

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

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Parish Office
Fairview & Monroe Streets
Summer Hours:

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Fridays
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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
 - Senior Citizens: 2nd Tuesdays - 1:30 PM
 - Women's Society: 1st 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

19 AUGUST 2018

Readings for Sunday, August 19: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

Wisdom has prepared a banquet of food and wine, an image expressive of God's communion with us. For those who desire life, Jesus gives his own flesh and blood. Thus we shall be filled with the Spirit.

Readings for Sunday, August 26: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

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>
20 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Sister M. Electa Barlok	Jack & Lori Carr
22 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Frances Rulli	Tom & Dottie Rulli
23 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Joseph Heil	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
24 Aug. FRI. 9:00 AM	John Kruszewski	Alice Bakowicz
25 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Ron Bean	Mayberry Family
26 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.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS on Tuesday, October 16 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. \$5.00 shopping pass for 25% off purchases made that day. Available now at the parish office and will be on sale after Masses during September and October. Benefits St. Gabriel Women's Society and your church.

DO YOU FEEL LUCKY? Trip to Bally's Casino, Atlantic City on Wednesday, October 10. Departs at 9:30 AM from church area, arriving home approximately 8:00 PM. Cost is \$28 which includes bus transportation, gratuity, and \$20 back in slot play. Reservations MUST be paid by September 7. For more details call Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030). Sponsored by St. Gabriel's Women's Society. All invited (men & women), but must be 21 years of age.

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

<u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 25/26:</u>
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Lector - John Nester
Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Terry Donnelly, John Bracaglia
Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly and Michael Holmes
Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie
Extraordinary Ministers - Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia, Helen George
Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

The following article was written by Monsignor George A. Majoros

Monsignor is the Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill and Sacred Heart in Clifton Heights, PA.

Both parishes are in our Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Monsignor Majoros is a classmate of mine and my best friend in the Priesthood.

In addition to being Pastor of two churches, he was appointed by Pope Francis to be a Missionary of Mercy.

(The article is being reprinted with Msgr. Majoros' permission)

This summer has presented us with challenging weather: rain, heat and humidity. For people with respiratory and heart issues, or those with bad arthritis it has been very difficult. The news this summer about the allegations of sexual abuse and improprieties surrounding former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, as well as the impending release of a grand jury report of six dioceses in Pennsylvania concerning allegations of sexual abuse and cover-ups by members of the Catholic Church has been devastating, horrendous, and extremely difficult to take. I'm angry about this and I am sure I am not alone in feeling this way.

I met a priest from Chile this past April when I was in Rome for the gathering of the Missionaries of Mercy. He was working on a commission of various experts who were trying to learn how to address the issues of violence and abuse, especially sexual abuse in society and in the Church. I remember him telling me the victims need to be believed and listened to so they can heal and we need to do all we can in order to protect the dignity of all peoples, especially the most vulnerable. I believe as a Church that we still need to do more.

I can only imagine that when the grand jury report is released, it will be real ugly and extremely hard to accept. We will find it very painful and there will be a lot of emotional responses all over the news. What can we do? I know that I need to remember to pray for the victims - for their ongoing healing and support to wholeness. Can this be helpful for you?

Please remember that on this day, 101 years ago, Our Lady appeared the fourth time to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal. During prior visits, Our Lady asked the children to pray the rosary daily and make reparation for sinners. At the end of this fourth apparition, Our Lady said to them: **PRAY, PRAY VERY MUCH, AND MAKE SACRIFICES FOR SINNERS; FOR MANY SOULS GO TO HELL, BECAUSE THERE ARE NONE TO SACRIFICE FOR THEMSELVES AND TO PRAY FOR THEM!**

Our Lady's request reminds me that I need to sacrifice and make reparation not only for my own sins but the sins of others, especially those who have harmed others. I need to pray for the perpetrators too as the Lord reminds me in His Sermon on the Mount: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45); and again, as I pray the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:12-14). This challenge is worse than the weather and bad arthritis. But I accept the challenge because Our Lady reminds me to pray and make sacrifices and Our Lord asked me. Can this be helpful for you?

May we follow Our Lady's advice and pray, pray, pray. Please consider offering the rosary for the healing and support of those abused; in reparation for the sins against humanity and human dignity; for the spiritual renewal of our Church, clergy and society. Please consider going to another Mass during the week and offering that Mass for these or other intentions for renewal, the grace of perseverance and greater faith, hope and love for God and neighbor. Our Lord will provide the grace if we ask, seek and knock. If we join our hearts and voices in prayer and work together we will protect God's children and those most vulnerable. And we will be His instruments bringing greater integrity and virtues to our Church, our families and our society

Have a good week!

Fr. Gregory J. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 12, 2018.....	\$4,676
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,397
Parish Giving -	\$120
Air Conditioning Collection -	\$1,159
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$324)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$35,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$26,979
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,854
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$8,021)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,146)
<i>August 13, 2017</i>	
Deposit.....	\$3,445
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$7,913)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$108)



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.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- August 6 - #531 - Janelle Foster - \$50.00
- August 7 - #038 - unsold
- August 8 - #112 - unsold
- August 9 - #737 - unsold
- August 10 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- August 11 - #153 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- August 12 - #464 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 11/12:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 178
- 9:00 AM Mass - 136
- Total Attendance - 314
- Mass Attendance for August 12/13, 2017 - 350

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"CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL". For further information, please call the parish office.

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 Marian Devotions.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: VALENTINO RULLI from Jeannine Ferrante.

SECOND ANNUAL STATE OF VOCATIONS ADDRESS - Join the Vocation Office on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/phillypriest) on Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 PM.

NOVENA FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Each Friday, between August 3 and September 28 the standing weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the intention of this Novena.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, August 22 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville - doors open at 7:00 PM, talk starts at 7:30 PM. Saturday, August 25 - Annual Summer Retreat at St. Eleanor Parish, Collegeville. Visit www.metanoiayoungadults.org for more details.

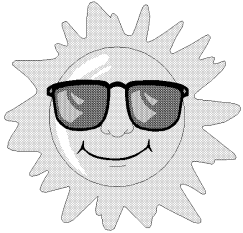
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11TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

to benefit Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church
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Friday, September 21, 2018
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Rain or Shine



To do your part in supporting our parish, the following sponsorships are available:

- **Family Sponsor** **\$25.00**
- **Prize Sponsor** **\$50.00**
- **Course Refreshment Sponsor** **\$75.00**
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- **Food Sponsor** **\$250.00**
- **Event Sponsor** **\$300.00**

To sign up as a Sponsor, Golfer or Banquet Guest contact:
St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church
Kathy Bernhard
127 E. Howard Street
Stowe, PA 19464

Phone: 610-326-5127 Fax: 610-326-5749
E-mail: contact@sgsm62.org

Please sign up the following for the Golf Outing:

1st Golfer: _____

2nd Golfer: _____

3rd Golfer: _____

4th Golfer: _____

Banquet Guest Only: _____

Amount Enclosed:

_____ x \$85.00 per Golfer

_____ x \$25.00 per Banquet Guest

Our goal is to have 72 golfers at our outing. Help us reach our goal by coming out to golf and invite your friends.

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