

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 JANUARY 2022

Readings for Sunday, January 23: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

Readings for Sunday, January 30: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30.



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>
24 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Carmen Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
25 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Hercules & Nora Simone	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
26 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Earl Torrence	Hyland Family
27 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
29 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Steve & Mary Slaby	Dave & Janet Slaby
30 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MARLENE SHANER.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, January 24 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



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 them.



We welcome ALICJA KOWALWESKA-ORTIZ & PAWEŁ WICINSKI and FAMILY, JAMES KANE and JOHN & MARIANN (HORAN) WILLEMSSEN who recently joined our Parish!

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



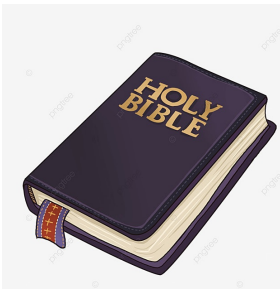
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There is a meme that shows a young boy sitting at the table eating a bowl of cereal and reading the back of the cereal box in front of him. *When I was a kid, there were no phones or tablets. We read cereal boxes at breakfast* reads the caption. There is something to be said for “cereal box wisdom.” What brand of cereal is in the meme, you might ask? Why, Captain Crunch, of course! And no, I am not the boy pictured in the meme...although, I could have been. Santa, by way of one of our kind parishioners, gave me a box of the Cap’n at Christmas. It brought back memories of childhood and the “cereal box wisdom” thereof as I, naturally, read the box at the table completing the word search

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and the maze on the back as well. More recently, I’ve read a different box. It was a “store brand” box of raisin bran. The “wisdom” of that box especially stood out for me. Geared more for adults rather than children, the box bore the theme of “feeling good about oneself.” This would imply, I suppose, that in our world today, there are a lot of people that don’t. It listed bullet points for positive living and stress relief that could have been part of a talk on PBS by one of those motivational speakers. *Appreciate what you have! Get more sleep! Be open-minded!* Then, there were these suggestions: meditate, laugh, and listen to music. Maybe I’ll be open-minded and try reading my cereal box while listening to my favorite playlist as I have breakfast in bed. I was wondering who chose the theme for that box and who did the actual writing. Does the cereal manufacturer have a counselor, psychologist, or perhaps, a priest on staff? Maybe I could apply for the job. Everyone seems to be hiring nowadays. Cereal box writings might be said to be a literary form flying under the radar, so to speak, sort of like the, as of yet, unrecognized genres of “parish bulletin posits” and the “vineyard vignettes” on wine bottles. One of these, I already do, but one day I would love to write of the “complex” bouquet of aromas supported by a fresh acidity that pairs especially well with fine “Kobe beef shabu-shabu.” Cereal box writings as a literary genre might be a bit of a stretch, but think of the countless children (and adults) that have been influenced by such writing...or at least, entertained a bit before rushing to catch the school bus. In the distant future, when researchers study our long gone current culture, maybe they will learn much more about us than one might think through cereal boxes as well as the memes in which they’re now depicted. Sacred Scripture is a vast treasure trove of literature and literary forms that speak to us of cultures past, present, and cultures yet to come. It can entertain us (especially when we mispronounce some of the crazy names in it) and most certainly inform us - so that we come to know God and hence, our very selves. That’s its ultimate purpose. Allow yourself to be nourished with a big bowl of Bible bran. It’s far tastier than even Captain Crunch! Be open-minded as you read the Box perhaps listening to some meditative music as you yet lie in bed enjoying your breakfast and a little sacred “Cereal Box Wisdom.”



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 16, 2022..... \$3,682
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$120,147
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$125,358

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, January 29 and 30, will be the Fuel Collection.

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests can be made by email at (contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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MASS ATTENDANCE for January 15/16:

4:00 PM Mass - 93
9:00 AM Mass - 68
Total Attendance - 161

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

EDWIN G. PENNYPACKER from Robert & Gayla Copenhafer;
DONALD R. WAMBACH from Jack & Marge Bucciaglia;
JAMES ESHBACH from Ann & John Nester;
DEACON CHARLES GIORDANO from John R. Nester;
LAWRENCE VITACCO from Ann & John Nester, Bob & Vivie Fitch, Helen Chieffo, Albert Testa;
CHRISTINE GULOTTA from Charlie Gulotta & Barbara Pedicone;
SHIRLEY MUSCATELLO from Bob & Vivie Fitch.



Raffle Drawing

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 10 - #585 - unsold
January 11 - #469 - unsold
January 12 - #198 - unsold
January 13 - #160 - unsold
January 14 - #712 - unsold
January 15 - #636 - unsold
January 16 - #993 - unsold



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our website and click on

the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS are being



sold by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie

(except supreme). Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Pick up vouchers after Masses on the weekends or at the parish office.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 22/23

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Break, Vitacco & Carr

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 29/30

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase: 2 - vegetable peelers - \$8.00 each. Please call the parish office to purchase these items.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE - Come and celebrate with those in Consecrated Life (religious priests, brothers, sisters, hermits and consecrated virgins) on Sunday, February 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00 AM with Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald. Light reception to follow in Drexel Hall.

The Corner

We celebrate the conversion of St. Paul on Tuesday, January 25. In his own words, ***"...a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I replied 'Who are you, sir?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.'" Acts 22:6-8***

Paul was blinded by this light, and after 3 days when the prophet Ananias was sent by the Lord to heal him and help him regain his sight, Ananias told him ***"The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice; for you will be his witness before all to what you have seen and heard."*** Acts 22:14-15

And was he ever!! St. Paul is one of the most zealous of all God's witnesses. Read more about this conversion experience and all of his exploits in the New Testament and you will be amazed at this great, courageous, tireless saint. St. Paul, pray for us!

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT on March 4-6 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God. For information call Georgeann (484-955-4278) or Susan (610-716-4795).

RETROUVAILE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13 at the Family Life Center, 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.

MARRIED COUPLES - Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**? In-person experiences are February 11-13 and April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org/.