

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JUNE 2020

Readings for Sunday, June 21: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.

You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, do not fear those who can take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you unto life everlasting.

Readings for Sunday, June 28: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42.

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>
22 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Sherri Madl	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
24 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Agnes Slaby	Jim & Anna Baldasano
25 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Mary Calcasacco	Daughter, Jeannine
26 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	Elsie Norton	John Dori
27 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
28 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

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) 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.

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

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints at the bottom of your tape. Containers for the Redner's tapes are in the vestibule of church.

HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. The cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. Call the parish office to purchase a blanket.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

“Father’s Day Weekend”

Happy Father’s day to all of our Dads! You deserve our respect and appreciation for the care and love and sacrifice you make for your family. Today is that special day within the year where we honor our Dads and all father figures in our lives. For me it is a special day for it is the 19th Anniversary of my Dad’s death. He was a wonderful man, a great role model, a listening ear, and one who was always there, but a man who let me make my own decisions and stood by me.

There are many stories behind the man we each call Dad. Many of our Dads are here today in church. They protect their children and watch out for them. They take their children to ball games, cheer them on in their academic pursuits, help their older children financially, and partner with their wives to give their children everything they can. There are some Dads who have left us and are now with the Lord in Heaven but nonetheless, we still feel their presence in our day to day decisions.

I remember a little plaque that was in our kitchen growing up and it said: “The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.” This is so true and remember our Dad’s greatest gift is his children and grandchildren. Try to make his day special.

Father’s Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make and have made in the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting. Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, many countries, including the United States observe this day on the third Sunday in June.

To give you a little history on this day, it is celebrated on a variety of days. It is celebrated in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States on the third Sunday in June. It is also observed in countries such as Argentina, France, Greece, India, Ireland, Mexico, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, and Venezuela. In Australia and New Zealand, Father’s Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in September. In Thailand, it is celebrated on December 5th, which is the birthday of the country’s king. Brazilian Dads are honored on the second Sunday of August. No matter what the date, it is so important that a day is set aside to honor our Dads.

On Father’s Day, many people make a special effort for their Dads. Some families visit their Dads, while others give cards, flowers, or other gifts such as clothing or sporting equipment. Some play golf or go bowling. Other Dads tell me they have been given many shirts or ties. Father’s Day is a relatively modern holiday, so different families have different traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or a greeting card to large parties honoring all father figures in an extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and even other male relatives.

The idea of a special day to honor our Dads was introduced from the United States. There, a woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother’s Day celebration to plan a day to honor fathers in the USA. Father’s Day has been celebrated in June since the year 1910.

If you are still lucky to have your Dad with you, tell him how much you love him and do something special for him on his special day. Let him know how grateful you are to have him in your life. If your Dad is in Heaven, take the time today to speak to him in prayer and thank him for his presence in your life.

Happy Father’s Day!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Hickey

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 14, 2020.....	\$4,875
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,055
Parish Giving -	\$130
Father's Day Collection -	\$690
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$125)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$250,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$214,177
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,284
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$35,823)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$716)
<i>JUNE 9, 2019</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,585
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.....	(\$28,898)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$6,925)

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for June 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 51
9:00 AM Mass - 74
Total Attendance - 125

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available include 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer and 8-1/2" serrated knife. For more information or to purchase the cutlery, please call Denise Buccigaglia (610-468-4032).

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
DR. BRIAN AXSMITH from Donna & John Roncase;
TAYLOR LEIGH DAWSON from John & Donna Roncase.



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 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.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- June 8 - #852 - unsold
- June 9 - #393 - unsold
- June 10 - #554 - unsold
- June 11 - #113 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- June 12 - #735 - unsold
- June 13 - #782 - unsold
- June 14 - #664 - unsold

VIRTUAL WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for 8 evening sessions presented on Mondays and Thursdays from June 29 to July 23. The only requirement is a computer, iPad or tablet with access to the internet. No prior knowledge of Zoom is necessary. Workbooks and hand-outs will be sent to you before the start of the series. Married couples, priests and religious can register at www.wwme-philly.org or by calling Al & Mary Liz Heumann (610-449-1859). A \$100 application fee covers most of the cost, however, you will be invited to make a good faith offering at the end of the program. Fee waived for anyone with financial strains.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, Jesus in the Eucharist, Increase Our Faith, on October 9-10, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia. Every member of the Church is welcome to participate in this Eucharistic Congress. Mark your calendars and save the dates! You can register at www.archphila.org/eucharistic-congress.

While our county remains in the Yellow 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.

General Points

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.

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.archpila.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

Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

Before 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).

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

Entering the 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 posted signs about 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.

Ushers will be present to assist with seating.

During Mass

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

A collection will be taken up during the Offertory as usual using long-handled baskets.

There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.

The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow 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 back 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 Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

Exiting the Church

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

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

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

The Church will be sanitized after each Mass.