

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 JANUARY 2021

**Readings for Sunday, January 17:** 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 24:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

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**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 4:00 PM in the Church.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| <u>Date</u> |              | <u>Intention</u>                                     | <u>Requested By</u>    |
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| 19 Jan.     | TUE. 9:00 AM | Michael DeLorenzo                                    | Anna Discher           |
| 20 Jan.     | WED. 9:00 AM | Eleanor Laguna                                       | Diana Gulotta          |
| 21 Jan.     | THU. 9:00 AM | Walter Smith   | Tony & Theresa Vitacco |
| 22 Jan.     | FRI. 9:00 AM | Joseph Appolonia                                     | Anna Discher           |
| 23 Jan      | SAT. 4:00 PM | People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish |                        |
| 24 Jan.     | SUN. 9:00 AM | Dominic & Marcella Vitacco                           | Tony & Theresa         |

**Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.**



**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 PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!** However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

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

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

NICHOLAS FALCONE, JR. from Louise Roberts, Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;

CAROL A. REES FRIDAY from Ron & Carol Fry;

SANDRA BACZOR from Vivie & Bob Fitch, Helen Chieffo, Karen & Rob Burns, Donna & Eric Irely.

**2021 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January to June 2021 are now being accepted. Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

On the liturgical calendar, the Seasons of Advent and Christmas have come to an end, and we've returned to the calm of Ordinary Time. On the other hand, on my personal calendar, things seem anything but calm. Every year, it's the same thing. I defer things until "after the holidays," and come January, it all catches up to me very quickly. The good thing is it means there's a sense of accomplishment as things get done, but it does seem like every time I cross something off the list, three more things get added.

One of the big "to-do's" on the list for January was to look at the parish's plan for Lent, especially since we're looking at another Lent marked by Covid restrictions. Believe it or not, by the time you're reading this, Ash Wednesday will only be a month away. It's not too early to start planning for Lent. The full schedule of events and opportunities will be coming soon, so stay tuned.

I do want to mention one item now, however, so you can mark your calendars. The Feast Day of our parish patron, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, is on Saturday, February 27. To honor our patron, there will be a Mass that morning at 9:00 am. We will also pay special honor to St. Gabriel at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass that weekend. I'd love to have some kind of parish social that weekend to celebrate, but that doesn't seem feasible under the current restrictions – but it gives us something to hope for in the future, doesn't it?

I have to be honest: until I found out I was being assigned here, I knew nothing about St. Gabriel – or that he even existed. Once I got the assignment, I did a quick search to get some basic information, but I know I would benefit from learning a little more. Preparing to celebrate his feast day will be a good opportunity to do a little more studying.

Finally, another plug for the e-mail and text messaging system Flocknote. Over the Christmas holidays, we sent out two e-mail blasts to the parish. If you are reading this, and you didn't get those e-mails, that means we don't have your e-mail address on file, or the address we have is no longer valid. To sign up, please go to [stgabrielstowe.flocknote.com](http://stgabrielstowe.flocknote.com). Or, you can text STGABRIELSTOWE to 84576 and sign up that way. If you're not a parishioner but attend Mass here regularly, you're welcome to sign up as well. The more people we have connected to the system, the better we'll be able to communicate with you.

Meanwhile, the parish staff and I are still working on learning how to use the system and all the features it offers. Doing so is one of the many items on our list of things to do "after the holidays."

God bless, everyone, and have a great week!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Requests can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be available by January 31, 2021.

**WINNER OF THE 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
JANUARY DRAWING - Anna Nester - \$272.00.

*Parish Support*

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| WEEKLY BUDGET.....                | \$5,000    |
| DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 10, 2021..... | \$7,927    |
| Regular Sunday Collection -       | \$5,544    |
| Parish Giving -                   | \$435      |
| Christmas Collection -            | \$1,948    |
| WEEKLY SURPLUS.....               | \$2,927    |
| Year to Date Budget.....          | \$140,000  |
| Year to Date Collections.....     | \$121,822  |
| Average per week Collection       | \$4,351    |
| Year to Date Deficit. ....        | (\$18,178) |
| Average per week Deficit          | (\$649)    |

*JANUARY 12, 2020*

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| Deposit. ....                      | \$3,460    |
| 2019-2020 Deficit to Date. ....    | (\$15,731) |
| Difference from previous year..... | (\$2,447)  |

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 9/10:**

4:00 PM Mass - 75  
 9:00 AM Mass - 83  
 Total Attendance - 158

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**JANUARY 23 PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE** - Join us at the Philadelphia March for Life on Sunday, January 23 - sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia and many other organizations. The event will include a 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez, followed by a march to the Philadelphia Women’s Center and a closing rally at Independence Mass from 12:00-1:00 PM. Face masks and social distancing are required at all times. Free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mass. See [www.prolifeunion.org](http://www.prolifeunion.org) for details.



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based

on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. **Raffle Drawing** 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. FEBRUARY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- January 4 - #618 - unsold
- January 5 - #595 - unsold
- January 6 - #862 - unsold
- January 7 - #723 - Matthew Francis - \$50.00
- January 8 - #733 - unsold
- January 9 - #409 - unsold
- January 10 - #758 - Steve Yarmush - \$100.00

**RAFFLE** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council for a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World for a week. Included is airfare, hotel on site, park tickets. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 and only 800 tickets will be sold. Helps K of C charitable works. Drawing on March 21. Contact Ozzie Mest ([Omest@att.net](mailto:Omest@att.net)), Chris Owens (484-347-0756) or Gary Huster for tickets.

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, January 19 - Virtual Bingo Night with Prizes at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, January 26 - Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Montgomeryville at 7:30 PM. Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more information.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

### First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

### Responsorial Psalm

℟ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

- ▶ I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. ℟
- ▶ Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." ℟
- ▶ "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart." ℟
- ▶ I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. ℟

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

### Gospel - John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" – which translated means Teacher –, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" – which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.