

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 JANUARY 2019

**Readings for Sunday, January 27:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 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, February 3:** 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 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
28 Jan. MON. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
30 Jan. WED. 9:00 AM	Rose Kulp	Francis J. Czeiner Family
31 Jan. THU. 9:00 AM	Rick Stouch	Francis J. Czeiner Family
1 Feb. FRI. 9:00 AM	Thomas Roberts	Jack & Lori Carr
2 Feb. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 Feb. SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially THOMAS ROBERTS.

**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.



We welcome HOWARD & MARIANN SMITH who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, January 28 at 7:15 PM in the convent building.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Thursday, January 31 at 7:15 PM in the convent building.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Wednesday, January 31 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

**BAKERS NEEDED** for Bake Sale weekend of Soup Pick-up on February 2 and 3. Please drop off labeled and priced items to social hall before or after Masses on February 2 or 3. We are asking all parishioners, not just Women's Society.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 2/3:

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Shelly Stockmal, Terry Donnelly

Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly

Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio

Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Tony Vitacco

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

The telephone has been a wonderful invention that helps us to communicate with one another. We have come a long way with our phones. For those who are old enough to remember, we started off with party lines and then lines that were dedicated just to our family. We eventually moved to answering machines and then to voicemail. Practically everyone has a cell phone today or at the very least an answering machine and voicemail. Cell phones have almost become an appendage for us and we tend to be lost without them.

I am sure we all have received calls that have changed our lives. There are the kind we hope we never receive; i.e., something tragic happening to someone we love. There are also the ones that change our lives in a good way. Some of you may have met a person at a friend's house or a party and you thought, "I would really like to get to know that person better." After exchanging phone numbers, the person gives you a call and as one thing leads to another you become the best of friends. Your life has been changed and you are grateful for it.

Samuel got a call in the middle of the night. His life was changed and so were the lives of all God's people for hundreds of years thereafter, especially since Samuel is the person who established the monarchy and anointed Israel's first two kings. Martin Luther King received a call to ministry and that led to other calls to struggle in a non-violent way for justice for all the people in our nation. Andrew and another disciple heard John the Baptist point out Jesus and they responded to Jesus' call to "come and see." The next day Peter received his brother Andrew's call to meet Jesus. Their call was not as dramatic as Samuel's was. It's very, very seldom that God calls out our name in the middle of the night as he did Samuel. Usually he speaks to us through others, through a religious person like John the Baptist or even through a relative or friend. Sometimes he speaks through someone we do not like. If we answer when God speaks, our lives will never be the same. Maybe that is why many people avoid quiet prayer. They might hear God say something they do not want to hear. They are comfortable with their life the way it is.

When I felt God was calling me to be a priest many years ago, I kept hoping it wasn't true. I hoped I could be like everyone else and get married some day and have children. But God kept putting the idea of priesthood in my mind. Maybe that is why I like this story of Samuel so much. God just kept calling me until finally I gave in and said to the Lord: "speak Lord, for your servant is listening." I am glad I answered "Yes." Giving up marriage is hard at times, but so is being married hard at times. Being a priest has been very fulfilling in case anyone is thinking about it. I have found and have been a part of thousands of families.

One thing I think is worth noting. Samuel received guidance from Eli in recognizing God's voice. The disciples first received guidance from John the Baptist in recognizing Jesus. At times we think maybe God is saying something to us but we are not sure. It does not have to be some big thing like going into religious life. It can be as simple as volunteering for some kind of service to others or praying a little more. We think, "Is this really what God wants?" It is helpful to get some guidance from a person whom we feel we can trust, who is wise and whom we consider as living a good Christian life. God does reach us through others. We see that all through the Scriptures. We see that in the Sacraments. God touches us and speaks to us through others.

As we come together for the Eucharist, Christ is with us in each other. St. Paul reminded us of this in our second reading. Our bodies are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. Christ is also with us in our prayers and song, in the Scriptures, and in Holy Communion. His eternal call to us is to holiness, which we attain to an ever-greater degree as we come to know him and love him.

Perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is: Do we spend an equal amount of time in silent reflection as we spend on our cell phones? We will never hear what the Lord is saying to us unless we listen to the Lord in prayerful and reflective silence.

Have a good week!

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

**2019 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day during 2019 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend of \$10.00 for weekday Masses and \$15.00 for weekend Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

**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 Marian Devotions.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 20, 2019.....	\$3,788
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,698
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,212)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$150,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$131,015
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,367
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$18,985)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$633)

### JANUARY 21, 2018

Deposit.....	\$3,579
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$17,156)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$1,829)



### 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. 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 14 - #506 - unsold  
January 15 - #478 - Bob Steiniger - \$50.00  
January 16 - #491 - unsold  
January 17 - #000 - unsold  
January 18 - #510 - unsold  
January 19 - #887 - unsold  
January 20 - #111 - George Siver - \$100.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE for January 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 262  
9:00 AM Mass - 80  
Total Attendance - 342  
Mass Attendance for January 20/21, 2018 - 351

**2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUESTS** can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto: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, 2019.

### WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

JANUARY DRAWING - M/M Kenneth George - \$298.00.

### "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**

610-326-1510

**"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL."** For further information, please call the parish office.

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

DEBORAH FICK from Jeanette & Bill Gatta, Gerry Murgia, Anne Chizauskie;  
THOMAS ROBERTS from Anne Chizauskie, Jim & Denise Bucciaglia, Ken & Kay Stoudt, Pete & Lori LaRosa, Ron & Kathy Bernhard;  
MADLINE RAMSEY from Tony Vitacco.

### UPCOMING WOMEN'S SOCIETY EVENTS

February 23/24 - Meatball and Sauce Sale  
March 15 - Pizza and Movie Night  
April 12 - Pizza and Game Night PLUS "Bags and Baubles"  
April 28 - Ladies Springtime Tea  
Mark your calendars! More details on all events will be published at a later date.

**CARDINAL FOLEY LECTURE SERIES** on Monday, January 28 featuring Kim Daniels at 7:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Topic-The Church and Social Communications. Event is free - to register call Sharon Presta (610-785-6287) or email [spresta@scs.edu](mailto:spresta@scs.edu).

**HOAGIE VOUCHERS** are on sale in January after all Masses. 8" hoagie vouchers from Valentino's in Stowe will be \$7.00. When you redeem your voucher at Valentino's, you will have your choice of Italian, Ham and Cheese or Turkey Hoagie. Vouchers will not expire until March 31, 2019 so you can begin using them in January and come back for more until the end of January then use them until March 31.

**BAGS AND BAUBLES** - Ladies, do you have a purse that you are not in love with any more or jewelry you are just plain tired of? Before sending it all to the thrift store, save them for the Women's Society. We will be hosting a "Bags and Baubles" event during our Pizza and Game night. Drop off details will be announced at a later date but start sorting NOW!

<b>"Souper" Bowl Sale</b>	
1 Qt. Italian Wedding Soup - \$8.00	
Amount _____	Total _____
1 Qt. Pulled Chicken BBQ - \$10.00	
Amount _____	Total _____
1 Qt. Halusky and 1 lb. Kielbasa - \$8.00	
Amount _____	Total _____
Name _____	
Phone _____	
For pick up after Masses on February 2 and February 3.	
<b>Order by January 27.</b>	

<b>MEATBALL &amp; SPAGHETTI SAUCE SALE</b>	
<b>February 23 and 24, 2019</b>	
Pick up orders in the social hall	
Saturday, February 23 after Mass until 5:00 PM	
Sunday, February 24 after Mass until 10:00 AM	
<b>All orders must be pre-paid</b>	
Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society	
_____ qts. Spaghetti Sauce - \$6.00 per quart	
_____ doz. Meatballs - \$12.00 per dozen	
_____ ½ doz. Meatballs - \$6.00 per half dozen	
NAME _____	
PHONE NUMBER _____	
<b>Deadline for orders is February 17.</b>	

**RELIC PILGRIMAGE** of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt Heart at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia. Saturday, Feb. 2 - 2 PM Solemn Reception and Veneration until 5 PM; Veneration after 5:15 PM Mass until 7 PM. Sunday, Feb. 3 - Relic Veneration from 7 AM to 6:15 PM, before and after Masses.

**WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE** - Come, pray and celebrate together with those in Consecrated Life on Saturday, February 2 at Cathedral Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Holy Hour with Exposition at 11:00 AM; Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:05 PM.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT** with the Flyers on Monday, February 11 at the Wells Fargo Center. Flyers vs. Pittsburgh Penguins. Seating available for \$60/ticket. Visit [www.groupmatics.events/event/catholiccharities6](http://www.groupmatics.events/event/catholiccharities6) to purchase tickets - tickets must be purchased directly from the this link to benefit Catholic Charities Appeal.

**ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER EVENTS:** True Reformers Series from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - February 5 - St. Charles Borromeo; February 12 - St. Teresa of Avila; February 19 - St. Francis de Sales. Call 215-679-2237 for more details.

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. Upcoming events: February 2 - Axe Throwing at Speed Raceway, Horsham at 2:45 PM. Pre-registration and payment required; February 12 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima, North Wales at 7:30 PM. For more details visit the website [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org).

**MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ART SHOW** from Wednesday, January 30 through Sunday, February 3 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, Malvern. Free Admission. For more details visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 484-321-2562.

**FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY/RETREAT** on February 2 at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media. Begins with Mass at 8:30 AM and concludes at 2:30 PM. Bring a friend! For more details visit [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us) or call 610-622-4257.

**RETROUVAILLE** can help heal your marriage. Next program is February 8-10 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For details visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** on February 8-10 at Czestochowa, Doylestown. For details call 610-449-1859 or visit [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org).