

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 19 JANUARY 2025

**Readings for Sunday, January 19:** 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 all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Readings for Sunday, January 26:** 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>  |                        |
|-------------|------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 20 Jan.     | MON. | 9:00 AM          | John F. McCarthy   | Wife, Sharon           |
| 21 Jan.     | TUE. | 9:00 AM          | Thomas L. Levensood  | Tony & Theresa Vitacco |
| 22 Jan.     | WED. | 9:00 AM          | Phyllis Villano  | Bill & Jeanette Gatta  |
| 23 Jan.     | THU. | 9:00 AM          | Robert Pierce  | Carol Palladino        |
| 25 Jan.     | SAT. | 4:00 PM          | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish |                        |
| 26 Jan.     | SUN. | 9:00 AM          | Simon Nagel II   | Nagel Family           |



**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.



**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.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** - We have low gluten hosts for those who need gluten free. Please see Father before Mass to let him know you require the low gluten host.



**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



**2025 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

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**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 12, 2025** \$4,003  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$126,406

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, January 25 and 26 will be the Fuel Collection.

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**STOWE OIL COMPANY**  
610-327-3744

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 11/12:**

4:00 PM Mass - 155  
9:00 AM Mass - 136  
Total Attendance - 291



**APPAREL ALERT!** Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men’s and Women’s Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow.

1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. 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)).



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



**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 6 - #353 - unsold
- January 7 - #074 - unsold
- January 8 - #692 - unsold
- January 9 - #319 - unsold
- January 10 - #547 - unsold
- January 11 - #103 - unsold
- January 12 - #452 - unsold



**American Red Cross**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on January 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges maintaining a sufficient blood supply during the winter. When a shortage

happens it can delay essential medical care. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org) to donate blood.

**WOMEN’S SOCIETY NEWS**

**Super Bowl Sale** on February 8 and 9 after Masses. Baked Goods and Snacks will be available for purchase.

**Santina & Douglassville Café Gift Certificates** continue to be sold. Pick them up after Masses or at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. The Café serves breakfast and lunch and soon will open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 25/26

### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Nagel

Greeter - Carr

### *The Corner*

On Wednesday we observe the Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children. Let us pray:

**“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.”**

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

### **ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ’S PASTORAL LETTER AND INVITATION TO CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA**

On January 5, the Feast of St. John Neumann, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez released a pastoral letter, at the core of which is a call to a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. The letter also shares with us the Archbishop’s vision for the future of the Church of Philadelphia and invitation to all Catholics to be a part of the conversation about what that will look like. To read the letter, watch the Archbishop’s video and sign up for a consultation session visit [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org) or scan the QR Code above.



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**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER** - Laugh the night away at SoulJoel’s on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 PM. SoulJoel’s is located at Sunnybrook, Pottstown. Partial proceeds from ticket sales and 10% of your dining bill will benefit the St. Teresa of Calcutta 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. There is a great line up of comedians including Chris Roach from CBS Kevin James Can Wait. Come dine inside Gatsby’s Pub before the event from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. General Admission Tickets are \$20.00. More information and ticket purchase online at <https://souljoels.com/shop/tickets/stteresa8thgrade/>.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

on February 2. We serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets, and different types of breakfast bowls. Breakfast is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at

the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe.

### **EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO**

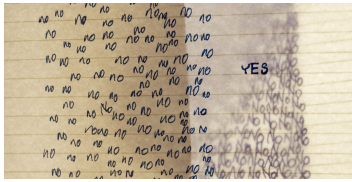
**First Friday Mass** celebrated at 10:30 AM on February 7 in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre for Padre Pio. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follows morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary. For more information visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

**First Saturday Devotions** on February 1. The First Saturday Devotion, according to Sister Lucia of Fatima, were requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain on December 10, 1925. Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, the blessing of religious articles, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, Rosary and the veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. For more information visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.



