

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 NOVEMBER 2020

Readings for November 15: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30.

They are happy who fear the Lord, who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

Readings for November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46.

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>
16 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	William & Jennie Gonder	Kathy & Ron Bernhard
18 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed	
19 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Ron & Carol Fry
20 Nov.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Stanley Chuck	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
21 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Andrea Abbonizio	Cliff & Barb Keller
22 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

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 on Thursday, November 19.

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.

2020 MASS BOOK - There are still a few weekday Masses available in December 2020. If interested in scheduling a Mass for December, please call the parish office.

2021 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for 2021 can be made at the parish office beginning Monday, November 30. No requests will be accepted before that date. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Thank you to all who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive this weekend. It's been a difficult year for many food banks out there as the need has increased and the sources of donations have gone down. As I mentioned in this column a couple weeks ago, this is a time of year where opportunities to show charity and generosity abound. Please take advantage of those opportunities as you can, whether here at the parish or in the larger community.

The Gospel reading today reminds us that each of us has been given some store of gifts from God, and we are expected to use them well. One way we do that is by sharing our material resources with those who are in need. Another way we do that is by sharing our time. In the life of the Church, that's especially evident in the volunteers who continually step up to make things happen in the parish. We wouldn't be able to do the things we do if it weren't for people giving of their time and effort.

Speaking of volunteers, the other day I had a preliminary meeting with the current members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils. We discussed some initiatives and priorities for the months ahead, and I gave an update on some current events and projects. I'm grateful for their input and advice in these projects. At the same time, we could use a few more people to serve on those advisory bodies at the moment. If you'd like to be considered to be appointed to either council, or if you have any suggestions for someone who would make an ideal candidate, please let me know. Of course, beyond that, if you're looking for a way to be involved in the parish, let me know. I'm sure we can find a way for you to use your particular gifts and talents for the benefit of our community.

As I'm writing this, I realize it's been four months since I began my time here at St. Gabriel's. It's gone quickly, and there's been a big learning curve. The past few months have given me a chance to see the life of this parish and to start to formulate ideas for the future. As with any parish or group, sometimes adjustments have to be made.

One area where I think adjustment is needed is in the time of our scheduled confessions. Right now, they are scheduled from 3:30-4:00. Realistically, the time for confessions needs to end early enough for the priest to get back to the sacristy, vest, and prepare for Mass to begin at 4:00; and that's not feasible if someone comes into the confessional at 3:55. The new liturgical year gives us a good chance to make a tweak. So, starting with the First Sunday of Advent (11/28), the time for confessions is going to change to 3:00-3:45 on Saturday. That gives more time than we had before, and it allows for some wiggle room between the end of scheduled confessions and the start of Mass. Of course, if the line is long, I'll do my best to hear everyone before Mass begins. But, starting in two weeks, when you come to celebrate the sacrament, please be mindful of the new times. And as always, if you wish to make an appointment for the sacrament, please call the office.

Have a great week everyone!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan



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. NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 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.**

Raffle Drawing

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- November 2 - #782 - Maria DiMarco - \$50.00
- November 3 - #224 - unsold
- November 4 - #647 - unsold
- November 5 - #231 - unsold
- November 6 - #436 - Suzanne Morgan - \$50.00
- November 7 - #366 - unsold
- November 8 - #724 - Jack Bucciaglia - \$100.00

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2020.....	\$3,660
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,430
Parish Giving -	\$230
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,340)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$95,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$74,742
Average per week Collection	\$3,934
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$20,258)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,066)

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Deposit.....	\$3,707
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$20,769)
Difference from previous year.....	\$511

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 7/8:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 88
- 9:00 AM Mass - 86
- Total Attendance - 174

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

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

AGNES SALAMONE from Ron & Carol Fry.

BABY BLANKETS - The Women’s Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. These blankets make a very nice gift for a newborn or as an extra something when giving a gift card. The cost is \$10.00. To purchase a blanket, contact the Parish Office.

REDNER’S REGISTER TAPES PROGRAM: Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner’s register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from these rebates are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner’s tapes only count when you use a Save-a-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. You can obtain a Save-a-Tape card at any Redner’s. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the Parish Office.

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 details or to purchase the cutlery, please call Denise Bucciaglia (610-468-4032).

CHRISTMAS WAFERS will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, November 30. There are 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested. Please call the parish office before coming for your wafers. Wafers available on a first come-first serve basis.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL - As the first Catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vibrant narrative. As the 2020-2021 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal begins, please consider joining the next faith-filled chapter of the seminary's story through your generosity. Your support provides for the seminarians and students of today, which helps nourish our hope in the future of our Church. A separate mailing has been sent to your homes. Please use the slip and envelope in that mailing to make your donation.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS OF DECEASED CHILDREN - In recognition of November being the Month of the Holy Souls and in anticipation of the holiday season, St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick, will host its annual special Mass in memory of deceased children, from pre-born to adult. The Mass will take place on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM. All loved ones who have lost a child(ren) are invited to be part of this Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to respond to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or call 610-287-2525, ext. 100 for personalized information and details. All are welcome! In light of the pandemic, social distancing will be practiced in the sanitized Church. No reception after Mass.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION on Wednesday, December 2 at Malvern Retreat House. Directed by Fr. Jim McGuinn. Cost is \$40 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and inspiring talks. Virtual cost is \$25 (an email with the Zoom link will be sent before 9:00 PM the night before the Retreat). Registration at 8:30 AM; Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM; Mass at 2:30 PM; Departure at 3:30 PM. Register online at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY is taking orders for Polish Christmas food items including babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb or raspberry cheese) for \$15; pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen; and kielbasa for \$5 per pound. Order pick up on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. Proceeds benefit the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church. To place an order, email smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY
DURING THE PANDEMIC**

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people,"
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.