SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19 JANUARY 2020

Readings for Sunday, January 19: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.

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 26: 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 Monday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Date			Intention	Requested By
20 Jan.	MON.	9:00 AM	Dean Gulotta	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
22 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	McHugh & Mundy Families	Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family
23 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	Jessica Zedock	Tony Vitacco
24 Jan.	FRI.	9:00 AM	Reilly Family	Tom & Cathy Reilly
25 Jan.	SAT.	4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
26 Jan.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Almond & Gentile Families	Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family

ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MARY ELLEN NODOLSKI and AGNES SLABY.
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.

Flowers on the Altar are in memory of RONALD NORE requested by his wife, Cindy and daughter Rita Templin and family.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BAKE SALE on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 after Masses. Sponsored by the Women's Society. Asking for donations of baked goods (please label and price items). Drop off items in the vestibule of church on February 1 or 2.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian Devotions.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 20 for the Martin Luther King holiday and Friday, January 24.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 25/26:

4:00 PM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Ortega
Lector - Jim Mich
Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Shelly Stockmal, John Nester
Altar Servers - Michael Holmes
Greeters - Maria DiMarco and Ginger Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Celebrant - Fr. Hickey
Deacon Michael Murtha
Lector - Jack Bucciaglia
Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Tony Vitacco
Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly
Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

"Together Building the Kingdom of God"

Welcome to Ordinary Time

The holiday season has come and gone. We are returning to our normal rhythms of life without all the hassles and time constraints of the Christmas season. We have bought, wrapped, cooked, eaten, worried, and cleaned far too much and are probably pretty tired now. We cringe as credit card bills start arriving to pay for it all. We have entered the month of January - cold, snow, ice, early dark days - a chance to get back into our normal routine. As of this writing, we have had a fairly mild winter, but as you know from experience, it can turn quickly.

It is also the time when we faithfully make resolutions to do something in this new year of 2020 - eat better, get more exercise, lose weight, join a gym, etc. Well, I have some things that I would like you to consider as New Year's Resolutions as we journey together in the spiritual realm.

First, I would like you to resolve to have more, longer, and better conversations with God - that is - prayer. Make some time each day to talk with God. It can be the few moments after you wake up; or the few moments when you go to bed before you fall asleep; while waiting in line at the store or bank; or commuting to work. Don't do all the talking - take some time to listen for God to speak to you. Morning and Evening prayers are good but try to do some deeper spiritual reading. There are many good books available on line.

Second, I would like you to resolve to read the Word of God more frequently. The Scriptures are where we meet the Lord in a special way. There is a wonderful "app" for those who have smart phones or tablets which is called "Laudate." It has the readings of the day, the Liturgy of the Hours, meditations, and the New American Bible and it is free. There is also another free "app" called "Missio" which has all of the talks that Pope Francis has given.

Third, I would like you to resolve to be more attentive to Saturday and Sunday Mass. Resolve to not let other things interfere with you coming to Church and worshiping, praying, being nourished and sharing fellowship at the Lord's Table. Too often we allow work, family duties, sports, recreation, and even our late Saturday evenings to get in the way of our Sunday opportunity to participate in the Eucharist.

Finally, remember that you are in God's house and after Mass, people remain to pray and share time with the Lord. Sometimes, there is so much talking, that we forget we are in the presence of the Divine. Take yourself into the vestibule or outside and let God's House remain a place of prayer and silence so He may communicate with you.

These four resolutions, if kept, can change lives – yours and those around you. Keeping these four resolutions will help you build the Kingdom of God and make it more visible to others.

Last Sunday, we had a wonderful Installation of Deacon Michael as we celebrated with Deacon Michael and his family and welcomed him officially into our parish family. He also needs our prayers in his ministry here. We pray for Fr. Ortega and all the help he has given to us in the last two years and his ministry. We pray for Mrs. Maria Boyer and the great work she does with Faith Formation as she works to nurture our young people with the warmth of God's love through education.

I humbly ask that you remember me in your prayers. I will be spending only five more months with you as I will be retiring in mid-June for health reasons. It will be a difficult day for me when I will have to leave St. Gabriel Parish.

Join with me in praying to Almighty God that he will send us a new Pastor who will love you as much as I do.

Finally, remember to pray for one another and for all of our many intentions. Remember those who are sick in our midst. The power of prayer is so strong and it can move mountains. Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of you."

