

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JANUARY 2024

Readings for Sunday, January 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

Readings for Sunday, January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.



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>
22 Jan.	MON.	9:00 AM	Cecilia Tshudy
23 Jan.	TUE.	9:00 AM	George Koren Family
24 Jan.	WED.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
25 Jan.	THU.	9:00 AM	Bonita "Bonnie" Barnhill
27 Jan.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Tony Vitacco
28 Jan.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Sick of the Parish
			Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			Barbara Guadagno
			Ken & Helen George



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MARY GACURA and JOSEPHINE BATTISTA.

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 in these special Marian Devotions.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, January 22 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



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.

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

LOST WEEK

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 14, 2024..... \$3,914
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$124,009
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$125,290

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, January 27 and 28, will be the Fuel Collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 103

9:00 AM Mass - 108

Total Attendance - 211

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



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



APPAREL ALERT! We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel: T-shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's & Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 zip - \$35; Full zip hoodies - \$30

(Color is forest green for 1/4 zip and full zip). 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).



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 fundraiser 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 8 - #775 - unsold

January 9 - #410 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00

January 10 - #760 - unsold

January 11 - #602 - Sarah Dierolf - \$50.00

January 12 - #447 - unsold

January 13 - #335 - unsold

January 14 - #121 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on February 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels in recent weeks across the country. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not

delayed. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, May 14 - Parish Bus Trip to Sight and Sound to see *Daniel*. More details coming soon! Plan now to join us and ask your friends to join you for a fun-filled day.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 27/28

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Wasylkowski & Nagel

Greeter - Carr

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

GERRY RICHARD from Janet & Dave Slaby;

JOSEPHINE BATTISTA from Walter & Anne McAndrew;

BART MAGLIOCCHETTI from Mariann Horan & John Willemsen;

RONALD BERNHARD from Chris, Gene & Dom Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio.

The Corner

Tomorrow is the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

— Pope St. John Paul II, from his 1995 Encyclical "Evangelium Vitae"

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES PROGRAM: Thank you to everyone for collecting Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. You can obtain a card at any Redner's Market. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the parish office.

IMPORTANT ST. ALOYSIUS & HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY

INFORMATION: St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean Up Process on Monday, March 4. If there are items

currently on your loved one's grave site that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly **remove the items by Sunday, March 3**. Anything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 4 by our cemetery crew. Thank you for your cooperation.

DISCOVERING CHRIST is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Held at St. Columbkille Parish, Boyertown beginning Wednesday, January 31 to March 20. The weekly sessions include: a free meal, prayer time, a video teaching and small group discussion. Childcare for younger children will be provided upon request. Registration is required and can be done simply by going to the website: www.stcolumbkille.org. Registration deadline is January 21.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY REFLECTION

GROUP at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. This reflection group is comprised of seven powerful episodes that focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Attend any or all of the sessions as your schedule permits. Includes fellowship and refreshments, the viewing of the DVD presentation, a discussion period and the recitation of the Rosary. No cost to participate but registration is suggested by contacting angela@padrepio.org. Held on Mondays, February 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Begins at 10:00 AM and concludes with Rosary and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio at 11:30 AM.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics. February Events: Thursday, February 8 - Flyers Game @ Wells Fargo Center at 7:00 PM; Tuesday, February 13 - Bible Study @ St. David's, Willow Grove at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, February 20 - Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale - Doors open at 7:00 PM - Presentation begins at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, February 27 - Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales at 7:30 PM. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please subscribe to our newsletter at <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults for more information.



A notification from school was received this past week: **FID**. I already knew what it meant, but I was trying to figure out the acronym. *Free In-service Day? For cryin' out loud I just want to stay in bed Day? Fun with the Internet Day or Forget Instruction Day?* Maybe it was just some Latin term: *Fidei Defensor*, which means *Defender of the Faith*. Don't think so. Finally, I had to look



it up. *Aha!* It stood for **Flexible Instruction Day**. Back in the olden days of yore, we had another, simpler term for it: **SNOW DAY!** I suppose that the youth of today along with some of their younger teaching professionals are not familiar with it. What – with all of our digital technology and at-home, online-classroom learning forced to the fore by a rather scary pandemic (gosh, remember



that?) – aren't snow days surely a thing of the past? Besides, shouldn't there be some kind of snow removal app today? Hey *Amazon!* Want to take even more of our money? Well, here's an idea. Hook a snow plow to the front of your delivery vans and charge an annual/monthly subscription fee! *Amazon Prime Plow Service!*



Sign-up today! I used to love snow days. Everyone did and deep down, I think that we all still do. I was so excited as a kid when there was a likely storm to take place on a school day. I couldn't sleep. I would get out of bed super early and position myself by the radio. In those days, one had to listen for a number identifying your school read by a radio announcer. *KYW News Radio* was the station of choice for many. On days of a major storm affecting almost all schools in the whole region, one could actually notice the bit of frustration in the announcer's voice



as he had to read through all those numbers on the list. There was no frustration for me though. It was like I had ants in my pants. The reading of the list would be repeated and updated minute by minute and I would listen for my school number to be read like three times...*four seventeen, four seventeen, four seventeen*. Then, it was a matter of getting dressed in my snow attire and dashing out the door to my "classroom." Snow day learning was of a different sort. The instruction was practical, yet diverse. The courses involved a bit of economic theory, architectural design, nutritional development, and the history of modern warfare – among others. After shoveling neighbors' sidewalks for a fair remuneration, construction of defensive fortifications would begin. Soon enough,



a round projectile of white would be hurled by a naïf and a conflict quickly ensued. Cease fires only occurred for lunch and a mother's offer of hot chocolate. Oh, how the world loves snow days! Especially today, it seems that we need a few. They're not just for kids. Life has become

so fast precisely because of our digital technology. We live in a get-it-done-yesterday world while planning for tomorrow. Such a way of living leaves a great void in the present, yet that is where God is – always. We really do need to slow down and live in the present moment. That's why snow days are so important – even if there's no snow. Enjoy yours!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson