

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 FEBRUARY 2022

Readings for Sunday, February 13: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.

Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life!

Readings for Sunday, February 20: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38.



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>
14 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Earl Keck	Wife, Cathy
15 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Walter & Roseanne Nodolski	John & Jane Nodolski
16 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
17 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Isabelle Wilson	Stanley Nedzia
19 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Barb & Cliff Keller
20 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.



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish 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 studies. There are resources for all ages!

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.

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

GERTRUDE BOLIBRUCH from Josephine & Albert Battista. Slaby Family, Anna Flippo;
SUZANNE GUMPERT from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.





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From a smooch to a peck on the cheek, we have various ways to describe it. Surely it was something had between Adam and Eve well before the Fall and we can imagine the Holy Family's tenderness in its regard.



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Could it not be said that the Incarnation Itself is God's offering it lovingly to each one of us? How could we then not return such Divine Affection? February 14th, of course, is Valentine's Day and this day of hearts, Cupid, and chocolates is certainly a day to opine on the act of osculation. Indeed, many a lyric line has been inspired by this most human act. I wish that

I had a copy of that blathering love letter that I wrote to the girl over on the next block when I was a youngster. It was dripping with my youthful desire for a kiss. I well remember my first kiss. The term "kissing cousins" is relative here. Pun intended! At the family reunion that year at a state park somewhere in Delaware, I was enjoying the cool water of the lake on a warm summer day. The warmth of that day would quickly turn to a heat that would darn near cause my head to explode. There were several of us in the water. We were simply playing and splashing around a bit as kids are wont to do. Suddenly, one of my cousins lunged at me. She shocked me with a kiss and then quickly swam off. I froze. Then, I got this really warm feeling. Then, I nearly fainted. I ran off to find my dad. "Don't worry," he said laughingly with a smile, "soon enough you'll be the one doing the kissing." He was right. The high school years were rife of it with various beaus at the time. A



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grandmother's kiss is something entirely different. It speaks of a love that only a grandmother could know. I can still feel my grandmother's pecks on my cheeks. She would always smother me with quick repetitive smooches and the very fine whiskers on her face lovingly brushed against my tender skin as she held me tightly in her arms. I squirmed, but there was no escape. There is another type of kiss that I remember very well. In was one that I gave my father. I was going out one evening. I would return rather late. Before I left that night, my father insisted,

demanding really, that I give him a kiss. Sure, I would only be going out for the evening, but that night, he would be making the final journey home. It is a kiss I can never forget. In this little reflection on the locking of lips, I would be remiss if I didn't point something out. The plethora of kisses received prior to my ordination pales in comparison with those after. It speaks to the great love that people have for their priests that is the very Church's love of Her priests. I've had countless pecks on the cheek over the years. My hands have been kissed too. How humbling is that? One fine gentleman who towered over me in height would even moisten my forehead with his lips. One of my own understandings of priesthood is that the celebration of Mass is the priest's "I love you" to the church; hence his kiss. It is a most beautiful image, is it not? Unfortunately, going back to the Beginning, as with all things, the Fall affected and distorted this most fundamental and beautiful human act. Any kiss of betrayal hurts very much, just ask Jesus, Himself. Yet, it is this very same Son of God, Himself, that restores all that was lost. His is a Kiss renewed and recreated such that it is no longer merely a human act, but one elevated to the Divine. Psalm 85 speaks of that Kiss. It speaks of a Love and a Truth; a Justice and a Peace that will meet – and Kiss.



This Valentine's Day and beyond – in the midst of enjoying sweet chocolates from a heart-shaped box, be that Kiss for family and friends and for our world. Then you too will feel just like a kid once again experiencing his First Kiss!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022..... \$5,652
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . . \$134,556
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . . \$137,301

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 19 AND 20 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests can be made by email at (contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 117
9:00 AM Mass - 109
Total Attendance - 226

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
610-326-7880

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 19/20

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS



are being sold by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie (except supreme).



Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Pick up vouchers after Masses on the weekends or at the parish office.



SUPER BOWL BAKE & PIZZELLE

SALE on February 13 and 14 after Masses in church vestibule. Pizzelles - \$5.00 per dozen. All other baked goods as priced. All

donations of baked goods accepted to church vestibule before Masses. Please label and price baked goods.

MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Society

February 26 and 27

Pick up after Masses

All meatballs will be sold as half dozen.

½ doz. Meatballs - \$6.50

How many _____ \$Total _____

1 qt. sauce - \$6.00

How many _____ \$Total _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Orders and payment due by February 19.

Checks made payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.



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 31 - #322 - unsold

JANUARY FIGURES: 288 tickets sold - \$1440.00.

Payout to winners - \$400.00. Cost for tickets - \$100.00. January Profit - \$940.00

February 1 - #833 - unsold

February 2 - #527 - unsold

February 3 - #935 - unsold

February 4 - #145 - Vicki Hansell - \$50.00

February 5 - #730 - unsold

February 6 - #238 - unsold

The Corner

Try listening to a Christian music station for inspiration; there are some great lyrics there!

"I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody,

All about somebody, who saved my soul.

***Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart
a song to sing,***

I'm living for the world to see, nobody but Jesus."

—from the song "Nobody" by Casting Crowns

CEMETERY INFORMATION - St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Lenten clean up process on Monday, February 14. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, February 13. Everything remaining will be removed beginning on Monday, February 14 by our cemetery crew.

POTTSTOWN LIFT invites you to our Gala & Auction benefitting Al's Heart Warming Center on March 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Sunnybrook Ballroom. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at www.pottstownlift.org/upcomingevents. If you would like to be an event sponsor, go to www.pottstownlift.org/upcomingevents for more information.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE

on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM sponsored by St. Thomas More Parish Knights of Columbus. Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles – and partly as a result of conquering them – families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, we invite families to come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. The service is in St. Thomas More Church and will also be live streamed. For more information contact Jeff Evans (webviewmaster@comcast.net) or Joshua Loving (joshua.loving!@gmail.com).

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS on Friday, February 18 at 6:30 PM at Visitation BVM Parish, Norristown. Teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics, some as old as 2,000 years. There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. For more information see www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT on March 4-6 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God by attending this retreat. For information call Georgeann (484-955-4278) or Susan (610-716-4795).

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, March 6 at 12:00 PM - *Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle*. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.