

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 AUGUST 2021

Readings for Sunday, August 1: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

Readings for Sunday, August 8: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church.
Benediction at 5:00 PM.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
2 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Theodore P. Kensicki	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
3 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Anna Smith	Jim & Anna Baldasano
4 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
5 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Robert C. Fisher	Tony Vitacco
7 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Decd. Members of Ivanowicz Family	Norman Family
8 Aug. SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church.



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially ANNA HANE.

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.



ST. GABRIEL PARISH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is scheduled for Friday, September 24 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. Cost per golfer is \$95.00 (includes lunch, post-play

banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes). Plan on joining us for a day of golf and lots of fun! Look for more details in future parish bulletins.

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.



THE INSTALLATION of Father Wilson as Pastor of Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish will be held on Sunday, August 15 at the 9:00 AM Mass.



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Truth be told, I was never an altar server as a kid. I was just a tad shy and didn't want to be in front of everybody on the altar. Looking back, I missed out on a lot of fun, altar server trips, and picnics besides. The servers had camaraderie with one another and a unique rapport with the pastor and priests of the parish. They got to see the "behind the scenes" preparation for Mass and were a part of it. They were also part of the cleaning-up afterwards. As a priest, I have enjoyed working with many youthful altar servers over the years. I've also certainly enjoyed working with adult servers, but the young servers always brought something unique with them to the altar: their youthfulness. At times, this meant being frozen like a deer caught in the headlights in the middle of the road. At other times, it meant passing out and bringing down the Christmas tree as one goes down for the count (she was okay - just tired, hungry, and lightheaded). I've had vomiting servers and servers needing a potty break - immediately! Then, at times, there was the early morning Mass "bed head" and yawns so wide that I could count the back molars of the squire standing in front of me holding the book. Of course, I've had tall servers to whom I had to look up (still do) and shorter ones more my stature. This brings me to Gabe, who is more my stature at the moment. Attending daily Mass faithfully with his grandmom, how could I not strike up a conversation with him?



Ah, the life of a young lad during the summer between fourth and fifth grade! There's lots of playing to be done, a whole world to explore, and apparently an invasive species of crawfish in the Manatawny to be caught and frozen...yes, frozen (You'll have to ask Gabe. He'll be happy to explain). Eventually, I posed this question: would you like to serve at the altar? His affirmative answer was immediate, but first, of course, mom would have to give approval as grandmom had already done. This past Tuesday, I formally installed Gabriel as an altar server at Mass. Congratulations, Gabe! He had a practice run on Monday with Tony, our faithful sacristan, providing on-the-job training. I'm happy to have my young friend serving and you should be too. The youth of our Church today are Her future tomorrow. Getting them involved and making sure they know that they are a needed part of our community helps ensure that future. Sometimes all one has to do is ask - that's exactly what Jesus did. Now, about those crawfish...

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Collections ©PPG *thank you*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 25, 2021.....	\$3,464
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,309
Parish Giving -	\$155
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,536)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$20,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$14,785
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,696
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$5,215)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,304)

JULY 26, 2020

Deposit.....	\$3,380
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.....	(\$5,240)
Difference from previous year.....	\$25

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 135
 9:00 AM Mass - 107
 Total Attendance - 242

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the annual Mission Co-operative Collection. This year the collection will be for the Society of Divine Vocations, also known as the Vocationist Fathers. They carry out ministry in parishes, schools and missions in 14 countries which most are in need of assistance like Ecuador, Colombia, India, Argentina, Brazil, Madagascar, Nigeria, Chile, Indonesia and the Phillipines. A representative of the Vocationist Fathers will be here next weekend to speak on behalf of the Society of Divine Vocations.



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. AUGUST LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES ON THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- July 19 - #604 - unsold
- July 20 - #283 - unsold
- July 21 - #597 - unsold
- July 22 - #539 - Karen Levan - \$50.00
- July 23 - #942 - unsold
- July 24 - #268 - Jamelle Foster - \$50.00
- July 25 - #680 - unsold

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 31/August 1

- 4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Nester
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Choir, Durante; Break, Durante
 Altar Server -
 Greeter - Gambino
- 9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Vitacco
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Break, Donnelly
 Altar Server - Donnelly
 Greeter - Carr