

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 22 JANUARY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, January 22:** Isaiah 8:23–9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.

We have seen a great light: Jesus the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

**Readings for Sunday, January 29:** Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a.



**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>
23 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	John & Marie Bolonski	Dennis Bolonski
24 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Beatrice Galloway	Nagel Family
25 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Deborah Fick	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
26 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	Albania "Pina" Terpolilli	Jim & Anna Baldasano
28 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
29 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Hector Rivas & Florence Simon	Deacon Ray & Millie Then



**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.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, January 23.

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



**2023 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per person requesting the intentions.



We welcome SANDRA EBERT who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

**THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY** next themed basket will be for Valentine's Day. Selling chances after Masses beginning January 28 and 29 until February 12 when the winner will be drawn. Approximate value of basket is \$200.00. Chances are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six.



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**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 15, 2023** . . . . . \$3,509  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$125,290  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$120,147

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, January 28 and 29, will be the Fuel Collection.

## MASS ATTENDANCE for January 14/15:

4:00 PM Mass - 118  
 9:00 AM Mass - 98  
 Total Attendance - 216

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

**2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - Requests can be made by email at [contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone at 610-326-5127. Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



**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 9 - #445 - unsold  
 January 10 - #500 - unsold  
 January 11 - #850 - unsold  
 January 12 - #980 - unsold  
 January 13 - #260 - unsold  
 January 14 - #299 - unsold  
 January 15 - #568 - Dave Mickletz - \$100.00



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**  
 on February 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



## ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER FEAST

**DAY SOCIAL** on Saturday, February 18. Happy Hour (BYOB) from 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner and dancing from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Cost: \$15.00 per person in advance; \$20.00 per person at the door. Children 12-18 - \$7.00; Children 12 and under - \$5.00. Menu: Broasted Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Potato & Macaroni Salad, Bread & Rolls, Red Beet Eggs, Ring Bologna & Cheese, Pickles & Olives, Baked Beans, Chips, Coffee & Soft Drinks, Dessert. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends.

## The Corner

***"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." —Luke 24:45***

As we celebrate this *"Sunday of the Word of God"* remember that studying the Bible isn't just for saints and mystics. You and I get to hear God speaking to us, too, every time we read the Bible. What is He saying to YOU today?

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

**PAULA BOLONSKI** from Jim & Denise Bucciaglia, Jack & Marge Bucciaglia;  
**JEANNINE FERRANTE** from Cutrona Charitable Foundation;  
**JOSEPH GRAY** from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;  
**ERMA DURANTE** from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer.



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They were two questions that I had never considered - ever. It was some of my classmates that confronted me in early grade school in a very animated discussion. *I wasn't sure*, was my answer to both queries. They couldn't believe it. *You **have to***, they exclaimed! I didn't know it was a rule. Were my parents negligent in never having informed me of this? I needed time to ponder the matter. Imagine that. My pondering would begin at recess and then I would ponder some more at home that night. I brought the serious matter before my parents. My father chuckled for some reason as my mother explained to me that no, it was not a rule, but many people have them. It was totally up to me. I could choose. Although we had recently gotten our first new



color TV, and although I was very good at counting, I never gave a thought to having either a favorite color or number. Why would I have a favorite? I figured I pretty much liked them all - a most colorful rainbow *ad infinitum*. Nevertheless, it was to my dear and beloved classmates that I ultimately had to give answer. *I'll show them*, I thought. Favorite numbers back then, generally, were understood as being from one to nine. I realize it's a little different today in our world of multiple digit state and parish (plenty of tickets still available!) lotteries. It was the number nine that stood out for me. This number really encompasses all of the other numbers, I thought. Nine it would be! Now, what about a color? This was a little more difficult. My decision, in the end, had to do with the drama of law and order that unfolded on my humble, little city block almost every day and a unique Philadelphia phenomenon. As a kid, my friends and I played a whole lot of "cops and robbers." The school bus became the "police academy bus," as we spent most days at the "academy" learning law and order from Sister Sergeant, SSJ. She also taught us various restraining techniques throughout the day and



demonstrated often how a ruler, yard stick, chalkboard eraser, or just a very mean stare, can offer far greater protection than any toy cap gun ever could. Since we were officers in training, we paid much attention to the real officers that patrolled our neighborhood. At that time, Philadelphia police cars were red hence, the color that I would choose. Philadelphians of a certain age remember the lingo on the street. Everyone knew there was a problem if one had to call for a "red car." Eventually, red was besmirched as an "inflammatory color" and it was replaced for quite a while by a sort of sky blue. Eventually, the special blend of "police car blue" became a financially inflammatory color and it was replaced by the current standard white with decals slapped on it. At any rate, I now had favorites. I wonder if the Lord had His favorites. As a kid, he wouldn't have played "cops and



robbers," but maybe "Zealots and Romans." He wouldn't have chosen the red of a Roman soldier, but maybe the black of a Zealot hidden in the night. He would go on to shine a bright white Light upon both red Roman soldiers and Zealots hiding in the blackness of night. As the color of Resurrection, I suppose every Christian must give a preeminence to white. As far as numbers go, Jesus came proclaiming unity and oneness, so it would seem that He would have a preference for the color "white" and the number "one." Regardless of whatever your favorites might be, during the Week of Christian Unity shine the bright white Light of the Oneness of our Faith anew. Doing so will dispel disbelief and, in the end, leave that Evil Guy who



wants to rob us all, handcuffed and on his way to the Eternal Prison while riding, of course, in the back seat of a red car!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 28/29

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Gambino

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Griffin & Vitacco

Greeter -Hildebrand



**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 us!

**ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL** invites you to the Opening of Catholic Schools Week Celebration! On Sunday, January 29 celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning with Mass at 12:30 PM in Church. Following the Mass, prospective and current families are welcome to attend an Open House from 1:45-3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Parish School. Families are invited to meet our teachers, visit our classrooms, tour our school, shop our Book Fair, attend a CYO Basketball game and meet our Mascot, Big Al. Please register for this event by visiting [www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com](http://www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com).



#### VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father,  
in Your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for Your  
people. Fill Your Church in the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,  
with the Spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up from our families future  
priests: worthy ministers for Your  
altars, generous and ardent  
servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### ***Go Forth: Deepen Your Discipleship, Grow in Mission***

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, Archbishop Pérez will send a text message once a week to anyone who wants to subscribe to his Go Forth List. The text will contain one action step that a person can take that week to either deepen their friendship with Jesus or sharpen their skills for mission. For more information or to subscribe visit [www.phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://www.phillydisciples.org/goforth).



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#### FATHER BALLY COUNCIL NEWS

**Monthly Meeting** is at 10:30 AM on the third Sunday of each month and is finished by 11:30 AM. Breakfast is available before the meeting.

**Men interested in joining** should contact the Parish Office who will get you in touch with one of the Knights for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & COLLEGE STUDENTS** - St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the inaugural Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1500 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. All applications are due by 11:59 PM on March 1. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).

