

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

21 NOVEMBER 2021

Readings for Sunday, November 21: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

Readings for Sunday, November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.



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. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
22 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	William Collins	Ron & Carol Fry
23 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Ellen Nodolski	John & Trish Nodolski
24 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	Helyn & Andrew Pessaro	Jane Perkins
25 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	60 th Wedding Anniversary - Jack & Margie Bucciaglia	
27 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Andrea Abbonizio	Cliff & Barbara Keller
28 Nov	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, November 22 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, November 23 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join them.

2022 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for 2022 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
BARBARA PERLSTEIN from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;
BOB LUKASIK from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.



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Before settling in and sitting down at the Thanksgiving table this year offering a special thanks to God if one can avoid arguing about politics and presidents or vaccines and vaccinations with family and friends, it might be helpful to try something a little different. Some attempt to avoid heated Thanksgiving Day discussions by simply prohibiting talk of politics or religion at table. Others take a preemptive approach using diversionary tactics such as “arguing” about sports. I can imagine Deacon Ray and me at table together. We probably wouldn’t be talking about politics. No, we would be talking about Church matters. Our voices would simultaneously get louder as the argument started and ensued. Deacon would point his finger close at my face.



I would pound my fist on the table. His wife, Millie would walk away and into the other room tightly clutching her Cabernet shaking her head while leaving “the boys” to continue arguing about which archdiocese and city was the greater. Everyone knows, of course, that the City of Brotherly Love has it all over the Big Apple. I mean, come on man! In reality, Deacon Ray and I, do not and would not argue over that. Both cities and archdioceses are unique and have much to offer. We don’t even argue over sports. We have far more in common. No, I’m never going to be rooting for his Giants nor will he soon be singing the Eagles’ fight song. For us, unfortunately, it’s more often a shared misery that unites us along with praying for the eternal salvation of every Dallas fan. But, I for one, am looking forward to the 28th – and not just because it’s the First Sunday of Advent. I understand that Deacon Ray is already saying his prayers. Only one of us will be miserable later that day! Yes, some skillful diversionary tactics can be helpful as families gather this Thursday for Thanksgiving – and throughout the holiday season. Here is a particular tactical tip for everyone. At the end of Thanksgiving Day parades throughout the country, we know that the big guy in the red suit shows up. And you thought that he was busy only on December 24th. Santa arrives at the end as the Christmas season is ushered in. For us, that means Advent and expectations of a Messiah born in Bethlehem.



The Chosen is a very wonderful series on the Life of Christ. If you haven’t seen it, look it up online. Season three will hopefully soon be available. Online right now there is a short, twenty minute film called *The Shepherd* produced by the same folks. It might very well be the best Thanksgiving Day diversionary tactic ever. I recommend pulling it up on your smart TV, smart phone, or computer. Watch it Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. It is the short story of a stricken shepherd healed as he encounters the Christ on that first Christmas Day. Its viewing might prompt discussion and discovery among those who need it most and it’s a wonderful way to begin the holiday season and our Advent waiting. Opt not to argue this Thanksgiving, but to discuss and invite. As Church, we have a most wonderful message that needs to be ever newly proclaimed: *A Child is born unto us – He is Christ the Lord!* It is for this that we ultimately give thanks! All of us are stricken shepherds healed, just like in the short video. Now, go forth and proclaim the message beginning this Thanksgiving!



Peace!
Fr. Wilson

PS - On this first Thanksgiving for me at St. Gabe’s, I’m most grateful for all of you and your many kindnesses, support, and prayers! I’m also grateful for a most wonderful staff along with a faithful, Giants loving Deacon and his wife! Together this Advent, let’s proclaim that most important message as above all we root for God’s Team!

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WEEKLY BUDGET..... \$5,000

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2021..... \$4,208

Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,594

Parish Giving - \$125

All Souls Collection - \$32

All Saints Collection - \$457

WEEKLY DEFICIT (\$792)

Year to Date Budget..... \$100,000

Year to Date Collections..... \$76,941

Average per week Collection..... \$3,847

Year to Date Deficit. (\$23,059)

Average per week Deficit..... (\$1,153)

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Deposit. \$4,147

2020-2021 Deficit to Date. (\$21,111)

Difference from previous year..... (\$1,948)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 27 & 28 will be the Collection for Christmas Flowers.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL - From forming our future priests and deacons, to educating the hundreds of lay men and women who study at the seminary, St. Charles' influence is far reaching. Please consider supporting our seminary by making a gift today using the envelope mailed to your home or one of the envelopes at the church entrances.

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 100

9:00 AM Mass - 124

Total Attendance - 224

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Pick up the weekend of December 11 & 12 after Masses. From Levengood Greenhouse, Douglassville.

Small single bloom RED ONLY Poinsettia - 4-1/2" pot

Cost - \$6.00

Name _____

Phone _____

Deadline for orders is November 28. Place in collection basket or drop off at parish office. Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.



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. **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. DECEMBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

November 8 - #104 - Jamelle Foster - \$50.00

November 9 - #212 - Mike Ondo - \$50.00

November 10 - #387 - unsold

November 11 - #117 - Donna Roncase - \$50.00

November 12 - #610 - Gene Harding - \$50.00

November 13 - #157 - unsold

November 14 - #411 - Kathy Pennypacker - \$100.00

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL THE HOLY SOULS. Please remember all the faithful departed in your prayers during this month.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 20/21



4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Choir, Nester; Break, Bracaglia & Tamaro

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Break, Gerasimowicz & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 27/28

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Choir, Durante; Break, Durante & George

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Break, Carr & Vitacco

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner

The last Sunday of each liturgical year celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Did you know...

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. Among other things, it reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. —excerpted from website of USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase. Items available are:

- (3) 6-1/2" paring knife - \$6.00
- (3) Vegetable peeler - \$8.00
- (8) Server spoon/spatula - \$6.00
- (3) Utility/Steak Knife - \$6.50
- (1) Stubby Butcher - \$9.00

Please call the parish office at 610-326-5127 for purchase and pick up.

PAR-ReCycle Works in St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish parking lot on November 21 from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Bring your used electronics! No batteries, please.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION - FORTY HOURS 2021 at Cathedral Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul and Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel, Philadelphia - Sunday, November 28 to Tuesday, November 30. Visit www.archphila.org/nothingcompares for details.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE - Place orders for Babkas, pierogi and kielbasa by December 1. Pick up December 10 and 11 from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. Call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) to place orders.

FORMED.org All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studied.



OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of Church beginning Saturday, November 27 until

Sunday, January 2. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are: Winter car seat covers, soft newborn toys (no stuffed animals), size 3 diapers, baby clothes sizes 6 mo - 18 mo, winter coats size 12 & 18 months, maternity jogger pants, elastic bottom newborn gowns. Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give.