

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 23 AUGUST 2020

**Readings for Sunday, August 23:** 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 loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever!

**Readings for Sunday, August 30:** Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

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**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.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
24 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Timothy Reilly	Layne Reilly
26 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	B. J. Beaver Family	Francis J. Czeiner Jr. Family
27 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Geraldine Deery	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
28 Aug.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Marcella & Dominic Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
29 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
30 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Decd. Members - Pessaro/Francis Families	Jane Perkins

**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, especially K. JOAN BIRMINGHAM.

**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](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, August 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**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.



Flowers on the Altar last weekend were in honor of MADONNA GRANDE requested by Cindy Nore.

**2020 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Mass intentions from September through December are now being accepted for weekdays only - no weekend Masses available. The stipend of \$10.00 must be paid at the time you request the Mass intention. Please contact the parish office to request Mass intentions.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

It's back to school time! It seems to come more quickly each year, doesn't it? Of course, this is going to be a school year unlike any other most of us have seen. Amazingly, in talking with some kids and teens, I'm hearing that a good number of them are actually looking forward to going back to school. Many haven't seen their friends in a while, and I think there is a sense of comfort in getting back into a sense of routine, however modified that may be.

Back-to-school time is also significant here in the parish. I mentioned last week that PREP is getting ready to resume. On top of that, with the arrival of Fall comes our annual golf outing. This year **the golf outing will be Friday, September 25**. Proceeds from the golf outing are used for scholarships for our parish children attending a Catholic elementary school.

I'm grateful to those who have been working behind-the-scenes to plan this event, especially for all the extra steps they are taking to ensure that the event takes place safely. Every effort will be made to follow appropriate guidelines to protect the health and safety of the golfers and volunteers. We expect things to be a bit more "low-key" than normal, but it will still be a fun time for those who participate.

So, how can you help?

1. If you golf, consider signing up to play, and asking your friends and family to join as well. A sign-up sheet is in the bulletin.
2. If you don't golf, we could always benefit from some additional help the day of the event with setup, registration, food prep, etc. Call the office to see how you can lend a hand.
3. We need sponsors and donations to make the event a success. Perhaps you'd like to be a family sponsor, or perhaps you can donate something for the raffle prizes or to defray the cost of food and drinks.
4. Most importantly: **everyone can pray, starting now, that we have good weather and that all participants stay safe and healthy during the event.**

More info on the golf outing will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for our parish family to come together to support an important cause, so I hope everyone will lend a hand however they can. Thank you in advance to everyone who will help make this event a success.

– Fr. Kiernan

**JUST A FEW REMINDERS!** The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick. Mass is available via live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Mass is broadcast on TV on Sundays: 6ABC at 5:30 AM; ME TV at 7:00 AM; EWTN at 8:00 AM.

Please wear a mask or face covering when you enter Church and keep it on during Mass, only removing it when you receive Holy Communion. Entrance to church using the main front doors and elevator door only. Exit the church using the side doors and elevator door only.

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 16, 2020. ....	\$3,412
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,557
Parish Giving -	\$230
Assumption Collection -	\$625
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,588)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$35,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$28,526
Average per week Collection	\$4,075
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$6,474)
Average per week Deficit	(\$925)
 <i>AUGUST 18, 2019</i>	
Deposit. ....	\$4,330
2019-2020 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$7,749)
Difference from previous year.....	\$1,275



**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 10 - #509 - Bonnie Stankunas - \$50.00
- August 11 - #713 - Tom Reilly - \$50.00
- August 12 - #548 - Ron Bernhard - \$50.00
- August 13 - #344 - unsold
- August 14 - #688 - unsold
- August 15 - #579 - Cecilia Lapkiewicz - \$100.00
- August 16 - #782 - unsold

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 29 & 30** will be the 50/50 Gold Envelope Collection to support Religious Education.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for August 15/16:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 62
- 9:00 AM Mass - 82
- Total Attendance - 144

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**CATHOLIC MATCH PENNSYLVANIA**  
[www.CatholicMatch.com/datePA](http://www.CatholicMatch.com/datePA)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE** on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. 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.

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

**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.

**HELP NEEDED** for the Parish Golf Outing on September 25. If interested in volunteering, please call the parish office.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY GIFT CARDS YOU DON’T INTEND TO USE?** We could use them for the Golf Outing. Please contact the parish office for more information.