

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 JANUARY 2022

**Readings for Sunday, January 16:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Readings for Sunday, January 23:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.



**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>
17 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	The Family
18 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & Children
19 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	John Francis McCarthy	Wife, Sharon
20 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	William & Mary Katalinas	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
22 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
23 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Cornelia Zangrilli	John & Children



**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.

**MEETING** to discuss the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine and Rosary Garden on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Anyone interested in helping with this project is asked to attend the meeting. Come and offer your talents!

**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.

**COPIES OF THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE WORD AMONG US** are at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books - please feel free to take a copy home with you.

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



## A Message From The Pastor

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Hannah was unable to bear children. She was barren. The reading at Mass from the First Book of Samuel this past week relates her story. In biblical days being barren was viewed as not having God's Favor. One did not have His Blessing and such a state implied that God's Law had somehow or in some way been violated by the woman, her husband, or someone else in the family. Despite her inability to conceive, Hannah's husband, Elkanah, still loved her dearly and told her as much as she grieved. Her rival, Peninnah, reproached her for her condition adding to Hannah's already great grief. Her sad feelings are known but to those who have themselves attempted and failed to conceive. Over my years as a priest, I have known couples that have attempted to conceive without success. The desire for a child is an ache that would cause my own heart to ache as I prayed with them and for them. There would be attempt after attempt. Doctors would be seen. Hope would begin to wane, turn into desperation and then despair. On more than one occasion, I have heard the story that some couples, now knowing that they will never conceive a child of their own,



begin to look into the notion of adoption. It is a long and arduous process especially after having already spent much time consulting with fertility doctors. Such couples then open their hearts and their homes to a child not their own, but who would become their own. The day that the adoption is finalized is a day of great rejoicing indeed. But there is more to the story. Following the joy of bringing an adopted child into their own home, more than one of these couples experienced a true miracle. They became pregnant with a child of their own! All that time spent trying so hard to conceive a child of their own and somehow by opening the door of one's home to someone else's child, it is then that pregnancy resulted. There would be not one child, but two! In the Bible story, Hannah and her husband would come to conceive. The reality is that they had already opened their hearts and their home to Someone else. God would hear their prayers and the child to be born to them would be great in the eyes of God. Their child, Samuel, would be a great prophet. Our God is a God of Fruitfulness and Life. Though not every woman and her spouse dealing with infertility issues will come to conceive a child of their own, nevertheless there is something to be said for the many couples that, in fact, do. Maybe it is simply a matter of being open to the New Life that God offers always to all of us both men and women. So often we experience barrenness when it comes to matters of Faith and practice of the Faith. If we could only realize that just like Elkanah and his love for Hannah, our Bridegroom still loves us deeply and unconditionally despite our own barrenness at times. As we approach the anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision erroneously recognizing a right to destroy life, let us work ever more diligently to uphold its dignity, its sacredness, and the respect that every human life deserves. Pray for those attempting to conceive amidst difficulties and pray for adoptive parents and those children waiting to be adopted. It is in this way, that all of us, despite our lingering barrenness, conceive and bear a Son, Who will indeed be a Great Prophet and ever most favored in the sight of God.



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Lost WEEK

# Collections

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*thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 9, 2022..... \$4,591  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$116,465  
 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$121,822



**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 22 AND 23** will be for the new Blessed Virgin Mary Statue and Rosary Garden Fund Raising Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
 JANUARY DRAWING - John Nester - \$207.00.

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

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 8/9:**  
 4:00 PM Mass - 119  
 9:00 AM Mass - 78  
 Total Attendance - 197

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**  
**MORGAN BASEMENT WATERPROOFING**  
 610-696-0100

**RADA CUTLERY** - The Women’s Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase: 2 - vegetable peelers - \$8.00 each. Please call the parish office to purchase these items.



**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 1 - #560 - unsold
- January 2 - #734 - unsold
- January 3 - #028 - unsold
- January 4 - #653 - Rachel Bolonski - \$50.00
- January 5 - #192 - unsold
- January 6 - #310 - unsold
- January 7 - #652 - Ken & Helen George - \$50.00
- January 8 - #429 - Michael Adzema - \$50.00
- January 9 - #865 - Victor Schue - \$100.00



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish.

Go to our 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 studied.

**REDNER’S REGISTER TAPES** - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner’s register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this fund raiser are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder, the Redner’s tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and the information prints at the bottom of your receipt.

**BABY BLANKETS** - The Women’s Society is selling hand-maid baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. You can purchase the blankets at the parish office.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 15/16

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Mich

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Hildebrand

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 22/23

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;  
Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2022 BUS TRIP** - All are welcome to join parishioners of St. Columbkil Church on this prayerful pilgrimage and witness to life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21, 2022. The theme of this year's national march is "Equality Begins in the Womb." Mass will be celebrated at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown at 6:30 AM before boarding the bus at 7:15 AM. Return time is approximately 10:00 PM. Participants are asked to dress warmly, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. Students are ½ price. Sign-up by calling St. Columbkil church office at 610-367-2371. Payment secures your reservation. Questions? contact Candee Holzman (484-431-2085).

**RESTORE: A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT** on January 21-23 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. Retreat talks and experiences will reconnect us with the Truth of our inherent dignity, beauty, and wholeness. Retreat also includes: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. Find the full schedule and register at [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

### **ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:

EDWIN G. PENNYPACKER from Robert & Roseann Luther.

#### *The Corner*

On Saturday January 22 we recognize the "**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**"

Reflect on these words from *Robert M. Haddad* in his book "*1001 Reasons Why It's Great To Be Catholic.*"

"The Catholic Church recognizes that human dignity and human rights are based on being created in the image and likeness of God, rather than on human laws or human whims."

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** - 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 11-13 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquires are strictly confidential.

**MARRIED COUPLES** - Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**? In-person experiences are February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit [www.wwme-philly.org/](http://www.wwme-philly.org/).