

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JUNE 2021

Readings for Sunday, June 27: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Because of sin, sickness and death have entered the world, but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need, helping the sick and raising the dead to life. He made himself poor that we might become rich.

Readings for Sunday, July 4: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a.

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 5:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
29 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Evelyn Segnere	Sharon McCarthy
30 June	WED. 9:00 AM	George Siver	Ron & Carol Fry
1 July	THU. 9:00 AM	David Guadagno	Wife, Barbara
2 July	FRI. 9:00 AM	Rev. Patrick A. Duddy	
3 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
4 July	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 please wear a face mask if you have not been vaccinated.



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.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS: Cost for a one year subscription is \$36.00. Subscription begins with the November 2021 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is July 9.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their JULY issue at the parish office.

MASSES **CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE**
Beginning Monday, July 5 the Mass Schedule will be changing. There will be Mass on Mondays thru Thursdays at 9:00 AM. No Mass on Fridays. The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on Wednesdays.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

I have to be honest. One of my biggest challenges each week is writing the bulletin column. There are a few reasons for that. Often, I forget all about it and get caught up in other things until I get the dreaded "Father, are you going to have something for the bulletin this week?" message. Trying to write something coherent, informative, and (I hope) witty with the clock ticking isn't always my cup of tea. And then there's the matter of what to write. Some weeks I stare at a blank screen and wonder how I'm going to fill up the page. Other weeks I feel like there's so much to say that we'd need microscopic type to fit it all.

This week is a strange combination. This is my last bulletin column at St. Gabriel's. There is so much that I want to say. And yet, I have no idea what in the world I'm going to write. Hopefully, this will be somewhat coherent, maybe a little informative, and possibly even a little witty. We'll see.

The first thing I have to say is **Thank You**. Thank you for welcoming me into this parish as the administrator for the past year. Thank you for all the kind words, positive feedback, thoughtful gestures, and prayerful support over the past twelve months. There is so much love and kindness in this parish, and it didn't take long to feel it. A special thank you to the parish staff for their guidance and support as they helped break in and train the new guy. In any organization, getting a new leader is a challenge; it's even more of a challenge when the new leader is new at being a leader. There are some great and dedicated people on the payroll here, and without them, we wouldn't be able to function.

The second thing I have to say is **wow, what a year**. I look back at the last year, and I'm amazed at all that has been done here – some things more visible than others. For example, the generosity of the people of the parish in our Lenten outreach was astounding. The turnout for some of the devotions that were added to the calendar (e.g., the St. Joseph Novena, additional times for Stations during Lent) was beyond expectation. The installation of the camera in the church so we can broadcast Masses on our website has been well-received by our homebound parishioners. We welcomed the Archbishop for Confirmation in September and had a wonderful turnout of parishioners for the Mass. Behind-the-scenes, we've made some significant upgrades to technology and office equipment while actually reducing the cost of the same to the parish. We survived a rather intense winter with some pretty heavy snowstorms. And, of yeah, there was that whole pandemic thing that kept looming over our shoulders ominously, but we're slowly getting back to normal. When I arrived in July 2020, we were averaging 100 people per weekend at Mass. Lately, it's almost 200. Now, I'd love to stroke me ego and say that Mass attendance doubled during my tenure here, but that increase is more pandemic-related than from anything else. Still, we got through the difficulty and uncertainty of the past year, and if nothing else, I'm glad I got to actually see some of your faces in the pews the past couple weeks.

And the final thing I have to say is **I'll miss you**. I'll miss the small group of people who gather faithfully for Daily Mass. I'll miss hearing the choir sing and wondering how only a few people can manage to fill the church with such rich music. I'll miss the various conversations in the parking lot that happen after Mass. I will especially miss the smiling faces and laughter of our small group of PREP children and the wonderful teachers who give of their time to help them be formed in their faith. (The jury is out as to whether I'll miss putting on the chef's hat and cooking them all breakfast – oh, who am I kidding, I'll miss that too.) I could go on, but suffice it to say that this small parish is filled with great people of all ages, and it has been a pleasure and an honor to get to meet you and serve you as the parish priest this past year.

