

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 FEBRUARY 2019

Readings for Sunday, February 17: 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 24: 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 Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
18 Feb. MON. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	M/M David Slaby
20 Feb. WED. 9:00 AM	Dennis Wright	Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family
21 Feb. THU. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	Jack & Barb Cepko
22 Feb. FRI. 9:00 AM	Joan Reitz	Tom & Cathy Reilly
23 Feb. SAT. 4:00 PM	Joan Reitz	Husband, Jim
24 Feb. SUN. 9:00 AM	People 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS BUS TRIP on Tuesday, April 23 to Hunterdon Hills to see "Take Me Away." Cost - \$94.00, includes transportation, lunch and show. Call Shirley (610-326-1128) for details and reservations.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S SOCIETY EVENTS

March 15 - Pizza and Movie Night
 April 12 - Pizza and Game Night PLUS "Bags and Baubles"
 April 28 - Ladies Springtime Tea
 Mark your calendars! More details on all events will be published at a later date.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 23/24:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Phyllis Villano
 Extraordinary Ministers - Helen George, John Nester, George Siver, John Bracaglia
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes
 Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Maria DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio
 Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Chris Gerasimowicz
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
 Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents' Day.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

New Procedures on the Tribunal

Fees to be paid by the Archdiocese as decreed by Archbishop Chaput

The Tribunal is a group of specifically qualified priests, sisters, and lay persons whose responsibility is to come to the help of people who have experienced divorce.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, perhaps there was some weakness in the consent of the parties involved. The Annulment Procedure addresses this problem without affixing blame on either party.

Anyone who had a marriage that ended in divorce can petition the Tribunal for a Declaration of Nullity. The Tribunal is looking to see if something was lacking in the intentions of the parties with regards to children, fidelity and permanence, and/or in their understanding of marriage, and/or in their ability to enter into and fulfill marriage.

If you are divorced or married outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office if you have questions. Have no fear. All interviews are private. The telephone number is (215) 587-3750. You can also call me at the rectory as I am very familiar with the process and worked at The Tribunal in the 80's.

New Procedures as requested by Pope Francis

1. To begin, go to the website of the Archdiocese, www.archphila.org and download the forms. On the top right of the webpage, under the heading, "How do I," click the tab "Start the Annulment Process." **Follow the instructions, fill out the form on your computer, print out the form, obtain the proper documents and send everything to the Tribunal.** When your application is received you will be contacted to begin your case with formal testimony.
2. Once your formal testimony has been taken, your former spouse will be cited by the Tribunal. Your former spouse will be notified of the grounds and reasons for the Petition. If you do not have an address for your former spouse, you need to provide the Tribunal with an explanation as to why that is so and what steps you took to locate your former spouse.
3. If your former spouse participates in the case, is in favor of a Declaration of Nullity, and agrees with the grounds and the reasons for the Petition and if their testimony is similar to your testimony, then it is possible that the case **may** be heard in a process called the "Brief Process," or the "Bishop's Process" given by Pope Francis. With the process, the testimony in the case, the advice of a Tribunal assessor and the comments of the Defender of the Bond (whose job is to uphold the validity of the marriage) go to the Bishop for a decision. If the Bishop judges the case to be proven, he then issues a decision for a Declaration of Nullity. If the Bishop judges the case not to be proven to him, the Bishop **does not deny** the Petition. Instead, sends it back to be judged in the normal process, where more testimony is gathered.
4. In cases where the former spouse is opposed to a Declaration of Nullity, where the former spouse does not respond to the Tribunal, or is unable to be located, and even cases from #3, these cases continue on in the **normal process** for a Declaration of Nullity. Pope Francis facilitated this ordinary process by permitting Tribunals to accept the case of everyone who lives within their local diocese, no matter where the marriage took place (even if in a foreign country) or no matter where the former spouse lives (even if in a foreign country). Also, if the Tribunal arrives at granting a Declaration of Nullity and if the other person is not opposed to it and does not appeal it, then the Declaration becomes immediately effective, without need for anything further. The normal process takes about 6-8 months.
5. Archbishop Charles Chaput, in accord with the wishes of Pope Francis, has decreed that the Archdiocese will absorb the \$800 cost of the process. Petitioners are asked to contribute something out of charity according to their means.

