

# St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

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Hours:

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Other occasions by  
appointment

**Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Holydays:

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

NO VIGIL MASS

**Confessions**

Saturday

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Other times by appointment

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- P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Programs)  
Grades PreK to 6: Sundays - 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
  - Choir Practice: Tuesdays - 7:00 PM
  - Sorrowful Mother Rosary Guild: Thursdays - 9:30 AM
  - Senior Citizens: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays - 1:30 PM
  - Women's Society: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays - 7:00 PM
  - Parish Council: Meets monthly, except Dec., July, Aug.
  - Finance Council: Meets monthly, except Dec., July, Aug.
  - R.C.I.A.: As needed
  - Grief Counseling - Consult the Parish Website
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**Baptisms:** Arrangements for Baptism can be made at the Parish Office prior to or after the baby's birth. A Pre-Jordan session is required of new parents. Please call the Religious Education Office for these arrangements. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. A certificate of eligibility is required.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with the Pastor in order to provide for all Archdiocesan requirements.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** All are encouraged to receive this Sacrament prior to hospitalization for surgery or if suffering from a serious sickness. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Registration:** New people or families that are moving into the parish are asked to call the office and make an appointment with Fr. Hickey to register in the parish. We welcome you and ask that you will be an integral member of the parish community by attending Mass on Sunday and contributing to the support of the parish by being a good steward.

If you have moved, please let us know so we can change our records.

Please email the office and give us your current email as we are trying to go "green".

**Parish Bulletin Deadline:** Mondays, 9:00 AM. Requests should be typed or printed and can be sent by mail, e-mail or fax. We reserve the right to edit.

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 20 AUGUST 2017

**Readings for Sunday, August 20:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

**Readings for Sunday, August 27:** Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20.

**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.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
21 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Andy Lopuski, Sr.	Wife, Irene
23 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Rita Bernas	Sherman Family
24 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Marian & Shirley Dwojak	Stanley Dwojak
25 Aug. FRI. 9:00 AM	Carol Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
26 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Lt. Col. Anthony Sherman	Droege Family
27 Aug. SUN. 9:00 AM	People 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.



We welcome JAMES & ARLENE ALMO and JACOB & MARY ANN DAILEY who recently joined our Parish!

**PARISH COUNCIL** - Any parishioners interested in joining the Parish Council are asked to e-mail Fr. Hickey at [gickey@sgsm62.org](mailto:gickey@sgsm62.org) by August 25.

**MAGNIFICAT** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their SEPTEMBER issue at the parish office.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: **RONALD BEAN** from Jack & Margie Buccigliata and family.

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

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Tony Vitacco  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Rita Nore, John Bracaglia, Shelly Stockmal, Terry Donnelly  
 Altar Servers - Maeve Donnelly, Kiersten Donnelly  
 Greeters - Nikki Gambino and Ginger Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Gary and Debbie Huster, Helen George  
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller  
 Greeter - Sylvia & Tom Marcheskie

**“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!”** For further information, please call the parish office.

## Something to think about from Fr. Hickey

Mike Snyder - [www.kubik.org/lighter/englisheasy.htm](http://www.kubik.org/lighter/englisheasy.htm)

*You think English is easy!!!???*

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language! There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French Fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why when the stars are out they are visible but when the lights are out they are invisible.

P.S. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this ...

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP'.

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, who do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP! When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP.

p.s. This gives one a new appreciation for a foreigner trying to learn the English language. This took a lot of time to compose this and as I was reading this last year, I thought, thank heavens the Scriptures were written in Greek and not in English. Even though the words are spelled the same, our brains are able to comprehend the differences.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 13, 2017.....	\$3,445
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,360
Parish Giving -	\$85
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,555)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$35,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$27,087
Average per week Collections.....	\$3,870
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$7,913)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,130)

*AUGUST 14, 2016*

Deposit.....	\$4,214
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$8,122)
Difference from previous year.....	\$209

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sponsored by the Women's Society**

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser:** Tickets currently available. When you purchase your ticket for ONLY \$5.00, you can shop all day on October 17 with a shopping pass good for a 25% discount on purchases on that day from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Buy them also for family members and friends. Tickets available at the parish office.

**Movie Night** on September 8.

**Kauffman's Chicken BBQ** on October 8.

More information to follow on these events. Thank you for supporting the Women's Society and your parish.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for August 12/13:**

4:00 PM Mass - 193

9:00 AM Mass - 157

Total Attendance - 350

Mass Attendance for August 13/14, 2016 - 295



**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. **Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

August 7 - #628 - Linda Long - \$50.00

August 8 - #635 - unsold

August 9 - #646 - unsold

August 10 - #242 - Robert Fitch - \$50.00

August 11 - #745 - Buck Reibsame - \$50.00

August 12 - #922 - unsold

August 13 - #588 - unsold

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**BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, August 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall, Pennsburg. Call Peter Frank (215-679-6942) to schedule an appointment.



**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**  
**to benefit St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church**  
**Friday, September 22**  
**11:00 AM Shotgun Start**  
**Held at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville**  
**Rain or Shine**

\$85.00 per golfer includes Hot dog/sauerkraut Lunch, Post-play Banquet, Refreshments throughout the day, Door Prizes and Individual and Team Skill Prizes. Our goal is to have 72 golfers at our outing. Help us reach our goal by coming out to golf and invite your friends.

Banquet Guest only - cost is \$20.00 per person.

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Family Sponsor - \$25.00

Prize Sponsor - \$50.00

Course Refreshment Sponsor - \$75.00

Hole Sponsor - \$100.00

Food Sponsor - \$250.00

Event Sponsor - \$300.00

For more information, sponsorships or registration, please call the parish office or email [contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org).

Come join us for a day of golf and lots of fun!

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**STATE OF VOCATIONS ADDRESS** - Join the Vocation Office on Facebook live on Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 PM. See how you can cooperate with the Vocations Office in creating an atmosphere in your homes, schools, parishes and communities that foster and encourage vocations and assist young men in answering God's call.  
<https://www.facebook.com/phillypriest/>

**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M., CAP. REGARDING RACIAL VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**

Racism is a poison of the soul. It's the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness that has never fully healed. Blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity. Thus the wave of public anger about white nationalist events in Charlottesville this weekend is well warranted. We especially need to pray for those injured in the violence.

But we need more than pious public statements. If our anger today is just another mental virus displaced tomorrow by the next distraction or outrage we find in the media, nothing will change. Charlottesville matters. It's a snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed; a collapse of restraint and mutual respect now taking place across the country. We need to keep the images of Charlottesville alive in our memories. If we want a different kind of country in the future, we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts, and an insistence on the same in others. That may sound simple. But the history of our nation and its tortured attitudes toward race proves exactly the opposite.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** - Join us at our Senior Citizens meetings! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM. The only requirement for membership is to be 55 years or older. We are strictly a fun group. No dues - when you attend a meeting, you pay \$1.00 - this covers the cost of coffee and donuts. Annual trip to the American Music Theatre Christmas Show on November 14. Bus leaves from the front of church at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$65.00 for the show and bus. Lunch at the Cracker Barrel - order from the menu. Any questions, call Shirley (610-326-1128).

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