

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 JANUARY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, January 14:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

Through Baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

**Readings for Sunday, January 21:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.



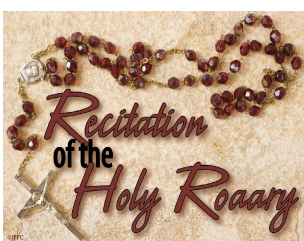
**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.**



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
15 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Michael DeLorenzo	Ann Discher
16 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & children
17 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Steve & Mary Slaby	Janet & Dave Slaby
18 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	John Francis McCarthy	Wife, Sharon
20 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Gabriela Ortiz	Deacon Ray & Millie Then
21 Jan.	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 in these special Marian Devotions.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on January 15 and February 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels in recent weeks across the country. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure

lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

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

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2023.** . . . . . \$10,723  
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$116,359  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$117,113

**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 7, 2024.** . . . . . \$3,736  
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$120,095  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$121,781

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, January 20 and 21, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

### “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.



**CHURCH MAGNETS** are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



**APPAREL ALERT!** We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel: T-shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s & Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 zip - \$35; Full zip hoodies - \$30

(Color is forest green for 1/4 zip and full zip). Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!! Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer ([mboyer@sgsm62.org](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)).

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for December 30/31:**

4:00 PM Mass - 115  
 9:00 AM Mass - 108  
 Total Attendance - 223

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for January 6/7:**

4:00 PM Mass - 43  
 9:00 AM Mass - 117  
 Total Attendance - 160



### **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**

- December 25 - #866 - unsold
- December 26 - #990 - unsold
- December 27 - #152 - unsold
- December 28 - #937 - unsold
- December 29 - #091 - unsold
- December 30 - #127 - Stephanie Pacanowski - \$50.00
- December 31 - #896 - unsold

DECEMBER FIGURES: 242 tickets sold - \$1,210.00.  
 Payout to winners - \$450.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.  
 Profit for December - \$660.00.

- January 1 - #980 - unsold
- January 2 - #526 - Tom Hildebrand - \$50.00
- January 3 - #105 - unsold
- January 4 - #736 - unsold
- January 5 - #085 - unsold
- January 6 - #440 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00
- January 7 - #741 - Cecilia Lapkiewicz - \$100.00

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: **RONALD BERNHARD** from Doug & Tina Gonder.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 20/21

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro & Vitacco; Choir, Tamaro

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Bell

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Donnelly & Miller

Greeter - Hildebrand



### WINNER OF THE EAGLES BASKET

- Maria Vitacco - ticket pulled by Deacon Ray. Thank you to all who participated in this great fund raiser!

### WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

**WINTER SOCIAL AND JEWELRY SALE-** St. Gabriel Women's Society is hosting an afternoon of jewelry shopping on Sunday, January 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the social hall. Some brand new items, some pre-loved items but all very reasonably priced. Women of all ages welcome. Come out for a pleasant afternoon with your gal pals and find something new. Light refreshments will be served. No Admission Fee.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Tuesday, May 14 - Parish Bus Trip to Sight and Sound to see *Daniel*. More details coming soon! Plan now to join us and ask your friends to join you for a fun-filled day.

### The Corner

"Worshiping in love requires that we contemplate Jesus' presence when we celebrate the Eucharist. To contemplate Christ means to behold Him with the eyes of faith." -Archbishop Charles Chaput



### IMPORTANT ST. ALOYSIUS & HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY

**INFORMATION:** St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean Up Process on Monday, March 4. If there are items

currently on your loved one's grave site that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly **remove the items by Sunday, March 3**. Anything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 4 by our cemetery crew. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** - Meetings of the Padre Pio Prayer Group include the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. Fr. John Frink serves as the Spiritual Director for the Padre Pio Prayer Group. Meeting dates: Saturdays - January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, October 19, November 16 and December 21. Begins with Confessions at 9:30 AM. Prayer Group meets at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Please contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) if you are interested in becoming a member of the Padre Pio Prayer Group.

**NOVENA TO THREE AMERICAN SAINTS FOR LIFE** - held at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Sunday, January 14 to Monday, January 22 following the 3:00 PM Chaplet for Divine Mercy. Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, Frances Cabrini and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. Also available on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/PadrePioInc](https://www.facebook.com/PadrePioInc)) or You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/@PadrePioInc>). For more details visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY** is accepting applications for the second annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States.



Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

## JANUARY 14, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ***Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***

Sometimes church language gives its own meanings to words we already know. For example, you and I recognize that “see” describes either the physical gift of eyesight or the mental ability to get the point of a story or proposal. But in what I’ll label “Church speak,” the word “see” describes a bishop’s territory. So, for example, we have the “See” of Camden or Kalamazoo, or whatever.

Today we confront a particular meaning attached to the word “ordinary” again in Church circles. We generally think of the word as an adjective indicating “the usual” or “expected” way of someone or something.

But move over to the Church lexicon and the same word translates either to a legal description of a Catholic bishop who heads a diocese or to the label of a certain season of the Church year.

Case in point is the designation of this particular Sunday as the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.” What that means is that we are not celebrating a particular great feast and its lead up, such as the Advent-Christmas cycle we just lived through, and the much larger Lent-Easter cycle. Instead, we are invited to dwell in depth on other events in Our Lord’s earthly life, or perhaps one of His immortal sayings.

Today, for example, we have a powerful message set before us by St. Paul, our greatest missionary. It is found in today’s Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a straightforward expression of how we Christians are to regard our bodies. Paul tells us that any aberrations of his teaching would constitute serious mortal sin.

We cannot help but note that this teaching is a direct contradiction of the mindset we’ve been warring against since the sexual revolution occurred in the 1980’s. Suffice it to cite the overused slogan: “It’s my body and I can do what I want with it.”

We’ve been thinking here in the terms of the ordinary and its opposite, which leads to this vignette:

*There once was a prosperous farmer named Harry who decided to go to Mass one Sunday. After Mass, he approached the pastor with great enthusiasm: “Father, that was a damned good homily – damned good!” The priest shook his head, saying, “I’m delighted you were pleased with it, Harry, but it would be nice if you didn’t use those terms expressing yourself.”*

*“Can’t help it, Father,” Harry shrugged, “but I still think it was a damned good homily – and I put \$500 in the collection basket.” The priest gulped: “The hell you did!”*

God love you and give you His peace.