N.B. Even though the process has been shortened, it still may seem difficult for some to understand. I will be happy to meet with anyone to help you discern and understand the process. I am only a phone call away.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2019.....	\$3,744
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,609
Parish Giving -	\$135
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,256)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$165,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$144,186
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,369
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$20,814)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$631)

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Deposit.....	\$3,459
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$18,579)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,235)



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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- February 4 - #033 - unsold
- February 5 - #549 - unsold
- February 6 - #383 - unsold
- February 7 - #738 - unsold
- February 8 - #775 - unsold
- February 9 - #686 - unsold
- February 10 - #649 - Philomena Bracaglia - \$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 9/10:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 201
- 9:00 AM Mass - 131
- Total Attendance - 332
- Mass Attendance for February 10/11, 2018 - 318

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUESTS can be made by email (contact@sgsm62.org) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be mailed to you or you can pick them up at the parish office.

"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL." For further information, please call the parish office.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER

610-323-4440

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: SUSAN CIOE from Jeannie Ferrante.

HELP NEEDED - Women's Society will be making meatballs on Thursday, February 21 in the social hall. We are asking for help, male or female, beginning at 4:00 PM or whenever you can make it. You do not have to be a Women's Society member. Please bring a 1/3 cup measure.

MEATBALL & SPAGHETTI SAUCE SALE

February 23 and 24, 2019

- Pick up orders in the social hall
- Saturday, February 23 after Mass until 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 24 after Mass until 10:00 AM

All orders must be pre-paid

Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society

- _____ qts. Spaghetti Sauce - \$6.00 per quart
- _____ doz. Meatballs - \$12.00 per dozen
- _____ ½ doz. Meatballs - \$6.00 per half dozen

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Deadline for orders is February 17.

BAGS AND BAUBLES - Ladies, do you have a purse that you are not in love with any more or jewelry you are just plain tired of? Before sending it all to the thrift store, save them for the Women's Society. We will be hosting a "Bags and Baubles" event during our Pizza and Game night. A large basket will be placed in the vestibule for donations beginning February 16.

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 Marian Devotions.

2019 MASS BOOK - There are still openings in our 2019 Mass Book. Mass stipend of \$10.00 for weekday Masses and \$15.00 for weekend Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

MISSING FROM CHOIR LOFT NEXT TO THE PIANO - Hard black square case with blue crystal Rosary and a picture of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother on the inside lid. Missing since December 9. If found, please drop off at the parish office.

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION AND PETITION on February 17 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia from 5:30-6:30 PM. Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament to ask for mercy upon the Church. Come make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. Confessions available beginning at 5:30 PM. Holy Hour followed by 6:30 PM Mass.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND for men to learn more about discerning their vocation. Next weekend is for post-high school men on February 22-24. For more details, visit www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER EVENTS: True Reformers Series from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, February 19 - St. Francis de Sales. February 26 from 7:00-8:00 PM - St. Teresa of Avila's Manner of Prayer. Call 215-679-2237 for more details.

MAN-UP PHILLY SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE on Saturday, March 9 at Neumann University - Mirenda Center, Aston. Man-Up Philly invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to join in an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith. Presenters: Matthew Kelly, Ron Jaworski, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Mark Forrest. Visit www.ManUpPhilly.com for more information and to register.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church
Summary of Operating Income and Expenses
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
(Unaudited)**

Income	
Sunday Collections.	\$219,259
Other Parish Collections and Income.	\$51,914
Socials and Donations.	\$3,497
Religious Education Program.	\$6,400
Interest and Rentals.	\$38,533
Total Operating Income.	\$319,603
Expenses	
Archdiocesan Assessment.	\$37,300
Salary of Clergy and Honoraria.	\$30,660
Salary of Lay Employees.	\$70,754
Payroll Taxes and Benefits.	\$43,597
Property & Liability Insurance.	\$13,183
Pastoral Administration.	\$14,206
Professional Fees/Contracted Services.	\$4,784
Outside Printing and Office Supplies.	\$8,616
Liturgical Supplies.	\$9,120
Religious Education Program.	\$2,717*
Rectory Operating Expense.	\$5,778
Maintenance of Property - All Buildings.	\$46,766
Heat, Light, Water, Sewer - All Buildings.	\$7,081
Catholic School Scholarships.	\$3,000
Property & Equipment Purchase.	\$89,150
Total Operating Expense.	\$386,712
Total Operating Deficit.	(\$67,109)

*Does not include salary of DRE. That figure is listed under Salary of Lay Employees.

POLISH MARDI GRAS POLKA PARTY on Sunday, February 24 at the TK Club, Conshohocken to support the restoration of St. Mary's Church, Conshohocken. Live Polka music, delicious Polish food, 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, baked goods for sale and games for children. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children 6 to 12 years old is \$7 and free for children under the age of 6. For tickets, email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).