

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 AUGUST 2020

Readings for Sunday, August 16: 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 recognizes the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

Readings for Sunday, August 23: 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 Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
17 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Thomas Catalinas	Tony Vitacco
19 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Sr. Bernadette Anne, OSF	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
20 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	James Newmeyer	Bonnie Stankunas
21 Aug.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Sr. Electa, OSF	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
22 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
23 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Catherine (Kasha) Query	Tony Vitacco

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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 PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 PM on Friday, September 21.

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



OUR ANNUAL PARISH GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, September 25 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. More details in the bulletin next weekend.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their SEPTEMBER issue at the parish office. Please call prior to coming for your book.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

There have been quite a few headlines lately about different school districts and what they plan to do for the upcoming year in the midst of this pandemic. One day it's "_____ School District is going online only." The next it's "_____ Schools will be following a hybrid model." A couple days later, another district makes its decision. Whatever the decision may be, I get the sense that parents, students, teachers, staff, and even the public are all waiting with bated breath to see what their district will do—and for good reason. In some ways, it reminds me of being a kid and waiting for snow closing announcements to be broadcast. It felt like a game: when is the school going to make the decision? Which station is going to have it first? As a kid, the announcement of a snow day was a cause for celebration. As an adult, I've come to realize that a delay or cancellation isn't always so joyful for parents. Someone has to supervise the kids all day, and that can mean a missed day of work or an extra trip (in bad weather no less!) to drop them off with a friend or relative before getting to work.

The decision to close or delay school for a day because of a snowstorm is one thing; deciding what to do for a span of months in response to this pandemic is a much more complicated issue with more far-reaching consequences. I sympathize with the school administrators who have to have discussions and make those decisions; it's far from easy.

While it's not of the same magnitude, a similar discussion has to happen with regard to our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), and decisions have to be made about how we carry out this vital parish ministry while keeping our children and their catechists safe. The other day Maria Boyer (our Director of Religious Education) and I met for several hours to discuss options and solidify plans.

I'm happy to say that we are planning to resume PREP in the Fall with in-person instruction. Because we have a small program running in a dedicated building, we can adequately comply with all guidelines and safety measures. There will be some changes to the normal routine, of course, which Mrs. Boyer will be communicating with our families as we get closer to the start of the year. We'll also be working on alternate plans just in case a shut-down is ordered or to accommodate those who may not be comfortable sending their children to an in-person classroom, but we both feel that the benefits of an in-person program make it worth pursuing as much as possible. If you'd like more information, or if you need to register your children for PREP, please contact Mrs. Boyer. I know some of our families aren't comfortable coming back to Mass yet, so I'll ask those of you who are reading this to help spread the word. If you know anyone with school-age children, this would be a good opportunity to give them a nudge and encourage them to register their children as well.

While it's hard to believe it's back-to-school time already, it's a reality. The new school year will be here soon. Let's pray that it will be a safe and healthy year for all of us, and keep up those prayers that the Lord will bring an end to this pandemic soon!

– Fr. Kiernan

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 9, 2020.	\$4,174
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,549
Parish Giving -	\$625
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$826)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$30,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$25,114
Average per week Collection	\$4,186
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$4,886)
Average per week Deficit	(\$814)

AUGUST 11, 2019

Deposit.	\$3,544
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$7,079)
Difference from previous year.....	\$2,193

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 22

& 23 will be for donations to purchase items needed for the Annual Parish Golf Outing.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 8/9:

4:00 PM Mass - 78
 9:00 AM Mass - 81
 Total Attendance - 159



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Society of St.

Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.



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 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.**

SEPTEMBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU to all who have been supporting this fund raiser.

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- August 3 - #996 - unsold
- August 4 - #243 - Victor Schue - \$50.00
- August 5 - #996 - unsold
- August 6 - #481 - unsold
- August 7 - #372 - unsold
- August 8 - #366 - unsold
- August 9 - #014 - unsold

2020 MASS BOOK - Requests for Mass intentions from September through December are now being accepted. Both weekday and weekend Masses are available - however, only a few weekend Masses are still open. The stipend of \$15.00 for weekend Masses and \$10.00 for weekday Masses must be paid at the time you request the Mass intention. Please contact the parish office to request Mass intentions.

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 in these special Marian Devotions.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

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CONFESSIONS are being heard in the Cry Room, for the time being instead of the sacristy. This will allow for more distance and air circulation than the confessional affords, but also give those going to confession a greater sense of privacy.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PROCESSION - Join us for outdoor Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House on August 16. We will begin at 2:00 PM outside of the Family Life Center. We will say the Rosary during the procession. Optional Stations of the Cross will follow. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and visit the grounds of the Malvern Retreat House.

WORLD MISSION ROSARY - Rosary Campaign for an end to the Coronavirus - A couple thousand people have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE! in the Archdiocese. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an end of the Coronavirus, especially now on Thursdays, as we pray in unity for our brothers and sisters in Mission lands world-wide. Schedule: every Thursday at 8:00 PM through October. For more details and a link to the rosary, visit www.phillyevang.org/rosary/ or dial-in by telephone (646-558-8656) - enter the Webinar ID: 494 480 541.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend comes to you in your own home! This may be the ideal time for married couples to take time to renew their commitment to marriage and to learn new tools of communication that can help in this very stressful time. The weekend experience has been adjusted to be presented over a series of nights via Zoom Meetings. Sessions: 8/31, 9/3, 9/8, 9/10, 9/14, 9/17, 9/21, 9/24. All sessions will start at 7:00 PM. Apply at: http://www.wwme.org/find-a-weekend-apply-today?search_by=&zip=&distance=20&state=&from=2020-08-31&to=2020-08-31 or call Al & Mary Liz Heumann (610-449-1859).

GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation continue to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick or at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19.

Mass will continue to be available via live-stream or on TV on Sundays. Live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 11:00 AM via www.archphila.org. On TV: 6ABC at 5:00 AM; ME TV at 7:00 AM, EWTN at 8:00 AM.

Before Entering Church

Please put on a face mask or face covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.” (CDC Guidelines). Missalettes will not be in the pews - you are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

Entering Church

Entrance to church by the MAIN FRONT DOORS and ELEVATOR DOOR only. Hand sanitizer is available at the Church entrances.

Seating

Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing. Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

Reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will only be distributed in front of the altar. Come forward using the center aisle and return to your pew using the side aisle. For those seated at the break who are unable to come forward, a minister will bring Communion to you after everyone else has received. Please remove your mask prior to approaching the priest or minister to receive Communion. Replace your mask after consuming the Sacred Host.

Exiting Church

Please exit Church using the SIDE DOORS or ELEVATOR DOOR only. Please do not congregate inside of Church after Mass for any reason. Please take a parish bulletin with you - they are at the side doors and elevator door. Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.