

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 FEBRUARY 2022

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

In baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

Readings for Sunday, February 27: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45.



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>
21 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Rev. James Gormley	
22 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & Children
23 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	John & Cay Francis	Jane Perkins
24 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Joseph & Martha Shemansky	Daughter, Cathy
26 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Melanie George	Ken & Helen George
27 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.



We welcome JOHN & JOANNE GIESE who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their MARCH issue at the parish office.

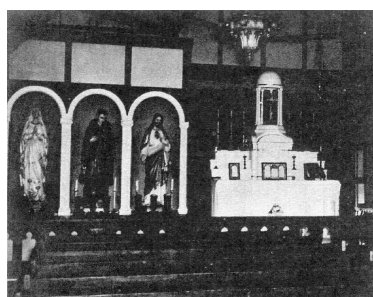
THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will also be closed on Wednesday, February 23 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Thursday, February 24 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of SHIRLEY MUSCATELLO from Jim & Anna Baldasano.



A Short History of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church **(Celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron Saint on Sunday, February 27.)**

Before the founding of their parish, the Catholics in Stowe attended Mass either at St. Aloysius Church or Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown. Beginning in 1926 Sunday Mass was celebrated in a private home, that of the late James Bucciaglia. This made it possible for people to attend Mass in Stowe instead of traveling to Pottstown. Father Wachter, rector of St. Aloysius Church, came to Stowe every Sunday to celebrate Mass and administer the Sacraments. Later the rector of



Immaculate Conception Church in Birdsboro, Reverend James Gibbons ministered to the flock. Mass was celebrated in the private home for about eighteen months. Then, due

to lack of space, the congregation celebrated Mass in the West End Fire Company. As the community grew, the people petitioned the Archbishop that a new parish be formed and a rector appointed. Consequently, on June 16, 1929 the parish of St. Gabriel was formed and Reverend Francis M. Conroy was appointed as first pastor. Since no parish buildings existed at the time, Father

Conroy lived at the Birdsboro rectory for a while, then in the Flannery home in Douglassville. The parishioners, proud of their new status, realized that their work was just beginning. A committee was organized for the purpose of purchasing property on which to build the church and rectory.

Some committee members also belonged to St. Gabriel Lodge, a social organization established by the Italian immigrants who wished to preserve their cultural heritage. They succeeded in convincing the Lodge to donate a part of their property to the parish. The Church was built in the latter part of 1930 by the Circle-A-Corporation of Indiana at a cost of \$8,500.00 with a



seating capacity of 225. The rectory, located at Howard and Jefferson Streets, was completed that same year. It was under the

capable administration of Father Suchanek, second pastor of St. Gabriel Church, that the present church, school and first convent were constructed. Ground was broken for the construction of the new church on August 6, 1961, and dedication came more than a year later, when Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, solemnly blessed the church on September 2, 1962. The new church currently has a seating capacity of 580.

The new church contains a Sanctuary, Narthex, Confessional, Priest's Sacristy, Altar Server's Sacristy, Work Room, Choir Gallery and Social Hall with kitchen facilities. The stained glass windows depict the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, four events in the life of Our Lord as recorded in the New Testament, and one of our Patron, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2022..... \$3,016
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$137,572
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$141,052

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 26 AND 27 will be the St. Gabriel Feast Day Collection.

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).



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES

APPEAL is a time for our Parish to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to those who need it most. When you give to the Appeal, your gift is transformed into a vessel of

hope, providing education, food, shelter, and medical assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors right here in the Greater Philadelphia Area. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. Information about the Catholic Charities Appeal has been sent to your homes.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 12/13:

4:00 PM Mass - 113

9:00 AM Mass - 69

Total Attendance - 182

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.

HELP NEEDED! The Women's Society needs help with rolling meatballs on Thursday, February 24 beginning at 4:00 PM. Can arrive anytime that fits your schedule. Men, women, older teens welcome. Mask and gloves available or bring your own. The more help we have the faster we can be finished. It's always a good evening of friendship and service. Please bring a 1/3 cup measure with you.

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

February 7 - #700 - unsold
February 8 - #513 - Kathy Bernhard - \$50.00
February 9 - #098 - unsold
February 10 - #053 - unsold
February 11 - #256 - unsold
February 12 - #544 - unsold
February 13 - #501 - John Norman, Jr. - \$100.00



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 Corner

On Tuesday, February 22 we celebrate the **"Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle."** The Chair of St. Peter symbolizes the office and authority that Christ bestowed on Peter, the same office and authority taken up by Peter's successors to this very day.

"And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

To celebrate this Feast, let's pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Perez, all our Pastors, and the unity of the Church throughout the world.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 26/27

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT OF REPARATION on March 4 at St. Thomas More Church, Pottstown. Confessions, Mass, Adoration and Rosary. Begins at 8:00 PM. For more information contact Tara Szymanski (610-716-5673) or Tom & Denise Harrison (610-506-9244 or 610-316-5540).

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.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Inspiring Women of the Bible on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church & Education Center multi-purpose room, Schwenksville. Guest speaker - Fr. John Gibbons. Includes Mass, light continental breakfast, guest speaker, Q&A session and Rosary. RSVP by March 7 to Jen1968@hotmail.com - include your name and phone number. Cash donations will be accepted for Birthright.

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.