

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6 FEBRUARY 2022

Readings for Sunday, February 6: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

Readings for Sunday, February 13: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.



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>
7 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Donald Hegedus	Bridget Ottaviano
8 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary & Tino Rulli	Son, Denny
9 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	George & Helen Koren	Son & Daughter
10 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Florence Simon & Hector Rivas, Jr.	Deacon Ray & Millie Then
12 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	David L. George, Jr.	Ken & Helen George
13 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.



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 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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

- SHIRLEY MUSCATELLO from Bob & Vivie Fitch;
- LAWRENCE VITACCO from Rich & Bernie Ellis, Monica Bauer;
- IRENE HORVATH from Maria DiMarco;
- MARLENE SHANER from Monica Bauer, Catherine Sands;
- GERTRUDE BOLIBRUCH from Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Bonnie Stankunas.

A Message From The Pastor

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With all due respect to those who partake of tea, I do believe that coffee is pretty much the universal daily drink. I wonder if it tops even good ole H₂O in this regard. It's the way in which many, many people start off their day...and subsequently plow through it. There are friendly debates over whose brew is the best and every java joe has his or her special way in which they enjoy it. Some prefer Dunkin' over Starbucks. Others make a beeline to WaWa. While still others are off to the local 7-11. Deacon Ray introduced me to the strong brand that he prefers and I tend to like dark (with cream; no sugar) anyway. Coffee preparation is an art unto



itself as we are all well aware even in our Keurig/Mr. Coffee/instant coffee world. I remember as a kid waking up early on Sunday mornings to the aroma and sound of my father brewing coffee in the percolator (remember those?) In the kitchen. I didn't drink coffee then, but I did love the smell and on the rarest of occasions that I might hear that percolating sound today, I'm instantly transported back to the Sunday mornings of my childhood. That's the thing about coffee. There is a social aspect to it; the common denominator, if you will, that brings us all together. Brew a big pot for our world today. In my "other life" there was the daily gathering around the coffee machine in the break room and complaining about the boss, the work, the wife, the world, and pretty much everything and anything. Don't worry ladies! The women, animated in conversation, were off in a corner gathered around their mugs. I wonder what and who they were complaining about? And yes, an occasional finger did point in our direction. In the seminary, we gathered in our common room. The complaints were then not about wives, but about not having them along with way too much class work and professors that seemed intent on making sure that we truly understood the meaning of suffering and carrying a cross. One time I got into trouble with another sem. It was after Mass in the morning. I was in a rush. I still had to adjust the cross on my shoulder for an early morning class. The coffee wasn't quite finished brewing, yet I yanked the carafe out ever so quickly and poured a quick mug before replacing it. Oh my goodness! The other guy was absolutely irate! He was beside himself! He obviously hadn't even had his first cup yet! *You ruined it*, he screamed! *What? You ruined it! Now, I'm going to have to make a whole new pot!* Call it "coffee madness." I walked away and left him to go stew in his old coffee grounds. I don't think that he has forgiven me to this day. We could say that coffee causes conversations - and, I guess, sometimes arguments. It gets people speaking even if at times temperatures and tempers rise. Soon enough, we're all back to work anyway. The coffee break could be said to be a little Sunday morning every day. A classmate in the seminary coined the word, "coffice." It referred to praying the Office (Liturgy of the Hours), the daily prayer of the Church that for priests and religious is requisite, with one's cup of coffee nearby. Indeed, my daily routine tends to be my "coffice." It is that social time that I gather and pray with and for the Church. Sometimes I complain, but usually I just converse knowing that soon enough it will be time to go back to work being grateful for just a little break and looking forward to my next "cuppa joe" and the conversation that will ensue. So grab your mug and gather round! It's time to take a little break and enjoy a little coffee time conversation with Our Lord! Oh by the way, try *His* brew. I'm quite certain that you'll find it simply out of this world and even, one might say, something to die for!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 30, 2022..... \$4,889
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$128,904
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$132,959

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).

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 29/30:

4:00 PM Mass - 87
 9:00 AM Mass - 103
 Total Attendance - 190

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

ON THE THIRD DAY
 610-705-0130

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 12/13

4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Nester
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Break, Durante & Bracaglia; Choir, Durante
 Altar Server - Holmes
 Greeter - Wade
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Iannozzi
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Break, Gerasimowicz & Bernhard
 Altar Server - Gerasimowicz
 Greeter - Carr

February 6, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 When I visit our retired and infirm priests who reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby or Regina Coeli in Warminster, I am filled with deep gratitude for their collective years of dedicated service. These faithful and holy priests have given their lives to our parishes, schools, and ministries serving the poor throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

During their active ministry, they devotedly brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and charitable actions. In retirement, they are a source of wisdom and a great blessing for our local Church.

Today, one-third of our priests are retired. Many continue in some degree of active service to our parishes as much as their health allows. Others, due to advanced age and medical conditions, live quietly and offer prayers for you, the people of the Archdiocese. 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 12-13, 2022. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests in seeking to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those entrusted to their care over the course of many years.

I would ask that you remember in your daily prayers all our priests, active and retired and invite you to donate to the Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests this year. May the good Lord bless you and may all those whom you love and care for know God’s abundant blessings. 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

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.



SUPER BOWL BAKE & PIZZELLE

SALE on February 13 and 14 after Masses in church vestibule. Pizzelles - \$5.00 per dozen. All other baked goods as priced. All donations of baked goods accepted to church vestibule before Masses. Please label and price baked goods.



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 24 - #324 - Wesley Esposito - \$50.00
January 25 - #933 - unsold
January 26 - #283 - unsold
January 27 - #491 - unsold
January 28 - #741 - unsold
January 29 - #770 - unsold
January 30 - #592 - unsold

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.

The Corner

Are you still trying to figure out a good to-do list for the New Year? Here's one:

1. Seek first the kingdom of God
2. Everything else.

CEMETERY INFORMATION - St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Lenten clean up process on Monday, February 14. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, February 13. Everything remaining will be removed beginning on Monday, February 14 by our cemetery crew.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS on Friday, February 18 at 6:30 PM at Visitation BVM Parish, Norristown. Teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics, some as old as 2,000 years. There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. For more information see www.treasuresofthechurch.com.