

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7 JUNE 2020

Readings for Sunday, June 7: Exodus 34:4b-6; 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

God sent his Son to save us and to forgive us, making us his adopted children. Like the Trinity, may we be united in peace and love through the Spirit, through whom we offer God praise and glory.

Readings for Sunday, June 14: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled until further notice.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
8 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Antonio Trabacchi	Lucy, Christina, Gene & Domenic
10 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Nancy Pyott	Lorraine Hine
11 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Sherri Madl	Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer
12 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	Agnes Slaby	Mary & Don Vallere
13 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Benjamin & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
14 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 has been cancelled. Meetings will resume in September.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is cancelled until further notice.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for a one year subscription is \$36.00. Subscription begins with the September 2020 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is June 19.

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).

SPAGHETTI SAUCE (FROZEN) for sale by the Women's Society. Cost - \$7.00 per quart. Please call Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030) to purchase the sauce and for delivery of the sauce.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Last weekend, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. It is the feast of rebirth and transformation. It is also known as the birthday of the Church. It is also the end of the Easter Season, which lasts for 50 days. We also experienced great sorrow in our country and we pray for a transformation of all of our hearts as we move forward.

This weekend, I would like to WELCOME ALL OF YOU BACK to Saint Gabriel Church as we begin again public Masses as we move to the yellow phase in this pandemic.

This weekend we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Holy Trinity. We really need to pray to the Trinity as we move forward and return to Church and pray for the conversion and transformation of our country on many levels.

Traditionally, this is the time for commencement addresses as people graduate and move on in life. Today's first reading is like a commencement address Moses is giving to God's people as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. Moses knew he had to part from the people, for he was soon to die. So he shares some words of wisdom with the people before they crossed the Jordan into the Land that would be their new home. He tells them there is no other God than the Lord (Yahweh) and that only for being faithful to their God will they prosper. His advice is good advice for today's world where polytheism and paganism, which were popular in the days of Moses, have been replaced by atheism, hedonism, and materialism.

This weekend's Feast of the Holy Trinity traces its origins back to the fourth century during the time of the Arian Heresy. Arianism taught that Jesus was not fully God. It taught that he was a creature higher than the angels but not equal to God the Father. The heresy almost destroyed the Church. The Council of Nicea (in 325 A.D.) proclaimed that Jesus was equal to the Father in every way and we profess that as our faith every week in the Nicene Creed. Indeed, it is a great mystery how God is three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

These three persons are so closely united in nature and in love that we proclaim there is only one God. This mystery is revealed to us in the Scriptures better, but it remains a mystery and will always be a mystery until we are fully united with the Trinity in heaven.

There is one important element that can help us understand the Trinity just a little bit more, and that is love. In everyday experiences we have seen that love has the power to draw two people together and make them one in mind and heart and yet the two people retain their own individuality. The Bible tells us God is love, and it is the power of divine love that make Father, Son, and Holy Spirit one God without destroying the distinction between three persons. It is that love that overflowed and created the universe. It is that love that made us, redeemed us, and has forgiven our sins, and that calls us to enjoy eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven when it comes time for us to leave this world.

If anything, the mystery of the Trinity communicates that God is a family, a family so closely united that although they are three persons, they are one God. Oneness is not only an important characteristic of God, but God wants us to share their oneness with Him and one another. It's what He prayed for at the Last Supper with such passion that all of us be one as we are one. We have over 400 different groups who call themselves followers of Christ who can't get along with one another.

Today's mystery is just a peek into who God is, a peek that should inspire us to function more like a family, not a divided family but a united one. This peek into the mystery of God shows us another aspect of the character of unity. God is not sitting alone. God is not needy for a few friends to talk with or to enjoy; the three persons are in such perfect oneness with each other that they are overflowing with love. It is in their overflowing love that God wants us to be part of God's community of love, part of God's family: and here we touch another deep-down mystery. Why would God love us so much to let us share God's life and want to make us part of God's family? Perhaps in today's celebration of the Eucharist, we may gain or understand or even experience God's love more fully.

One day when each of us meets the Trinity in heaven, the mystery will be revealed. Presently, we go on faith not sight. We experience the Trinity in various ways during our lifetime but will never fully comprehend the Trinity in our lifetime.

Happy Feast!

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR MAY 31, 2020.	\$2,614
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$1,934
Parish Giving -	\$680
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$2,386)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$240,000
Year to Date Collections	\$202,765
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,224
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$37,235)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$776)

MAY 26, 2019

Deposit.	\$5,105
2018-2019 Deficit to Date.	(\$28,037)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$9,198)

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 13 and 14
will be the Father’s Day Remembrance Collection.

QUO VADIS DAYS - A Virtual Event will be held between Monday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 1. Online platforms including Zoom (participants will need a computer/tablet/device with video and sound capabilities and internet. For high school men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors). Hosted by Fr. DeLacy, the Seminarists from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and Deacons/Priests of the Archdiocese. There will also be the opportunity for two in-person gatherings (Confession and Eucharistic Procession) using safe distancing protocols. Fee: \$25 to \$75 (this fee covers the cost of online webinar technology, online interactive games, t-shirts, masks, etc. Check made payable to The Vocation Office. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 12. Registration limited to 100 participants. Contact Sue Matour (smatour@archphila.org or Jillian Minich (jminnich@archphila.org) if you have any questions.



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.**

JUNE 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

- May 25 - #560 - Birthright of Pottstown - \$100.00
 - May 26 - #070 - unsold
 - May 27 - #992 - unsold
 - May 28 - #724 - Jack Bucciaglia - \$50.00
 - May 29 - #695 - Cecilia Lapkiewicz - \$50.00
 - May 30 - #205 - Theresa Yost - \$50.00
 - May 31 - #420 - unsold
- MAY FIGURES: 287 tickets sold - \$1,435.00. Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for May - \$835.00.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in person celebration of the Mass.

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.