

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 AUGUST 2017

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

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and to loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever!

Readings for Sunday, September 3: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

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>
28 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Anna & Joseph Walker	Francis J. Czeiner Family
30 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Frances Gauger	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
31 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Earl Keck	Wife, Cathy
1 Sept. FRI. 9:00 AM	Anna Marie Ross	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
2 Sept. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 Sept. 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.

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.

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

Thank You! from Birthright of Pottstown for the donations from the Spiritual Adopt-A-Baby Shower. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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

<u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 2/3:</u>
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Lector - John Nester
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Vince Tammaro, Mara Tammaro, Nikki Gambino, Cindy Nore, Terry Donnelly, Shelly Stockmal
Altar Servers - Maeve Donnelly, Brigid Donnelly
Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Marie Hildebrand
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lector - Jack Bucciaglia
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Rita Templin, Lori Carr, Cristin Bucciaglia, Chris Gerasimowicz, Helen George
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
Greeter - Sylvia & Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Weekend of August 26th and 27th, 2017

If you are spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. I've gone for 30 years now, he wrote, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 homilies, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them so, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving homilies at all.

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

B.I.B.L.E. - BIBLE simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Did you know that? When you carry "the Bible", Satan has a head-ache; when you open it, he collapses; when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, AND when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you! When you are about to copy and paste this or share it with others, the devil will discourage you!

There is much to ponder with the church goer and the husband talking about his wife.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey



10TH 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.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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.

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

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET..... \$5,000
 DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 20, 2017. \$4,743
 Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,592
 Parish Giving - \$90
 Assumption Collection - \$1,061
 WEEKLY DEFICIT. (\$257)

Year to Date Budget..... \$40,000
 Year to Date Collections..... \$31,830
 Average per week Collections..... \$3,979
 Year to Date Deficit. (\$8,170)
 Average per week Deficit..... (\$1,021)

AUGUST 21, 2016

Deposit. \$3,588
 2016-2017 Deficit to Date. (\$9,534)
 Difference from previous year.. \$1,364

SENIOR CITIZENS - Join us at our Senior Citizens meetings! We meet the 2nd 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).



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.**

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 177
 9:00 AM Mass - 149
 Total Attendance - 326
 Mass Attendance for August 20/21, 2016 - 336

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 22 - note change in date!

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.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

August 14 - #421 - Holly Heimbach - \$50.00
 August 15 - #907 - unsold
 August 16 - #157 - unsold
 August 17 - #971 - unsold
 August 18 - #483 - unsold
 August 19 - #856 - unsold
 August 20 - #641 - unsold

ZOOK'S HOMEMADE AMISH APPLE DUMPLINS SALE

made in Lancaster County

Saturday, September 16 - pick up after 4:00 PM Mass

Cost: \$3.00 each

Pre-orders and pre-payment only

_____ Number of Apple Dumplins

_____ Amount of payment enclosed

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Last date to order is August 31.

Place orders in collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL now accepting Pre-K (3 year olds) - 8th grade applications! Call 610-326-6167 to schedule an appointment. Join our family today! Visit www.saintaloyiusschool.com.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER for Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. 2 to 3 days a week, 8:30AM to 4:00PM. Email resume to olme2@olme.org.