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One cannot underestimate the power of “no.” This is the power we have to make a choice. On the one hand, it is rather



very simple, yet on the other hand, it can be oh so difficult in the face of some temptation, habit, or addiction. Perhaps there is a need to pray more for the power of “no.” Such had been, at times, the advice that I’ve given concerning the



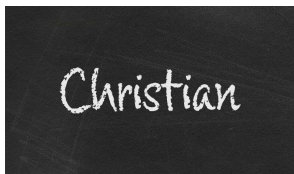
discipline of saying “no.” Upon further reflection however, I have discovered that indeed there need be something more; that there must be something more than simply “no.” Before one can say “no” in the face of some temptation, it is necessary and essential that one say “yes.” Before one can truly say “no” to the Evil One, one



must truly say “yes” to Our Lord. Otherwise that “no” will be senseless and will wind up being just a matter of suppressing and jamming thoughts and feelings into a steam pipe within. That steam pipe will likely at least leak a bit at times, or if tightly sealed, will one



day burst spectacularly with unfortunate effect. A daily “yes” transforms us along with thoughts and feelings such that nothing need be suppressed; such that nothing can be. Our daily “yes” must consist of grasping the Cross and looking upon Our Lord – Suffering, Risen, and All-Powerful. Our “yes” must consist of a daily



invitation inviting Him into our lives, our hopes, and our dreams. It must consist of a daily invitation into our everyday activities, routines, studies, and work. Though we have now once again entered into Ordinary Time, there is nothing ordinary about being



a Christian. Before any of us can say “no” to that which we want to change about ourselves or rid ourselves of, we must say “yes” daily to that most extraordinary vocation to which we are called – being Christian.

Peace,  
Fr. Wilson

#### A Note of Thanks

*Your kindness shown during the recent Holiday Season is so greatly appreciated! The many cards, gifts, cookies, cookies, and more cookies (!) show your love for the priesthood and for your priests! Again, know that we, your priests, so greatly appreciate that and appreciate you! Know that you are always in our prayers and we ask that you please keep us in yours during our New Jubilee Year of Hope 2025!*

With Love,  
Fr. Wilson & Fr. Wesly



**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events begin at 7:30 PM on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org). Questions? Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information or visit our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

Tuesday, January 21: Theology on Tap at Local Tap, Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 28: Prayer, Penance, Pub at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales.

Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **EVENTS AT VILLA MARIA BY THE SEA RETREAT CENTER**

**Private Day of Prayer** on Wednesday, January 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00. On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch is provided.

**Arise and Call her Blessed** on Friday, January 31 from 8:45 AM to 2:15 PM. Cost is \$60 (you may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95). Presented by Sr. Shelia Galligan IHM. Come to celebrate God's gift of his Mother - whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let's "push pause" and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive "Blessed" as well as our everyday "go to" prayer: the Hail Mary. Let's come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begin at 8:45 AM. The day includes Mass and lunch.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center is located in Stone Harbor, NJ. For more information or to register for these events visit [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com).

**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY** is accepting applications for the third 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 (610-630-0861).

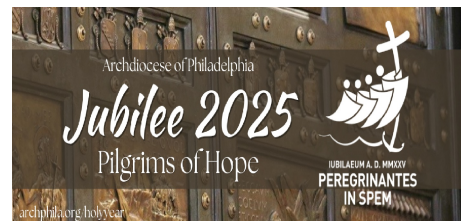


#### **RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program is on February 14-16 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.

#### **RESTORE: A HEALING RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN**

on February 20-23 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown. For men and women seeking Christ-centered healing from the emotional and spiritual effects of trauma and past wounding. Retreat leaders are Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. For more information visit <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women> or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).



Archbishop Perez has designated the following Shrines within the Archdiocese as places to

obtain the Jubilee Indulgence: St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown; St. Rita, Philadelphia; St. Anne in St. Anne (upper) Church, Philadelphia; Bl. Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern; St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity BVM Church, Warminster; St. Jude at St. Jude Church, Chalfont; St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Philadelphia; Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia; Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland. Information on the Jubilee Indulgence and times for confessions at these Shrines is available at [www.archphila.org/holyyear/](http://www.archphila.org/holyyear/).