

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22 NOVEMBER 2020

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

The Lord Jesus is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will “judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats,” between those who have lived their lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

Readings for Sunday, November 29: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.

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>
23 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed	
25 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Bob & Vivie Fitch
26 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	Timothy Reilly	Mom & Dad
27 Nov.	FRI.	NO MASS	
28 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
29 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Neil Hipszer	Barbara & Michael

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 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.



We welcome ANNA DISCHER who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

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

Last Sunday, I spoke about how our parish was responding to the uptick in cases of Covid. Since repetition is the mother of learning, I wanted to reiterate a few things in this space. As always in this situation, things are changing rapidly, and because of print deadlines, it's always possible that what gets printed here will have changed by the time you see it, but there isn't much we can do about that.

We're doing what we can as a parish to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners. The church building is cleaned and sanitized regularly. We've done our best to avoid having shared materials, e.g. hymnals. We're using more instrumental music instead of singing since there are concerns about increased transmission when people sing. Confessions are heard in the cry room where there is a greater opportunity for distancing. PREP is following all guidance and directives.

But while we are doing what we can as an institution, we need you, as individuals to do your part as well: wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, not socializing in the building after Mass, keeping adequate spacing, etc. As I mentioned last week, this is especially important in the Communion Procession. When you come up to receive Holy Communion, please be sure you maintain spacing with the person in front of you and keep your mask on. You should remove your mask as you approach the priest or minister of Communion – before extending your hands to receive – and then replace your mask as soon as you have consumed the Sacred Host and start back to your pew.

Starting next weekend, we will be including the text of the readings for Sunday Mass in the bulletin and will have the bulletin available for you as you enter the church, so that those who like to follow along with the readings will have that opportunity. However, if you take a bulletin as you enter the church, please take it with you when you leave. This isn't just for sanitation purposes, but also to help keep the church looking nice. Also, no reading the rest of the bulletin during the homily – no matter how boring the priest is!

We begin Advent and a new liturgical year next week. Don't forget that our confession schedule changes a bit on Saturday – we'll now have them starting at 3:00. We'll be publishing the full schedule for Advent and Christmas soon.

Finally, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families. With all the chaos and uncertainty this year has brought, it is still important for us to take the time to thank God for all the blessings we do have. Whatever your celebration may look like this year, be sure to express your gratitude and be mindful of those who may not be able to enjoy all the good things you do. Be safe, and enjoy the holiday.

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan



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

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020.....	\$4,147
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,005
Parish Giving -	\$105
Parish Property Maintenance -	\$1,037
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$853)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$100,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$78,889
Average per week Collection	\$3,944
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$21,111)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,056)
<i>NOVEMBER 17, 2019</i>	
Deposit.....	\$4,878
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.....	(\$20,891)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$220)



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 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.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- November 9 - #266 - unsold
- November 10 - #667 - unsold
- November 11 - #617 - Shirley & Arlene - \$50.00
- November 12 - #577 - unsold
- November 13 - #453 - John Nodolski - \$50.00
- November 14 - #241 - unsold
- November 15 - #390 - unsold

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, November 28 and 29 will be for the Christmas Flower Offerings.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
NOVEMBER DRAWING - M/M Ronald Fry - \$274.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 14/15:
4:00 PM Mass - 90
9:00 AM Mass - 107
Total Attendance - 197

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL: We are grateful to Seminarian Thomas Meinert for joining us this weekend and sharing his experience at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. 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 one of the envelopes found at the church entrances or the envelope mailed to your home. You can also make a donation by visiting www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MEMORIES 'N' MORE
610-326-1911

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

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.



OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of church beginning Saturday, November 28 until Sunday, January 3. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown.

Items most needed are:

Preemie baby girl clothing, diapers sizes Newborn to 3, baby clothing sizes 12 month and 18 month, Maternity clothes sizes XL and XXL, Maternity leggings all sizes, Maternity tops size S. They can also use any other baby items. Help us decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give. Ornaments are in a box next to the Giving Tree.

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.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY presented by Mother Boniface Spirituality Center. begins November 24 and will be every Tuesday, concluding on December 15. Each session is from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom. There is no charge to attend, however, free will offerings are greatly appreciated. You can register for one or all four sessions by emailing mbcretreat@msbt.org or by calling 267-350-1831.

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.