

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 JANUARY 2023

Readings for Sunday, January 15: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:28-34.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the Father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

Readings for Sunday, January 22: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.



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>
16 Jan.	MON.	9:00 AM	Michael DeLorenzo	Anna Discher
17 Jan.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Michael Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
18 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	Simon Nagel II	Nagel Family
19 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	John Francis McCarthy	Wife, Sharon
21 Jan.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Steve & Mary Slaby	Janet & Dave Slaby
22 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 us!



2023 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per person requesting the intentions.



THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY next themed basket will be for Valentine's Day. Selling chances after Masses beginning January 28 and 29 until February 12 when the winner will be drawn. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on January 16 and 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.

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DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 8, 2023. \$4,668
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$121,781
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$116,465

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

JANUARY DRAWING - M/M Rocco D'Emilio - \$292.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 7/8:

4:00 PM Mass - 119
9:00 AM Mass - 105
Total Attendance - 224

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



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 on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible Studies for all age groups.



ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER FEAST DAY WINTER SOCIAL on Saturday, February 18. Happy Hour (BYOB) from 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner and dancing from 6:00 PM to 9:00 ish PM.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their FEBRUARY issue at the Parish Office.



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 2 - #945 - unsold
January 3 - #371 - unsold
January 4 - #410 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
January 5 - #475 - unsold
January 6 - #788 - unsold
January 7 - #962 - John Donnelly - \$50.00
January 8 - #804 - unsold

The Corner

"Ask Him to give you a thirst for His word so it will infuse your life with its wisdom, courage, and hope."
—from the book "Ask Him" by Jane Trufant Harvey

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 21/22

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

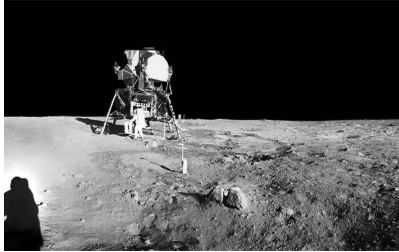
Altar Server - Donnelly & Wasylkowski

Greeter - Carr



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This little guy was so excited that weekend. I couldn't wait for Monday afternoon. It would be close to the dinner hour when I would finally know. I can still feel the excitement. Our first color television was acquired sometime around 1970. Just prior to that, I can remember my father pulling me out of bed late one night and making me watch "history" as he called it. My mother held me in her arms and stroked my head. The first lunar landing occurred in my black and white world of 1969. That world was now ending. More precisely, it would be totally



transformed. Our first color television was a big expense for us, but especially for a young boy, the cost was well worth it. A superhero that I had known, I would now know even better. The program finally began and in a mere instant I knew. I knew



what color *Ultraman* was. Even my black and white dreams of the *Beta Capsule* carrying menace to monsters would turn to color. Today in our flat screen



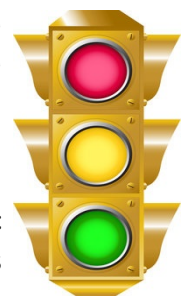
world of ever higher definition TV's, color is taken for granted. Although we live in a world filled with vibrant color, it seems too many folks see only in a black and white sort of way. Color is an interesting thing. Although perceiving color is not uniquely human, it is only human beings that give meaning to colors. There meanings can prompt all kinds of emotion or even a fierce loyalty. For instance,

I have noticed lots of green and white jerseys all about town these days for some reason. All of us tend to love red, white, and blue - but especially on the 4th of July. It is green, of course, that represents our current liturgical season, though soon enough we'll see violet again with its requisite fasting and prayer. It was my most wonderful kindergarten teacher that taught me not to reduce people to a mere color. She helped me to see the vibrancy and full spectrum of color in every person. Color offers hope to humanity.

Jesus is the Light of the World and as we now know, thanks to a rather colorful fellow by the name of Sir Isaac Newton, light is but a whole assortment of colors. Notice that it is the



rainbow that appears in Scripture representing God, Faith, and Covenant. To know of colors and their vibrancy is to know of God, Himself. In our world today, despite so much bad news, violence, war, division, and seeming lack of Faith, I take heart at every traffic light. People of every stripe throughout the whole world, regardless of nationality, political persuasion, or favorite sports team, stop on red and go on green. Amazing! Color unites all of us. What's more is that the universal truth of "red light/green light" is something that is taught – and learned.



That has yet to change in a world where so many things are questioned or redefined.

Therein is our hope. If folks still know to stop or go at a traffic light depending on its color, even more so, the Truth of the One that brings Light and hence, Color to our world can be taught and known. Strive to shine this Light in our world and be excited, because then you'll be a full color superhero too!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests: worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



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FATHER BALLY COUNCIL NEWS

Spaghetti Dinner on January 21 from 5:00 PM to 8:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Cost is \$12.00 per order. Proceeds from this dinner go towards our Council's charitable donations.

Monthly Meeting is at 10:30 AM on the third Sunday of each month and is finished by 11:30 AM. Breakfast is available before the meeting.

Men interested in joining should contact the Parish Office who will get you in touch with one of the Knights for more information.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL invites you to the Opening of Catholic Schools Week Celebration! On Sunday, January 29 celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning with Mass at 12:30 PM in Church. Following the Mass, prospective and current families are welcome to attend an Open House from 1:45-3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Parish School. Families are invited to meet our teachers, visit our classrooms, tour our school, shop our Book Fair, attend a CYO Basketball game and meet our Mascot, Big Al. Please register for this event by visiting www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com.

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville on Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Inspiring words from Fr. Giardini, Benediction and more with St. Teresa's Music Ministry performing popular contemporary music by Hillsong Worship, Francesca Battistelli, Phil Wickham, Cain, Elevation Worship and more.



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. The text will contain one action step that a person can take that week to either deepen their friendship with Jesus or sharpen their skills for mission. For more information or to subscribe visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 10-12 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - Visit Lisbon, Santarem & Fatima. July 30 to August 7, 2023 for Young Adults ages 19-39. For more information visit www.phillyyam.org/world-youth-day/. Apply online ASAP.