

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 AUGUST 2021

Readings for Sunday, August 29: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

Readings for Sunday, September 5: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

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>
30 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Anna Neri	Jack & Lori Carr
31 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Francis E. Witt	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
1 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	Kenneth Stoudt	Chris, Gene, Domenic Gerasimowicz & Lucy D'Emilio
2 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti	John & Loretta Gauger
4 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
5 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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS - WE ARE BACK! First meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. **Please note new time** Hostess: Lori LaRosa. Open to all women and girls of the parish, age 16 and older.



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!



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on September 1 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the church social hall.

Prospective donors can sign up directly at <https://rb.gy/sduxr>. You can also call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

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



Good ole Nathanael, aka Bartholomew, was spotted by Our Lord as Nate was parked under the fig tree. His feast day as one of the Twelve Apostles was this past week. This had me thinking about Nathanael - as well as figs. A friend of mine recently gave me some figs from his fig trees. Growing up, my only real experience with figs came by way of a television commercial with a giant human fig singing and dancing to a tune called "the Newton" and the yummy Fig Newton cookies hawked by Big Fig in said commercial that my mother would sometimes place in my brown bag, school day lunch. Actual fig trees were as foreign to me as the Republic of Formosa. Well, I've learned some things recently from my fig tree farming friend. Apparently, fig trees are very fickle - at least for a tree. They seem to like certain temperatures and climates of the Mediterranean variety while shunning extremes. They are rather finicky when it comes to their soil much like a child and that school day lunch contained in his brown bag. Fig Newtons were just fine; Nilla Wafers - not so much. Cultivating fig trees takes time and effort. It takes trial and error for any newbie fig farmer. One has to have rather perfect conditions in order for it to bear fruit along with a good deal of patience. After much trial and error over the last couple of years, my friend's trees have finally, this year, produced a most abundant fruit - and they are quite tasty as well! Figs also have another benefit besides taste.



They are rather healthy. They pack quite the nutritious punch and potentially promote digestive and heart health, along with potentially helping to manage blood sugar levels. They may help fight against cancer as well. We might say that Nathanael was not just under the fig tree when spotted by Our Lord, but that he was very much like that tree under which he sat. His would be a much splendid and nutritious fruit borne, but its cultivation took some time. The soil and temperature had to be just right. The day of harvest would arrive with the help of his friend Philip, who said, "Come and see!" So often, you and I are under that fig tree with Nathanael. Pondering our past, we are awaiting our future and a harvest that is hopefully most abundant. Cultivate the fig tree of your faith well!



There may be a time of some trial and error along with initial frustration with scant little to show for one's efforts. Yet, know that a great harvest is waiting for farmers that persevere along with a whole new identity - just as it was for Nathanael known now as Bartholomew, who sat under the fig tree presumably eating some figs and maybe singing a little jingle. Little did he realize that so soon he would come to know the Sweetness and Goodness of the One Who satisfies every hunger providing the best, most nutritious, and greatest "brown bag" lunch of them all! *Is it good? Darn tootin'! Doing the Big Fig Newton!*

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

COLLECTION FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS will be held on the weekend of September 4 and 5. The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American people throughout our country. Archbishop Pérez asks for your continued prayers and generous financial support for this collection.

WEEKLY BUDGET..... \$5,000
 DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 22, 2021. \$3,599
 Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,424
 Parish Giving - \$175
 WEEKLY DEFICIT. (\$1,401)

Year to Date Budget..... \$40,000
 Year to Date Collections..... \$31,650
 Average per week Collection..... \$3,956
 Year to Date Deficit. (\$8,350)
 Average per week Deficit..... (\$1,044)

AUGUST 23, 2020

Deposit. \$3,319
 2020-2021 Deficit to Date. (\$8,155)
 Difference from previous year..... (\$195)



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Raffle Drawing 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. SEPTEMBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES ON THE WEEKENDS.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

August 16 - #267 - unsold
 August 17 - #909 - Bob Zomolsky - \$50.00
 August 18 - #114 - Philomena Bracaglia - \$50.00
 August 19 - #612 - Doris Yarmush - \$50.00
 August 20 - #846 - unsold
 August 21 - #872 - unsold
 August 22 - #407 - Karen Levan - \$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 133
 9:00 AM Mass - 95
 Total Attendance - 228

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 28/29

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Choir, Nester; Break, Bracaglia
 Altar Server - Holmes
 Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
 Break, Bernhard
 Altar Server - Gerasimowicz
 Greeter - Carr

**ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE
 APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN PIES**

**Pick up after Mass
 Saturday, October 2
 Sunday, October 3**

NAME _____
 PHONE _____

Apple Dumplings - \$4.00
 Quantity _____ Cost _____

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

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

Total Cost of order _____
 Checks payable to: St. Gabriel Women's Society.
 All items will be delivered frozen.

Last day to order is September 18.