

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JANUARY 2023

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

Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the in poor spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

Readings for Sunday, February 5: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.



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>
30 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary Scott Litishin	Dennis Bolonski
31 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Carol Ann Paczkowski	Dave & Linda O'Brien
1 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Bob McMaster	Donna Foschnot & Tom Vagasky
2 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Catherine Reilly	Jack & Lori Carr
4 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
5 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.
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 us!

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, January 31 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Friday, Feb. 3.



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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Diana Gulotta and Loretta Gauger.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY next themed basket will be for Valentine's Day. Selling chances after Masses 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 22, 2023 \$3,975
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$129,265
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$124,015

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, February 4 and 5, will be the Parish Property Maintenance & Repair Collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 124
 9:00 AM Mass - 96
 Total Attendance - 220

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 Call the Parish Office for more details.

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



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.

The Corner

A charming morning prayer from St. Columba...
 "Alone with none but Thee, my God
 I journey on my way.
 What need I fear, when Thou art near
 O King of night and day?
 More safe am I within Thy hand
 Than if a host did round me stand."



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 16 - #285 - unsold
 January 17 - #976 - unsold
 January 18 - #989 - unsold
 January 19 - #969 - unsold
 January 20 - #129 - Joe Gierschick - \$50.00
 January 21 - #311 - unsold
 January 22 - #585 - unsold



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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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 4/5

4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Villano
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir - Nester
 Altar Server - Holmes
 Greeter - Wade
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - LaRosa
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & George
 Altar Server - Donnelly & Wasylkowski
 Greeter - Carr



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He was there to greet me in the morning when I struggled to open my eyes to a new school day and he was likewise there to soothe and comfort me at the long school day's end. He lovingly reassured me whenever I got into trouble and happily shared my joy when I got a good grade on a test. As a young doctor at play, he was one of my first patients. I cared for him as he cared for me. *Bully* was my childhood friend. He was not a bully at all, but very much a bull. We first met during a summer vacation of my youth. A first grader was excited in the midst of all the thrill and dazzle of the famed Wildwood



Boardwalk. Bumper cars, cotton candy, pizza, more bumper cars, soft ice cream, miniature golf, salt water taffy, and all kinds of arcade games – the tummy ache was well worth it. There was

this one boardwalk game of chance involving some spinning wheel of sort. My father played and won – first prize...player's choice! There, off to the side and taking up a whole lot of arcade space, was a gigantic red bull with wide eyes and a tuft of yellow mane. He was as big if not bigger than one of the big red *Mascaro* trash receptacles that are all throughout town now. *Dad, I want that one!*



He was carried back to our hotel room on my father's shoulders. A boy was so excited and a father was so proud. Everyone could see we were winners and offered congratulatory words. As we walked, a mother's hand firmly gripped that of her son over fear that in his excitement, he might absentmindedly wander off the sidewalk and be struck by a passing car. Although it was a celebratory march back to our room, my mother did have a worried look on her face. *Where would Bully go? He was soooo big!* The ride home from the shore was rather interesting. People were gawking at the big bull riding on the roof rack of the car. Ultimately, *Bully* found a place in my bedroom. He would stand guard at the door of my room for the longest time. I wonder if he represented much more than a young boy could comprehend at the time. My dear friend eventually was relegated to the basement. One day my mother delicately asked me if I thought it was about time to let go of my now a bit tattered bovine



friend and place him next to that receptacle that was as big as he was. I think the reality is that *Bully* never left. He ever remained and still remains with me to this day. He's still my friend and I'm still his. He's not a bull at all and the name that he bore was only a nickname given him as any friend might do. He continues to greet me in the morning and watch over me at night. I still share with him the good times and he, to this day, always reassures me in the bad. Guiding me through this life yet, he'll welcome me to the next. Then, we'll have an eternity together – and a good laugh besides – me and my special friend, *Bully*, my



Boardwalk Angus Angel.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



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.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

programs provide help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Next program begins the weekend of February 10-12 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCES

uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive and transformational marriage. Next program is February 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Visit www.wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859 to register.



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February 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated throughout the Universal Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023. In the Church of Philadelphia our parishes will mark this important occasion at Masses during the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. It is a time for all of us to offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition for all those who have made commitments to the Consecrated Life and their vital service to God's people.

As we have been invited by Pope Francis to pursue the Synodal Path of Missionary Discipleship, we recall that discipleship is with Jesus Christ and His Cross. The Cross is not something that happens when all is completed; each day we know a sacrifice and those who have been called to the Consecrated Life know this clearly. We are all called to greater righteousness in order to be more closely aligned with charity and in friendship with God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the Consecrated Life in this way: *"From the God-given seed of the counsels a wonderful and wide-spreading tree has grown up in the field of the Lord, branching out into various forms of the religious life lived in solitude or in community. Different religious families have come into existence in which spiritual resources are multiplied for the progress in holiness of their members and for the good of the entire Body of Christ."* (CCC917) We need to keep this teaching in mind as we honor those in Consecrated Life.

In speaking about the Consecrated Life Pope Francis tells us, "Though it is true that this mission demands great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it as a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything which we can see and understand" (EVANGELII GAUDIUM, para. 12, Pope Francis). The mission of Consecrated Life is realized in its missionary responsibility, in union with the Church, and for the sake of the Kingdom!

May all who have made a commitment to Consecrated Life through the priesthood, religious life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes, societies of apostolic life, and the eremitical life, continue to be enriched by Jesus Christ and to respond generously to their vocation.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia