

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 JULY 2020

Readings for Sunday, July 5: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

Readings for Sunday, July 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.

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>
6 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Claire Conwell	Carol & Ron Fry
7 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Msgr. Joseph W. Murray	Jim & Helynne Mich
9 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
10 July	FRI. 9:00 AM	Mary S. Rudy	Daughter, Mary
11 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Cliff & Barb Keller
12 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE MASS ON TUESDAY, JULY 7. THERE WILL NOT BE MASS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8.
Mass on weekdays will be in the Chapel. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines 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 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.

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. 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.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their AUGUST issue at the parish office. Please call prior to coming for your book.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Weekend of July 4th and 5th, 2020

Final Reflection

Music is a universal language and it reaches to the core of our emotions and the depths of our personalities. When I was at Immaculata University, I learned a lot from the students who were majoring in Music Therapy and how the Music touched those who were sick, those who were grieving and even patients with dementia. Our brains are wired to remember music and it helps us to reminisce about many parts of our lives.

I have many favorite artists and I am fairly eclectic when it comes to music but I must admit I prefer the classical for listening, musicals to attend, and I love to listen to artists who sing and sit and reflect on their message. Two of my favorite artists are Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman. They sing a beautiful song that is so appropriate for the way I am feeling at the present moment and I am sure many of us will be humming it in the days ahead. It is "Time to Say Good-bye." It is a beautiful song and it certainly brings to mind many memories over these past seven years.

As the time grows closer to my departure date of July 8th, I have received many cards and emails as well as telephone calls. I look out in the congregation and every face brings back a memory. It might be a Baptism or a Wedding. Some memories bring to mind humor as I reflect on the times we have shared together. Other memories were of sitting at the bedside of someone who was dying and then celebrating a Mass of Christian Burial. The faces of multiple people I have counseled over the years all fly back and no one else really knows why I am smiling but I see so much healing. We are all so unique. You never know where a person has been or where they are going unless you stop and give them the time to open up.

When I received the assignment seven years ago, I had never been in Stowe. I grew in this assignment and Saint Gabriel's became my home and a place I grew to love and thought I would be here into my 80's but the big "C" word changed that and I shared "a sliver of the cross" for two years in a row and even staying till 75 was not an option. I stayed as long as I could. I have had Physical Therapy three times a week for over 18 months and have tried every type of therapy to stay but the legs are getting weaker and I have fallen five times. So I have decided to go to the Villa in Darby where I will be safer and there is a medical staff 24 hours a day.

There is always the phone or email or texts to stay in touch. As Pastor Emeritus, I am keeping my email which is gickey@sgsm62.org and my cell phone is (610) 952-1943. My new address is: Villa Saint Joseph, 1436 Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, PA 19023-1218. The Villa is next to Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital where I was born and down the street is Blessed Virgin Mary Church where I was baptized. So the Villa is between the two places.

I prefer "till we meet again" rather than saying good-bye. Thank you for all your kindness to me. I have worked with a wonderful staff over these seven years and if I thanked everyone personally on here, the article would go on for several pages. You know who you are and I have already expressed my sentiments to you.

I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Ortega. He came to help me for a month and stayed almost two years. Without his help, I would not have lasted this long and Father was a big help to me liturgically as well as cooking when he lived with me for a spell. Fr. Ortega is also leaving after this weekend and will be helping out at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish in West Chester. We will both be back sometime in October for a reception.

Finally, I would like to welcome Fr. Steven Kiernan to the parish. I hope he grows to love the parish as much as I did. Father Kiernan will arrive on the afternoon of July 8th and will be here for the weekend Masses starting July 11th and 12th as well as the weekday Masses in the chapel.

He will be introducing himself to you on the weekend. He is a graduate of Penn State (Main Campus) in Mathematics and worked for several years in the insurance business. He grew up in East Stroudsburg in the Poconos. He is considerably younger than I am and I am hoping that he can build on the Strategic Plan that has been put in place and energize the youth in the area.

I, along with our staff have all met with Fr. Kiernan and we have all concluded that Saint Gabriel Parish Community is in good hands.

Have a good week and always be kind to one another!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 28, 2020.....	\$0,000
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$0,000
Parish Giving -	\$000
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$000)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$260,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$000,000
Average per week Collection.....	\$0,000
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$00,000)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$000)

JUNE 23, 2019

Deposit.....	\$0,000
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$00,000)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$0,000)

Due to an early print schedule, figures from the June 28 collection will be printed in the July 12 bulletin.



HOPE RESTORED - Join The Miraculous Medal Shrine for a Novena of Hope every Monday through July 27 and learn about the apparitions of Mary which are reflected in the lower-level shrines. Come to the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia or watch via livestream at 12:05 PM at www.miraculousmedal.org/livestream. For more information visit www.miraculousmedal.org or www.facebook.com/miraculousmedalshrinepa.

VICTORIOUS, A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN - 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. Learn more and 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.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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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.**

JULY 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.

While our county moves into the Green Phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period for your own safety and that of others attending Mass.

General Points

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.

Before Coming to Mass

Before entering the Church, you are encouraged to 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)

Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

Entering Church

Entrance to church by the MAIN FRONT DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only. Hand sanitizer will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering the Church.

Seating

When taking your seat, please honor all areas marked where you may sit. 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.

During Mass

There will be no choir, only a cantor and instrumental music.

Collections will be taken up as usual using long-handled baskets.

There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass while in the Green Phase.

The Precious Blood will not be distributed during the Green Phase.

There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

There will be no Offertory Procession at this time.

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 who are unable to come forward, a minister will bring Communion to you after everyone else has received. Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.

During the Green Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove your mask or face covering before receiving Holy Communion and replace it after consuming the Sacred Host.

Exiting the Church

At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church using the SIDE DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate inside of Church for any reason.

Please take a parish bulletin home with you. They are at the side entrances to Church.

Please leave your mask or face covering on until you exit the Church.

After Mass

The Church will be sanitized after each Mass for your safety.