

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 FEBRUARY 2023

Readings for Sunday, February 5: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

Readings for Sunday, February 12: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.



**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>
6 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Catherine Reilly	Ron & Carol Fry
7 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Bob McMaster	Jim & Tina Buckwalter
8 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Susan Daller	Ron & Carol Fry
9 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	George & Helen Koren	Son & Daughter
11 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
12 Feb.	SUN. 9:00 AM	John Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco



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 Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES
 on February 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
PAULA BOLONSKI from Robert & Vivian Fitch;
JOSEPH & VIRGINIA SLODY from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

The Corner

Did You Know?

Saturday, February 11 is "World Day of the Sick." It is a Catholic Church awareness day, or observance, that falls every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. St. John Paul II established this feast in 1992.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 28/29:

4:00 PM Mass - 114
 9:00 AM Mass - 96
 Total Attendance - 210

LOST WEEK

Collections with PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 29, 2023 \$5,278
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$134,543
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$128,904

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests can be made by email at contact@sgsm62.org or by phone at 610-326-5127. Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).

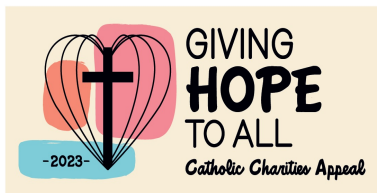


PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

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 23 - #359 - Rosemary Baird - \$50.00
 January 24 - #404 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00
 January 25 - #614 - Grayson Arendt - \$50.00
 January 26 - #883 - unsold
 January 27 - #598 - unsold
 January 28 - #972 - unsold
 January 29 - #882 - unsold



This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2023 **Catholic Charities Appeal**. Please join us in supporting the

Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. To make a donation, visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org or use the envelope mailed to your home.



ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER FEAST DAY SOCIAL on Saturday, February 18. Happy Hour (BYOB) from 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner and Dancing from 6:00-9:00 PM. Cost: \$15.00 per person in advance; \$20.00 per person at the door. Children 12-18 - \$7.00. Children 12 and under - \$5.00. Menu: Broasted Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Potato & Macaroni Salads, Bread & Rolls, Red Beet Eggs, Ring Bologna & Cheese, Pickles & Olives, Baked Beans, Chips, Coffee & Soft Drinks, Dessert. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the parish office on weekdays.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 11/12

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino & Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Francis & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman

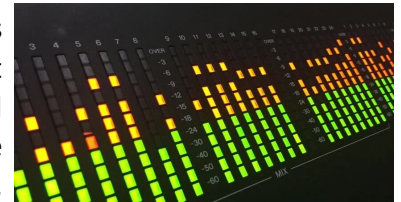
O SACRUM CONVIVIUM - O Sacred Banquet. St. Eleanor Parish, Colledgeville, presents a Sacred Music Program with Benediction that will provide a faith filled lead up to Lent and will testify to the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through music. Join us for this FREE Choir Concert on February 5 from 5:00-6:00 PM. Visit www.steleanor.com for more details.

POLISH DINNER FUNDRAISER (supports World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Portugal) at St. Thomas More Parish, Pottstown on Friday, February 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM or 6:00-8:00 PM. Homemade pierogies, kielbasa, mizeria, kremowki, roll and beverage. Cost: Adult (14+) - \$18.00; Children 5-13 - \$6.00; Children under 4 - free. Take out available. Reservations and payment due by February 8. Questions - contact Erin Esterly (484-524-3230).

A Message From The Pastor

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We used to have speakers - stereo speakers. Remember those? They made for a richer, fuller experience...concert-like when it came to listening to music. They tended to be somewhat large and clunky. They were boxy things that were hard-wired into an audio source. That source would have included a turn table for vinyl LPs, a cassette player (or an eight-track player for those just a bit older than me), and of course, a radio. If one was fortunate enough to have an equalizer, then that heightened the listening experience even more and in a darkened room provided for a cool "light show" besides. Today we have "soundbars."