Peace and blessings as we continue to journey in this New Year of 2020! Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET..	$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 12, 2020..	$3,460
Regular Sunday Collection - $3,370	
Parish Giving - $90	
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	($1,540)
Year to Date Budget.	$140,000
Year to Date Collections..	$124,269
Average per week Collection..	$4,438
Year to Date Deficit.	($15,731)
Average per week Deficit..	($562)
JANUARY 6, 2019	
Deposit.	$5,823
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.	($16,423)
Difference from previous year..	$692

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 11/12:
4:00 PM Mass - 189
9:00 AM Mass - 162
Total Attendance - 351
Mass Attendance for January 12/13, 2019 - 332

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, January 25 and 26, is the Utility Fund Collection.

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS: Requests can be made by email (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, 2020.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

THE HOME ACQUISITIONIST
215-392-0070

"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL." Call the parish office for details.

2020 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January thru June 2020 can be made at the parish office. There are no weekend Masses remaining. Mass stipend of $10.00 for weekday Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

January 6 - #360 - unsold
January 7 - #815 - unsold
January 8 - #219 - Michael Burke - $50.00
January 9 - #508 - unsold
January 10 - #066 - unsold
January 11 - #167 - unsold
January 12 - #089 - unsold

HOAGIE VOUCHERS are on sale after weekend Masses and at the parish office on weekdays. The vouchers are for 8" hoagies from Valentino's in Stowe and are $7.00. Vouchers are good for your choice of any hoagie except the Supreme. Vouchers expire on March 31. Deadline to purchase the vouchers has been extended to February 2. This fund raiser is sponsored by the Women's Society.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
ELIZABETH ANN STAVROU from Tony Vitacco;
BETTY LATSHAW from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
MARION SHOLLENBERGER from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
MARY ELLEN NODOLSKI from Bonita Stankunas.

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

BREAKFAST at St. Gabriel Lodge on Sunday, January 19 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. All are welcome!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE - Nine days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage on January 21-29, 2020. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. encourages the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray with the Bishops of the United States to end abortion. On January 22, our nation marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Since that date millions of children's lives have been lost to abortion. *Our prayers and sacrifices make a difference, and do make a tremendous difference in the face of the culture of death with our real hope for a culture of life.* Information on the "9 Days for Life" is posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at www.9daysforlife.com. The "9 Days for Life" allows for a wide number of ways for people of all ages and circumstances to participate. The novena of prayers also spans the *March for Life* and can be a way to participate spiritually with the thousands of pilgrims from the Archdiocese who will travel to Washington, DC on January 24.

2020 MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Friday, January 24. You are invited to march with our St. Charles Seminarians who will be leading the way! Prior to the March, Archbishop Chaput will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with the Seminarians and the Philadelphia pilgrims. Following Mass, we will meet at the Smithsonian Castle next to the Rally to march with our seminarians. Please go to www.phillycatholiclife.org for more information.

CHOSEN: DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, WARRIORS. You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages to gather together for this invigorating 1-day event: February 1 at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford. We can get caught up in the noise of our hurried, unfulfilling and hyper-sexualized culture, becoming disconnected from the truth of who God says we are: beloved and chosen, of infinite value and undeniable dignity. Come spend the day with us as we: remember our feminine genius, understand common spiritual obstacles we encounter as women and how to overcome them, gain tools to stand and stay in the Father's blessing (for ourselves and our families), and talk about our Blessed Mother's role in protecting and strengthening us. Conference team: Fr. Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison, Jenn Lozano and Megan Murphy. Register at www.YouAreMadeNew.com/chosen-conference or call De Yarrison (610-287-2989).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Married Couples, now that the Holiday Rush is over, refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For 2020, why not give yourselves some time together without stress? Next weekend is February 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit www.wwme–philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.

RETROUVAILLE - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. The next program is February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in 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.

FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY on February 2. All are invited to come and pray as Mary has asked us. Held at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media. 2:00 PM - Rosary, Confession, Adoration; 2:30 PM - Dr. Antone Raymundo - Message of the Flame of Love; 3:30 PM - Mass - Celebrant and Homilist is Monsignor Ralph Chieffo. For more information call 610-622-4257.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - OVERCOMING THE WORLD: For 18-35 Young adults, single or married. Held at the Malvern Retreat House Family Life Center on February 7-8. Arrival begins Friday at 5:00 PM; Retreat ends Saturday afternoon. Register online at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400. For more information call The Flame of Love Office (610-622-4257).

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, January 21 - NO Theology on Tap - Archbishop Chaput Open Forum with CYACC at St. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester at 7:00 PM; Tuesday, January 28 - Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM - fellowship to follow at Pour House in North Wales. For more details visit www.metanoiayoungadults.org.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT on February 7-9 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35), married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.