But now it is time to move on. Personally, it's a little scary and intimidating. But God provides. Over the year, I've really learned to trust in and depend on God's providence. He leads, He provides, and when we do our best to follow, it always works out well in the end. Scripture and Church history are both filled with countless examples of Divine Providence to remind us of that. So, as I move on to a new assignment, and as you prepare to welcome a new priest to this wonderful parish, let us keep each other in prayer and trust that God is always working for our ultimate good – which is, of course, for us to get to heaven and live with Him.

Well, starting with an empty page and having no idea what to write, I've probably gone over my normally allotted space, and it'll be time to get out the shoehorn to fit this in (sorry, Kathy!). In closing, I'll just say it again: thank you, it's been an amazing year; and I'll miss you. God bless you all!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 20, 2021.....	\$3,716
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,611
Parish Giving -	\$105
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,284)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$255,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$220,977
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,333
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$34,023)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$667)
 <i>JUNE 21, 2020</i>	
Deposit.....	\$4,007
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$36,816)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,793



ST. GABRIEL PARISH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is scheduled for Friday, September 24 at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. Look for more details in future parish bulletins.



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. **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 AT THE PARISH OFFICE. TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 93
 9:00 AM Mass - 104
 Total Attendance - 197

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 610-327-2600

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- June 14 - #170 - unsold
- June 15 - #119 - unsold
- June 16 - #802 - unsold
- June 17 - #556 - unsold
- June 18 - #780 - unsold
- June 19 - #489 - Patty Wade - \$50.00
- June 20 - #980 - Darlene Matta - \$100.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). As faithful Catholics, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who demonstrated a deep love for the poor and forgotten people of his day. Like Christ, we too must have a heart for those who lack the basic necessities of life which everyone deserves. As the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, CCHD supports community groups to address the root causes of poverty by enabling the most vulnerable members of our community a chance to build a brighter future for themselves and their families. In our country today, over 37 million people are still living in poverty, and Philadelphia ranks highest in poverty amongst the largest U.S. cities, with over 23% of its residents living below the poverty line. Many suffer from educational deficits, language barriers, substance abuse, incarceration, and health challenges. We may not know them personally, but these are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters who need us to stand with them as they strive to achieve living conditions worthy of their inherent God-given human dignity. The annual CCHD Collection next weekend is an opportunity for you to help your neighbors near and far. God bless you for your generous response to this year's CCHD appeal.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 26/27

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Minister of Holy Communion - Nester

Altar Server - Holmes

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Minister of Holy Communion - Carr

Altar Server - Donnelly

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

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.

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

SHELBA DETRI from niece, Ann Marie & family.

REDNER'S TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this fundraiser is put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder, the register tapes only count when you use a Save-a-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. We can not use tapes when you do not use the card. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the parish office.

BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. 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. You can purchase the baby blankets by contacting the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET on Friday, August 13 (rain or shine) at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18-hole Scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and Awards presentation will begin at approximately 2:00 PM. Tournament includes: Door Prizes, 18 Holes of Golf, Breakfast (Clubhouse) 7:15 AM-8:45 AM, Barbecue and Hot Dog Lunch and Prime Rib Banquet Dinner, beer and water throughout the day, Team Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place as well as Skills Competition Prizes. Donation: Golfers - \$100.00. Banquet only - \$35.00. Limit number of foursomes is 36. 100% Pre-paid event. Payment and registration due by August 6. For more details contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com).

SUMMER NOVENA - THE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH - Nine Mondays: June 7 to August 2 at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Philadelphia. June 28 Topic - Joseph: An Obedient Father. For more information, visit www.miraculousmedal.org/events/summer-novena-2021.