sunday as Church. We have our Traditions as we gather as family setting differences aside to celebrate the Love of a Faith and of a God that is **truly the Greatest of All Time** - and He never, ever retires. Enjoy the Game! Go Birds! Happy Super Bowl Sunday of Faith!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson



### WOMEN'S SOCIETY EVENTS

**Making Meatballs** on Thursday, February 23 beginning at 4:00 PM until finished around 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in helping to roll meatballs is welcome. Come when you can, leave when you must. Please bring a 1/3 cup measure.

**Corn Hole Tournament & Pizza** on Saturday, March 11 after 4:00 PM Mass. Get your teams together and boards ready. You don't have to play to attend. Come as a spectator to have some pizza and cheer your favorite team. Sign up sheets for teams and spectators will be available in the church lobby. The best part, it's all free of charge sponsored by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Keep watching the bulletin for further updates. Please call if you are not playing but may have boards we could borrow (Lori, 610-326-6030 or Melanie, 267-688-6063).

### MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Society

Saturday, February 25

Note new pick up times:

#1 Saturday, February 25 from 12:00-2:00 PM

#2 Saturday, February 25 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 19.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** - A Place to Heal From Abortion on March 3-5 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. To register or questions, call Susan (610-716-4795) or Georgeann (484-955-4278).



### **VOCATION PRAYER**

God our Father,  
in Your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for Your  
people. Fill Your Church in the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,  
with the Spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up from our families future  
priests: worthy ministers for Your  
altars, generous and ardent  
servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.



**GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHIP, GROW IN MISSION** - Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, Archbishop Pérez will send a text message once a week to anyone who wants to subscribe to his Go Forth List. The text will contain one action step that a person can take that week to either deepen their friendship with Jesus or sharpen their skills for mission. For more information or to subscribe, please visit [www.phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://www.phillydisciples.org/goforth).



**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE** on Saturday, March 4. *"The Road to Emmaus - Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread."* Held at Cardinal O'Hara

High School. Speakers: Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Jim Wahlberg and Mark Houck. Mark Forrest will lead our Eucharist Adoration. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and the Conference concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. For more information and to register visit [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com).