

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

3 JANUARY 2021

Readings for Sunday, January 3: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Readings for Sunday, January 10: Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

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 4:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
5 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Linda Lyle	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
6 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Marie F. Pence	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
7 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	Peter & Dorothy Chuck	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
8 Jan.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, Mary
9 Jan.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
10 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Mary Ellen Nodolski	John & Trish Nodolski

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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 PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

THE ROSARY is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Starting January 1, the Daily Mass schedule is going to be adjusted. Mass now will be celebrated Tuesday – Friday with no Mass on Monday. Eucharistic Adoration will move to Wednesdays, at the same time. All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration are in the Church.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Happy New Year, and Happy Celebration of the Epiphany! Traditionally, the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6, but some years ago, the bishops transferred the celebration to a Sunday. So we celebrate the feast today, though there's nothing wrong with keeping the celebration and spirit of the Christmas season going in our homes for a few more days. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas celebrations in whatever form they took this year. As we enter this new year, we have a lot to pray and hope for, but we trust that God will guide us through it all.

Once again, we have early bulletin deadlines to contend with, so I'm actually writing this several days before Christmas. So allow me to use this space to express a few words of gratitude based on things that have already happened leading up to Christmas or that I expect will happen in the days and weeks ahead.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who sent me cards, gifts, and treats of various sorts. You are very kind, and I am grateful for your thoughtfulness. Some people wrote very nice notes, and I am edified to have read them. Thank you for the kind words. I also appreciate how so many of you are helping me to grow in the virtue of self-control, because the temptation to eat all the baked goods and candies all at once is very hard to resist! I notice nobody ever sends a Christmas veggie tray, and I'm not complaining about that!

Another major word of thanks is due to Diana Gulotta, the members of the Women's Society, and the other parishioners who have helped to decorate our church for Christmas. As you know from decorating your own homes, it's hard work, and it can have some frustrating moments (I'm looking at you, temperamental Christmas tree lights). Likewise, a big thank you to those who set up the outdoor Nativity scene. There's something awe-inspiring about seeing a church all decked out for the major feasts, and we're fortunate to have some talented and generous people to make it happen here.

Big thanks to our parish staff and volunteers. As one of the smallest parishes in the Archdiocese, we have a small, but very dedicated staff. I couldn't do my job as the parish priest without their help. There is a lot that goes into the day-to-day operations here, and the current pandemic has increased the workload quite a bit. They keep this place going, and that is not an exaggeration.

Thank you to all those who helped make the Christmas liturgies beautiful and special celebrations – our choir, organists, altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and sacristans all step up each week and help make our celebrations sacred and beautiful.

Finally, thank you, parishioners, for your support of this parish. None of the above can happen without you. Your presence, prayers, service, and financial support are essential to our mission. A sincere thanks to all of you for your contributions in the weekly and special collections as well as our various fundraisers, your generosity in supporting our charitable outreaches, and your ongoing presence each week at Mass, at PREP, and other parish activities. May God bless you, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the year ahead.

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan
Parochial Administrator

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020.....	\$2,451
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,346
Parish Giving -	\$105
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$2,549)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$125,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$97,814
Average per week Collection	\$3,913
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$27,186)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,087)

DECEMBER 22, 2019

Deposit.....	\$3,598
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$23,967)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$3,219)

Due to an early print schedule, figures from the December 27 collection will be printed in the January 10 bulletin.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Raffle Drawing 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. JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- December 14 - #704 - unsold
- December 15 - #988 - unsold
- December 16 - #970 - unsold
- December 17 - #742 - unsold
- December 18 - #287 - unsold
- December 19 - #835 - Monica Bauer - \$50.00
- December 20 - #505 - unsold

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, January 9 and 10, is the 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

DECEMBER DRAWING - M/M John Nodolski - \$248.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for December 19/20:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 72
- 9:00 AM Mass - 81
- Total Attendance - 153

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2021 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January to June 2021 are now being accepted. Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

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

MICHAEL HEDEGUS from Helen Chieffo & family, Bob & Vivie Fitch.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE on Saturday, January 23: Mass at 9:00 AM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul; 10:30 AM - the March begins at the Cathedral; 12:00 PM - Rally and speakers at Independence Mall. Masks and social distancing will be required. All are welcome - please invite a friend to join you at the March.

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: yours sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

℟ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- ▶ O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. ℟
- ▶ Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ℟
- ▶ The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. ℟
- ▶ For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. ℟

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.