

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 JULY 2020

Readings for Sunday, July 26: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

Readings for Sunday, August 2: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21.

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 Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
27 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Brian Axsmith	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
29 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Simon Nagel III	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
30 July	THU. 9:00 AM	John J. Zissa, Sr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
31 July	FRI. 9:00 AM	John J. Slatouski, Jr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
1 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	

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 parish office will be closed from 12:00PM to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 29.



Flowers on the Altar are in memory of VICTOR D'EMILIO requested by his wife, Lucy and family.

“ADMINISTRATOR’S COLUMN”

What’s in a name? Or rather, what’s in a title? Some people have been asking me about the title “Parochial Administrator” and what that means, especially in contrast to the title “Pastor.”

I’m sure we’re all familiar with the role of a pastor. A pastor is a priest to whom the bishop entrusts the pastoral care of a parish, including looking after the spiritual welfare of the parishioners and taking care of all the parish property and finances. It’s a big job! Once appointed pastor of a parish, a priest can expect to remain in that parish for a set period of time or even indefinitely, though the bishop can always ask him to take a different assignment based on the needs of the Church. Because of the seriousness of the job of pastor, the bishop should be vigilant in putting suitably qualified priests in the role.

A parochial administrator is similar to a pastor in many ways, generally having the same duties and rights as a pastor, but without the “permanence” a pastor enjoys. An administrator can be appointed to a parish when the pastor is unable to fulfill his duties for some time or if the office of pastor becomes vacant. In the first case, the administrator serves until the pastor returns; in the second, he serves until a pastor is named. (Sometimes the administrator will eventually be named the pastor.)

We’re probably used to seeing the first situation. A pastor may take a sabbatical or may need some time off to recover from surgery. In these cases, the bishop often appoints a parochial administrator to care for the people of the parish and pay the bills until the pastor can come back. The administrator is, basically, the “acting pastor” until the pastor returns.

The second situation is where we find ourselves here at St. Gabriel. Fr. Hickey has retired, and so the office of pastor became vacant. The archbishop appointed me as parochial administrator to care for this parish, with the duties and obligations a pastor would have. So from your perspective as a parishioner, the difference in title won’t mean too much.

You might wonder then why I wasn’t named pastor of this great parish. After all, in the past, when a pastor retired or was transferred, another pastor was appointed to replace him. About a year ago, a new policy was put into place in the Archdiocese that those who are being entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish for the first time would be appointed as parochial administrator for at least a year. This allows the Archbishop to be even more confident that the priest is suitably qualified for the role of pastor before being named such, sort of like a probationary or trial period. One reason for this is that priests are moving into the role of pastor with less experience than before. A generation ago, it was common for priests to be ordained 25 or more years before being named a pastor; I’ve only been ordained five years. Thus, my title here is parochial administrator. Hope this clarifies things a bit.

Ultimately, whatever the title, I’m here to help you get to Heaven. That’s always goal #1. I ask your prayers for me, and I promise you my prayers, hard work, and support so we can work together to make goal a reality for one another.

—Fr. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 19, 2020.....	\$3,405
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,300
Parish Giving -	\$105
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,595)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$15,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$11,380
Average per week Collection	\$3,793
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$3,620)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,207)

JULY 21, 2019

Deposit.	\$3,202
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$4,608)
Difference from previous year.....	\$988

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 1 AND 2 is the collection for the church air conditioning.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
 JULY DRAWING - Virginia Scheidt - \$250.00.

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

<p>VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL 610-644-2551</p>

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass - 55
 9:00 AM Mass - 89
 Total Attendance - 144



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 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.**

AUGUST LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU to all who have been supporting this fund raiser.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- July 13 - #857 - Ed Slaby - \$50.00
- July 14 - #235 - unsold
- July 15 - #129 - unsold
- July 16 - #797 - unsold
- July 17 - #907 - unsold
- July 18 - #683 - unsold
- July 19 - #126 - unsold

CONFESSIONS are being heard in the Cry Room, for the time being instead of the sacristy. This will allow for more distance and air circulation than the confessional affords, but also give those going to confession a greater sense of privacy.

2020 MASS BOOK - Requests for Mass intentions from July through December are now being accepted. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses due to the limited number of Masses available. Both weekday and weekend Masses are available from August through December. The stipend of \$15.00 for weekend Masses and \$10.00 for weekday Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass intention. Please contact the parish office to request Mass intentions.

GUIDELINES DURING GREEN PHASE OF COVID-19:

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick. Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19.

Mass will continue to be available via live-stream or on TV. Live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 11:00 AM Sunday via www.archphila.org. Also on TV: 6ABC Sundays at 5:00 AM; ME TV Sundays at 7:00 AM; EWTN Sundays at 8:00 AM.

Entering the Church

Please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.” (CDC Guidelines). Entrance to Church by the MAIN FRONT DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only.

Seating

Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing. Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

Reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will only be distributed in front of the Altar. Come forward using the center aisle and return to your pew using the side aisles. For those seated at the break, a minister will bring Communion to you after everyone else has received. Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line - keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you. Please remove your mask or face covering before receiving Holy Communion.

Exiting the Church

Exit the Church using the SIDE DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only. Please do not congregate inside of Church for any reason. Please keep your mask or face covering on until you exit the Church.

MORNING FACILITY PERSONNEL POSITION is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. For details, please visit www.stteresacalcutta.com or call the parish office (610-287-2525).

VICTORIOUS, A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN -

July 28 through September 1. You Are Made New Ministry is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ’s victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden. Register: www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610-287-2989.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS - “Jesus in the Eucharist Increase Our Faith” on October 9-10 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia. Our national fast from the celebration of Mass and the reception of Holy Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic awakens in all of us our need for the Eucharist and our gratefulness for so wondrous a Gift from Jesus to his Church. Every member of the Church is welcome to participate in this Eucharist Congress - a time to profess our faith more profoundly in the true and real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharistic Congress opens with the celebration of the Eucharist on Friday, October 9 at 6:00 PM, followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament until the close of the Congress. The Congress closes with the Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, October 10 at 5:15 PM followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession. Mark your calendars and save the dates! You can register at www.archphila.org/eucharistic-congress. Sponsored by Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious.

RETROUVAILLE: 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. Next program begins the weekend of August 14-16 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.