

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## 25 NOVEMBER 2018

**Readings for Sunday, November 25:** Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

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

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

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**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.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
26 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	Timothy Reilly	Mom & Dad
28 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed	
29 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	Marie Dori & family	Phyllis Villano
30 Nov.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Stephen Pinder Family	Francis J. Czeiner Family
1 Dec.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Dec.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



**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 26 at 7:15 PM in the Convent building.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Thursday, November 29 at 7:15 Pm in the Convent building.

**2019 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day during 2019 can be made at the parish office beginning Monday, November 26. Mass stipend is \$10.00 for weekday Masses and \$15.00 for weekend Masses.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, November 26. There are 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested. Wafers available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday, November 30.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 1-2:

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers - Terry Donnelly, George Siver, Tony Vitacco, Helen George, John Bracaglia, Nikki Gambino

Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly

Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Marie Hildebrand

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio

Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Lori Carr, Rita Templin, Cindy Nore

Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

### Weekend of November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - "What's inside St. Gabriel Church?"

This question has been asked of me by adults as well as children and so I thought I would write an article explaining many of the things you would find inside our Church. Sometimes we take these items for granted and other times we want to know specifics but never ask.

**Stations of the Cross** are a series of pictures, paintings, or engravings on the wall inside the Church depicting the passion of Christ (the events leading to his death). The faithful use them as aids in prayer. We have fourteen Stations of the Cross on the walls of our Church.

**Holy Water Font**, is a container for holy water placed at the doors to the Church. People use the water to bless themselves as they enter and leave the church. The real significance of taking holy water is to remind us of our Baptism.

**Pew** is a seat for worshipers in the Church. The kneeler is in front of the pew and can be put down for kneeling. We have many pews and that is where you sit on the weekend. Don't forget to genuflect before you enter the pew as a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament.

**Confessional** is a room or private area where the Sacrament of Reconciliation occurs. Our confessional is in the back of the Church. Sometimes, I use the sacristy for penance services. The penitent always has the option of face-to-face or anonymous Confessions.

**Ambo** is the podium or lectern from which the readings are proclaimed. It takes its name from a word meaning "elevated," and is based on the raised platforms from which rabbis read.

**Baptismal Font** is the basin containing blessed water in which new members of the Church are baptized. The water in the font may be moving, representing the "living water" by which people are reborn into the faith. Our font is in the front of the Church on the Blessed Mother's Side.

**Statue** is a likeness of Jesus, a member of the Holy Family, a saint or an angel that helps people recall the example of the person depicted. The faithful do not worship statues, they serve only as a reminder and source of inspiration.

**Paschal Candle** is the large wax candle that is blessed on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil. It represents the light of Christ. It is lit for Baptisms and funerals.

**Crucifix** is a cross with the figure of the crucified Christ on it. Its purpose is to remind us of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Altar** is the table on which the Eucharistic sacrifice is offered. It is both a sacrificial altar, recalling Christ's sacrifice, and a table around which we gather for the meal, the Eucharist. Eucharist comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving."

**Tabernacle** is the gold repository behind our main altar. It holds the consecrated hosts of Christ's actual presence.

**Sanctuary Lamp** is a light, normally a burning candle, contained within red glass that is placed before the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. It reminds us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle.

**Censer, or Thurible**, is the metal container in which incense is burned. The fragrant smoke that rises symbolizes our prayer rising to God. We usually use this at funerals and at Benediction.

**President's Chair** is the chair for the priest (Fr. Hickey) or the main celebrant of the Mass. It usually is on a platform but because of my feet and legs, I have it on the floor.

**Ambry** is the box in which the Holy Oils are kept. They are kept in glass jars near the Baptismal Font. The Holy Oils are used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. They are: Oil of Catechumens, Sacred Chrism, and Oil of the Sick. They are blessed by Archbishop Chaput on Holy Thursday morning every year and then distributed to the parishes.

Perhaps, you can save this article and have your children identify all of these items in the Church. They can learn the names of all of the items.

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner with your families and are enjoying the weekend. This is the last weekend of the Liturgical Year and next weekend, we will begin the Season of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

Fr. Hickey



**WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, December 16**

**1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown**

Includes Soup, Salad, Entree and Dessert

Entree Choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ SEARED SALMON FILLET - Maple Mustard Sauce with Sautéed Winter Greens and Warm German Style German Potato Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ SAUTÉED CHICKEN BREAST - With Pickled Cranberry, Plum and Cider Bourbon Glaze with Potato Gratin and Sautéed Winter Greens

\_\_\_\_\_ SUNFLOWER CAFÉ'S VERY SPECIAL BEEF STEW - Slow Cooked Beef and Winter Vegetables with Polenta Dumpling

\_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN OPTION - Wide Pasta tossed with Winter Greens and Walnut Pesto, Grilled Butternut Squash and White Beans

Member Price - \$25.00; Non-Member Price - \$30.00.

Holy Trinity Women's Club Members invited for \$25.00.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entree and payment due by Sunday, December 9. Place in collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

*Parish Support*

Due to an early print schedule, figures from the November 18 collection will be printed in the December 2 bulletin.



**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. 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.**

**OUR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** will be in the vestibule of Church beginning next weekend, December 1 and 2 until Sunday, January 6.. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are: size 0 to 3 diapers, especially size 3; Wipes...we never have enough of these; Hand sanitizer for diaper bags; Shampoo, baby wash, diaper cream...no powder please; Size Newborn through 18 months infant cloths for boys and girls, especially 0 to 3 months and 18 months; Receiving blankets and changing pads; Bibs; bottles; hooded bath towels and crib sheets; small infant toys for ages newborn to 3 months. Help us decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give. Ornaments are in the box next to the Giving Tree. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we review the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, we are aware of the example and contribution of outstanding men and women in consecrated religious life. Here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katherine Drexel stand out prominently and we revere their memory. These two notable figures invite us to reflect upon the ministry and service of those unsung consecrated religious, so very many throughout the decades, that have built up our local Church.

These consecrated persons, men and women, have lived out their sacred calling in exemplary fashion. By their service in education, health ministry, caring for the most needy, and in contemplative life they have been visible instruments of God's grace. Living out daily their faithful commitment, they have enabled persons of every background to accept and rejoice in the Gospel.

With gratitude for their dedicated service and yet recognizing the situation confronting so many congregations with declining vocations and caring for their senior members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This collection provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate gratitude and personal concern for how they have affected each of us.

As Archbishop and as a Religious, I ask prayers for our consecrated persons who strive to live out their special calling. Likewise, I encourage your generous support for this national collection scheduled for December 1-2, 2018. May the Lord reward your generosity and may His peace fill your hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap  
Archbishop of Philadelphia