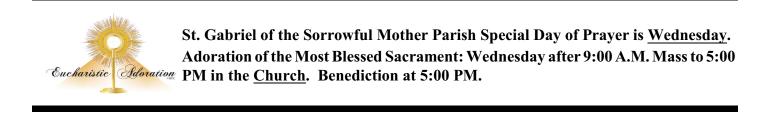
# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30 JANUARY 2022

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

"No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Thus did Jeremiah and Jesus encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: love.

Readings for Sunday, February 6: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.





<u>Date</u>		Intention	<u>Requested By</u>
31 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Edwin G. Pennypacker	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
1 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Anna Hane	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
2 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Edwin G. Pennypacker	Schwenk Family
3 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	John Patrick McCarthy	Sharon McCarthy
5 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
6 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 GERTRUDE BOLIBRUCH.

**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 31 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** on Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Anna Baldasano and Melanie Warzeski. We will do a Valentine Craft Activity.

**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.

## 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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Tuesday, February 1 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

A Message From the Pastor

We had already endured the *singing* of the rather lengthy Good Friday Gospel of the Passion. At the words



"It is finished," a dear, wonderful brother now deceased leaned over and very dryly said, "Thank God!" Those of us around him chuckled and very much agreed. The presider at that liturgy was and still is a good man and an outstanding priest; however his singing voice very much made clear indeed the agony of the Cross to those of us required to sit there that afternoon and listen. Father would preside

again at the Easter Vigil. Oh my. It was our "Spirituality Year" in the seminary. It was embarked upon before beginning studies in the Theology Division of the seminary. The location, at the time, was at a former Vincentian seminary situated in the beautiful rolling hills just above Allentown. Brother seminarians from Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, New York participated with those of us studying at Overbrook. It was a very interesting year to say the least. There were trips to NYC and Philly, pilgrimages to various shrines, papal visits, local apostolate days, snow storms, shouting matches, ping pong tournaments, volleyball victories, hiking, harping, more shouting matches, whining, and even some praying as well. Imagine that! We were, for sure, being "formed" as future priests in oh so many different ways that year and that formation, for us, included a bit of ringing in the ears that Easter. The Easter Vigil is always a little longer anyway. We know that. It is described by Augustine as the "Mother of all Vigils." And so it is. It is that night that gives birth to all that we are as Church. That evening, we were seminarians on edge. Following the "Three Great Days" of the Triduum and the celebration of the Resurrection itself, we would be free! Free to go home and visit with family and friends. Free for a whole week! Everything at the Vigil went well and as expected - almost. It was the singing of the Easter Alleluia that didn't. Father, trying his best, began his intonation. It was the most solemn night of the entire year and we seminarians on edge were trying our best to show some decorum. No such luck! The metropolitan comingling of boys from NYC and Philly proved to be too much. We were facing each other in choir stalls. As the high notes of the alleluia were attempted, a Philly brother across from me began to gyrate. The alleluia continued. The gyration got worse. It was infectious. Tears were rolling down his red face. The singing continued. A classmate next to me was now beet red as he shook and tried to suppress laughter. The seminarian holding the book for the presider was now gyrating. Alleluiiiiiia, allIlleluia! The other priests present now had their heads down firmly biting their upturned lips.

The original gyrator across from me was now a mess. He totally lost it. We all did. To his credit, Father never said a word thereafter. The whole event was rather cathartic. All who were present remember it well to this day. Perhaps this sums up the culmination of crucifixion and the very crux of our Faith celebrated not only at Easter, but every Sunday. The Resurrection is ultimately an authentic and divine laughter. It is **the** authentic and divine laughter at the Devil and his minions forever defeated by Christ and His Cross as the Risen Jesus emerges from His tomb most



likely singing and laughing. Please join in the singing at church, because if you do, undoubtedly you'll find yourself joining in the laughter as well!

Peace! Fr. Wilson



DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 23, 2022..... \$3,868 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections.... \$124,015 2020-2021 Year to Date Collections.... \$128,898

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, February 5 and 6 will be the Parish Property Maintenance and Repair Collection.

## 2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

#### MASS ATTENDANCE for January 22/23:

4:00 PM Mass - 116 9:00 AM Mass - 98 Total Attendance - 214

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 5/6

<u>4:00 PM Mass</u> Lector - Villano Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Vitacco; Choir, Tammaro Altar Server - Holmes Greeter - DiMarco <u>9:00 AM Mass</u> Lector - LaRosa Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & Carr Altar Server - Donnelly Greeter - Neiman

**OPEN HOUSE** at St. Aloysius Parish School on January 30 from 1:45PM to 3:00 PM. Parents with preschool or elementary age children are invited - meet the teachers and staff. Tour the school and ask any questions you may have. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be open for new families



## PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

**Brawing** 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 17 - #483 - Simon Nagel - \$50.00 January 18 - #147 - unsold January 19 - #953 - unsold January 20 - #247 - Lara Dilworth - \$50.00 January 21 - #162 - unsold January 22 - #764 - unsold January 23 - #791 - unsold

### MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Society February 26 and 27 Pick up after Masses

All meatballs will be sold as half dozen. ½ doz. Meatballs - \$6.50 How many\_\_\_\_\_\_\$Total \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1 qt. sauce - \$6.00 How many\_\_\_\_\_\_\$Total\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ORDER \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_\_ Orders and payment due by February 19. Checks made payable to St. Gabriel Women's

Society.