

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 FEBRUARY 2019

Readings for Sunday, February 24: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-23, 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, March 3: 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 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>
25 Feb. MON. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	Gail & Mike Ondo
27 Feb. WED. 9:00 AM	In Honor of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother	
28 Feb. THU. 9:00 AM	Frank Czeiner	Francis J. Czeiner Family
1 Mar. FRI. 9:00 AM	Barbara Moyer	Francis J. Czeiner Family
2 Mar. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, February 25 at 7:15 PM in the convent building.

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 - CANCELLED

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 - March 3/4:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Nikki Gambino, John Bracaglia, Terry Donnelly

Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly

Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Jack Bucciaglia

Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Lori Carr, Tony Vitacco

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY
Safe Haven Sunday, for next weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, 2019

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

As your pastor, I am always impressed by the love I see in the families of our parish community and am constantly giving God thanks for your many efforts that truly uphold the dignity of marriage and family life. Thank you!

As you work hard to create safe havens for your children and spouse, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and I wish to bring one particular issue to your attention. It's not easy to discuss, but it's important. That issue is pornography.

In November of 2016, the USCCB released a pastoral response to pornography, called *Create in Me a Clean Heart*. The intention of writing this document was to:

- offer healing and hope to those who have been wounded by pornography;
- articulate the Catholic Church's response to the pastoral crisis brought about by the production and use of pornography; and
- raise awareness of its pervasiveness and harms.

Why? Because pornography is hurting many people, including marriages and families, singles, priests and religious, and even children. It hurts the healthy process of vocational discernment for our young people. Pornography use impacts the relationship of children with their parents, husbands with their wives (and vice versa), the pastor with his community, and most importantly, our relationship with our Lord.

In the formal statement, the USCCB speak directly to parents about being proactive about the issue of pornography in the life of the home with their children and together as a married couple ensure the home keeps its status as a safe haven for all. The Bishops state, "The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a safe haven and has negative effects throughout a family's life and across generation."

Thus, on **March 2 & 3, 2019** we will be celebrating the first annual Safe Haven Sunday with the theme "Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children." This awareness effort is meant to draw our attention as a community to the seriousness of the issues of pornography and to recommit ourselves to take steps to ensure our homes are safe havens for all.

In the back of the church, I will have free resources for you to assist with striving for healthy and holy marriages and families, including how to talk to your children about internet dangers. But you don't have to wait. You can begin learning now by joining *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge: A Digital Crash Course* by texting SECURE TO 66866 to receive seven days of emailed digital tips!

I look forward to celebrating Safe Haven Sunday with you next weekend! I will be returning to weekend Masses permanently next weekend. I thank you for all the prayers during this very difficult time in my life. I was discharged this week and will start Physical Therapy the first week in March.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, intercessors of the home, and St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, I hope you have a good week.

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2019.....	\$3,592
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,497
Parish Giving -	\$95
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,408)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$170,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$147,778
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,346
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$22,222)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$654)

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Deposit.....	\$4,044
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$19,535)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,687)



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 11 - #419 - unsold
- February 12 - #854 - unsold
- February 13 - #291 - unsold
- February 14 - #029 - unsold
- February 15 - #453 - unsold
- February 16 - #791 - unsold
- February 17 - #049 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 16/17:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 220
- 9:00 AM Mass - 124
- Total Attendance - 344
- Mass Attendance for February 17/18, 2018 - 394

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”

CROCKER & CROCKER, PC
610-323-5700

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:
FEBRUARY DRAWING - M/M James Thomas - \$287.00.

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 is in the vestibule for donations.

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. Both weekend and weekday Masses are still available.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: **MARGARET LA ROSA** from Jack & Margie Buccigliaglia, Jim & Denise Buccigliaglia, Cristin Buccigliaglia; **THOMAS ROBERTS** from Cristin Buccigliaglia, Monica Bauer; **SUSAN CIOE** from Jeanette & Bill Gatta.