

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 AUGUST 2022

Readings for Sunday, August 21: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30.

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive right to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

Readings for Sunday, August 28: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.



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.



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
22 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Barry McGlauslin	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
23 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Ronnie Yost	Wife, Theresa
24 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Christopher Chizauskie	Grandmom, Anne
25 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Mateo Guarderas	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
27 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Marie Dellaquila	Husband & family
28 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners 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.



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



We welcome JHONA & NATHANIEL MILLER who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on September 6 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: CATHERINE REILLY from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia & family;
JOHN ZUENO from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia & family.



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I've never really been one to visit cemeteries. A conversation had on a lovely evening the other day while having dinner with some very fine folks reminded me of that. For a time, we spoke of some "end of life" matters, relevant Catholic

teachings, and some of our own experiences. I know, I know...gee, what a pleasant dinner conversation! Don't worry - we certainly did talk about other things as well! Besides, life and death are two sides of the coin that we call reality. The only time that I do seem to visit cemeteries is when I'm working. Than, I don't really have a choice. Plenty of people do, in fact, make visits on a regular basis. I have no problem with that. That's why we have cemeteries. Christmas and Easter are especially times when folks make visits in order to pray for and remember deceased relatives and friends. I remember one time "working" at the cemetery where my parents are buried. That time I wasn't too far from my mother's grave, so I did



wander over, located her plot, and said "Hi mom!" She was thrilled that I stopped. My grandmother is also buried there. I said "hello" to her as well. Cemeteries in our area and, especially, Catholic cemeteries tend to be large and at a distance from church. One usually has to go out of one's way to make a visit. Traditional church cemeteries are not that way. In the "old country," the cemetery is right outside the door of the church. In fact, in order to get into such churches, one must often pass right through the cemetery itself. Very shortly (if flights are on-time!), I will have the



opportunity to be at such a church once again. I will have no choice but to walk through the sacred ground in order to enter that church. Before I enter, I will, as always, take the opportunity to say "hello." I will give my greetings to my "adopted" Oma and the young man next to her that died tragically by his own hand. Then, I will walk a few steps in the other direction to see my old buddy, Sigi. Sadly, though still only in his forties, my good friend died of a brain tumor some years ago now. I will greet his parents that are there as well, along with an acquaintance that I was called upon to pray over in the middle of the night at the time of his sudden death. It's only then that I will enter the church knowing, in reality, that they have all already entered before me. Cemetery visits can indeed bring comfort and connection to loved ones that have gone before us. For myself, I have to admit that I feel no closer to my family and friends that have died than when I am at Mass. This is even more so the case as a priest. Holding the Eucharist in my hands;



looking at It and looking through It, as it were, allows me to be oh so close with all of them – especially with my mother and father. The Eucharist is sort of like a window through which I look. There, on the "other side," I can see them all. One day, I pray and hope that I will be with them. In the meantime, we simply give a wave to one another. Visiting cemeteries is certainly a good thing and can bring a person a sense of comfort and closeness. Visiting family and friends that have gone before us at church and seeing them in and through the Eucharist is even better – and even more comforting! Next time at church, give them all a wave – and please offer a sincere "hello" from me!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 14, 2022..... \$3,357
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$27,706
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$28,051

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, August 27 and 28, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY

610-705-0130



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all age groups.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
 in Your plan for our salvation
 You provide shepherds for Your
 People. Fill Your Church in the
 Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
 especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
 with the Spirit of courage and love.
 Raise up from our families future
 priests: worthy ministers for Your
 altars, generous and ardent
 servants of the Gospel.
 We ask this through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES



Pick up after Mass
Saturday, September 24
Sunday, September 25



NAME _____

PHONE _____

Apple Dumplings - \$4.00
 Quantity _____ Cost _____

6" Chicken Pot Pie - \$6.00
 Quantity _____ Cost _____

9" Chicken Pot Pie - \$11.00
 Quantity _____ Cost _____

All items will be delivered frozen.

Total Cost of order _____

Checks payable to: St. Gabriel Women's Society

Last day to order is September 10.

Although Zook's have raised their prices to us, we WILL NOT be passing the increase along to you. Prices remain the same as last year. Please support us with this popular sale.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 106

9:00 AM Mass - 108

Total Attendance - 214

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

The Corner

There is so much inspiration in the Bible, and it's relevant even today. Read this final verse of the Book of Psalms:

**"Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!
 Hallelujah!" —Psalm 150:6**



OUR PARISH 15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, September 23 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville - held rain or shine!

Cost: \$95.00 per golfer (includes golf fees, hot dog/sauerkraut lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes).

SPONSORSHIPS:

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

Come join us for a day of fun - ask your friends to join you! To register or to sign up for a Sponsorship, please contact Kathy at the Parish Office (610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org).



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.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

August 8 - #049 - unsold

August 9 - #606 - unsold

August 10 - #259 - Dan Ondo - \$50.00

August 11 - #130 - unsold

August 12 - #684 - unsold

August 13 - #287 - unsold

August 14 - #807 - Sue Hyland - \$100.00

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - "Called to be Saints: Three Portraits of Holiness" on September 2-4 (Friday 5 PM - Sunday 2 PM) at Malvern Retreat House, St. Joseph's Hall. For Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. Cost is \$175 (Scholarship is available). Call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com to register.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 27/28

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Vitacco; Choir, Tammaro

Altar Server -Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & Boyer

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN on Sunday, September 4 at 12:00 PM at National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Movie: *My Catholic Family: Padre Pio*. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Sweet treats will be available for donations from the movie snack cart. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB at the National Center for Padre Pio, Barto. Thursday, September 15 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Book: *The Pandemic of Padre Pio: Disciple of Our Lady of Sorrows*. Purchase your book from the gift shop at the National Center for Padre Pio or from the on-line store at www.padrepio.org. For more details or to register contact angela@padrepio.org.