I don't know exactly when this term made its first appearance, but my spell-check keeps insisting that it be typed as two separate words. My spell-check needs to be spell-checked and brought into the 21st Century! The word itself sounds soothing. *Soundbar!* Ahhhhh, I feel relaxed already. I think of a rich, smooth dark chocolate bar, or a delicious ice cream bar, or a luxuriously scented soft bar of soap and the sudsy bubble bath that awaits me. Soundbars of today compliment our flat-screen HDTVs and connect with HDMI cables and/or Bluetooth. Recently after doing some research, I acquired a soundbar. It's certainly not the most expensive model or top-of-the-line, but it did get good reviews for a budget model. I'm fine with that. It's enhanced my experience watching a show or series on TV and I really love it, especially the bass, when listening to music. For me, it was worth the investment



after having pondered the whole matter with Deacon Ray and others for a bit. It was Deacon who jokingly said that he could just picture West Pottsgrove's Finest showing up at the front door of the rectory telling me "Sir, please turn it down!" *Will do! Sorry, Officer!* Maybe you have a soundbar at home or maybe you're thinking about getting one. Soundbars for our HDTVs are simply additions that compliment. When it comes to our Faith, a soundbar is something integral that enhances. No one should be without *this*



soundbar. With it, we are drawn into the experience of our Faith in a whole new and vibrant way. No longer listening with just our ears, we listen anew with our hearts and experience the richness of *His* Voice while enjoying a far greater clarity in much the same way that the flat-screen, full color HDTVs of today and their complimenting low profile soundbars are a far cry from the old black & white tube TVs of yesterday with their little monotone speakers. Today, start to do some research. Listen ever more carefully and seek greater quality of sound. Ask around. Look-up some reviews. Pull the trigger and make the purchase! Install *your* Soundbar of Faith! Then sit back, turn it up, and enjoy the richness of the Music that is Eternal!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

WOMEN'S SOCIETY EVENTS

Next themed basket will be for Valentine's Day. Selling chances after Masses until February 12 when the winner will be drawn. Approximate value of basket is \$200.00. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.

Super Bowl Snack and Sweets Sale after Masses on February 11 and 12. Any donations of snacks or sweets for a Super Bowl Party or a Valentine gladly accepted. Please label AND price all items.

Making Meatballs on Thursday, February 23 beginning at 4:00 PM until finished around 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in helping to roll meatballs is welcome. Come when you can, leave when you must. Please bring a 1/3 cup measure.

Corn Hole Tournament & Pizza on Saturday, March 11 after 4:00 PM Mass. Get your teams together and boards ready. You don't have to play to attend. Come as a spectator to have some pizza and cheer your favorite team. Sign up sheets for teams and spectators will be available in the church lobby. The best part, it's all free of charge sponsored by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Keep watching the bulletin for further updates. Please call if you are not playing but may have boards we could borrow (Lori, 610-326-6030 or Melanie, 267-688-6063).

MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Society

Saturday, February 25

Note new pick up times:

#1 Saturday, February 25 from 12:00-2:00 PM

#2 Saturday, February 25 after 4:00 PM Mass

Please circle pick up time

1 dozen Meatballs - \$13.00

How many _____ \$Total _____

½ dozen Meatballs - \$7.00

How many _____ \$Total _____

1 quart of Sauce - \$7.00

How many _____ \$Total _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Orders and payment due by February 19.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.

February 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past year Pope Francis offered a series of catecheses on old age during his Wednesday Audiences. The Holy Father said, *"With these catecheses, I encourage everyone to invest their thoughts and affections in the gifts old age carries with it and to the other stages of life. Old age is a gift for all stages of life. It is a gift of maturity, of wisdom."* Pope Francis' words about the dignity, value, and wisdom that the elderly contribute to society underscores the gift of our retired and infirmed priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

During their many years of active ministry, they brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and charitable actions with great devotion. In retirement, they continue to be a great source of support for our local Church, through their prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass, and their wise council.

Today, one-third of our Archdiocesan priests are retired. Many generously continue in active service to our parishes to the extent their health allows. Others, due to advanced age and medical conditions, live quietly and offer prayers for you, the faithful.

The annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes during the weekend of February 11-12, 2023. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests who gave fully of themselves to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those entrusted to their care over the course of many years.

Please remember all our priests, active and retired, in your daily prayers and consider donating generously to the Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests this year. May the Lord bless you and all those whom you love abundantly. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHIP, GROW IN

MISSION - Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, Archbishop Pérez will send a text message once a week to anyone who wants to subscribe to his Go Forth List. For more information or to subscribe, please visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.