

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 FEBRUARY 2020

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

Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you. Rather, love your neighbor as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord.

Readings for Sunday, March 1: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

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>
24 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Stephen Ondik	Daughter, Monica
26 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Daniel Donovan	Tom Donovan
26 Feb.	WED. 7:00 PM	Dean Gulotta	Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer
27 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Tim Reilly	Mom & Dad
28 Feb.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Marie Kubacki	Dorothy Levanovitch
29 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
1 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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 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.

2020 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January thru June 2020 can be made at the parish office. There are no weekend Masses remaining. Mass stipend of \$10.00 for weekday Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

HELP WANTED to roll meatballs on Thursday, February 27. Arrive at 4:00 PM or anytime after. Come when you like, leave as you wish. Any man, woman or teen are invited to help roll meatballs. Any and all help would be appreciated.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 29/March 1:

4:00 PM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Hickey
 Deacon Michael Murtha
 Lector - Patty Murtha
 Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, John Nester, Shelly Stockmal
 Altar Servers - Michael Holmes
 Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Nikki Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Ortega
 Lector - Rocco D'Emilio
 Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Lori Carr
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
 Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Medical Update

Tuesday was an historic day in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We bid farewell to Archbishop Chaput who was our Archbishop for 8.5 years and we said hello to Archbishop Nelson Perez. I hope you got a chance to watch his installation on television. Fr. Ortega and I watched it Tuesday. You can view it if you go to Cbsphilly.com and it is on the CBS website. The Mass was very well attended and the morale was terrific as well as the various types of music. There were some very touching moments within the celebration. A new era has occurred and it is very positive.

I have know Archbishop Perez for many years. He is warm, energetic, very personable, intelligent, and just the type of Archbishop that the archdiocese needs at this time in our history. When you are in his presence, it's like you are the only person in the world and you feel that you have known him for years. He reaches out to all people and has a particular charisma to energize the youth in every diocese he has served. I feel confident that he will do the same here.

His appointment is unique in that it is extremely rare that a bishop would be appointed to a diocese that he was ordained from and served as a priest. Archbishop Perez knows the archdiocese well and has served here for many years and in many capacities. I know he will do a wonderful job here as Archbishop of Philadelphia and will bring people back to the Church with his warmth and outgoing personality.

I want to thank you for all your prayers and notes and phone calls, texts, and emails with my latest fall. On January 17th, I was coming home from Mishock Physical Therapy in Gilbertsville. I parked the car in the breeze way and went up the two steps and then opened the back door and was going up the final step to get into the house, and my right leg just did not have the strength to get up that last step and the leg gave out and I fell backwards and hit my head on the cement and heard my back crack. It was five o'clock and no one was around. I was there for about 45 minutes and a man walking his dog found me and called 911. I was taken to Pottstown Emergency Room where they took many tests and ascertained that nothing was broken. It was a miracle in itself that there was no concussion or broken back but there was internal bruising. I stayed in the hospital for five days and as one of my doctors said, "You have nine lives and we are shocked that nothing was broken." They thought as well as the Archdiocese that my retirement would have to be moved up.

I am happy to report that I am doing much better and I had intensive Physical Therapy at home and did many strengthening exercises at home and was discharged from home health and am now back at Mishock in Gilbertsville. I will be returning to the Chapel for daily Mass on Monday of next week and will be back to weekend Masses on February 29th and Fr. Ortega and I will continue to rotate the weekend Masses.

I have made such good progress that I will be here until June and will retire at the regular time when the priest changes come out so I am grateful for that. I have been in touch with the Villa in Darby and one of their nurses came out and did a physical assessment and medical history and barring no other falls, I will be here until June.

I am very grateful to Fr. Ortega who has lived here since this latest fall and has celebrated all of the Masses, has gone shopping, cooked many meals, and has taken me on several excursions and has been a real brother to me.

Thank you again for your prayers. Keep them coming. I still need them. I pray for each of you daily.

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020.....	\$3,768
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,678
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,232)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$165,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$145,925
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,422
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$19,075)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$578)

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Deposit.....	\$3,744
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$20,814)
Difference from previous year.....	\$1,739

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 15/16:

4:00 PM Mass - 189

9:00 AM Mass - 142

Total Attendance - 331

Mass Attendance for February 16/17, 2019 - 344

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS: 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 can be picked up or mailed to you.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, February 29/March 1 is the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

FEBRUARY DRAWING - Beverly Kretovich - \$315.00.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES

610-327-2600

"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL." Call the parish office for details.



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 10 - #714 - unsold

February 11 - #593 - unsold

February 12 - #692 - unsold

February 13 - #552 - Ed Slaby - \$50.00

February 14 - #970 - unsold

February 15 - #332 - unsold

February 16 - #797 - unsold

MEATBALL & SPAGHETTI SAUCE SALE

February 29 and March 1, 2020

Pick up orders in the social hall

Saturday, February 29 after Mass until 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 1 after Mass until 10:00 AM

All orders must be pre-paid

Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society

_____ qts. Spaghetti Sauce - \$7.00 per quart

_____ doz. Meatballs - \$12.00 per dozen

_____ ½ doz. Meatballs - \$6.00 per half dozen

Total of Order: \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Deadline for orders is February 23.



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Church. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday, February 28 at 1:30 PM in the Church.

FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE

FOR LENT - The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth 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.

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.

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 Bowl boxes are at the entrances to church for your donations. Also, Operation Rice Bowls are at the entrances for your homes.

ST. THERESE, THE EUCHARIST, AND THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING presented by Fr. Lawrence Kozak on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. The evening will include a conference about St. Therese, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass. For more details or to register, call Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (610-582-3333).

LENT 2020 - AMAZING GRACE: The Miraculous Medal Shrine is offering a 40-day Lenten video series. Join us daily on this journey of faith, and discover how you can experience God's 'Amazing Grace.' Series begins on Ash Wednesday and goes until Easter Sunday. Sign up at www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent.

SENIOR MOVING RESOURCE FAIR presented by Arcadia at Limerick Pointe. Whether you're just starting to look at senior downsizing options or preparing to make the move to Arcadia, it can be overwhelming to think about all the work involved in moving. Fortunately, we're here to help! We're teaming up with local businesses and vendors to introduce you to some folks who can help make your move as stress-free as possible. Held on February 25 from 12:15 PM to 2:30 PM at Spring Valley YMCA. This event is open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Kim at 484-354-4922. Place your 100% risk-free deposit today for Arcadia at Limerick Pointe by calling 610-981-1904.

AN EVENING OF SONG AND PRAYER to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Katharine Drexel on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia. Parking is available.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming event: **Tuesday, February 25** - Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales - fellowship to follow at Pour House in North Wales. Visit www.metanoiayoungadults.org or email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.

12TH ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY - MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE on March 7 at Neumann University - Mirenda Center, Aston. Man Up Philly 2020 invites all men - fathers, sons, brothers, friends - to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith! Speakers: Brent Celek (Philadelphia Eagles celebrated tight end and Super Bowl LII champion), Immaculée Ilibagiza (Renown speaker and author of *Left To Tell* surviving the Rwandan genocide), Steve Bollman (Founder of This Man Is You), and Mark Forrest (internationally acclaimed Irish Tenor). Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and the conference will end with Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson Perez**. Visit www.manupphilly.com for more information or to register.