

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AUGUST 2021

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

To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

Readings for Sunday, August 15: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56.

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>
9 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Kenneth Stoudt	Jack & Lori Carr
10 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Intentions of Rev. Gregory J. Hickey	Tom & Cathy Reilly
11 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	August Ferrante	Wife, Jeannine
12 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	David Guadagno	Jim & Helynn Mich
14 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Rev. Arthur Taraborelli	Tony Vitacco
15 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.



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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Here's a question that we've all heard: *Why, exactly did the chicken cross the road?* The answer we've all heard as well: *Why...to get to the other side, of course!* Well, at least, the chicken made it! After a while as a priest, one figures that one has seen it all, done it all, and heard it all...even in the confessional! I certainly can't speak for other priests' understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but I figure that just as our sinless Savior, Jesus, bore every sin of all humanity throughout all time upon His shoulders as He hung upon the Cross, so too, the very human priest of God hearing Confessions, in some way, shape, or form, has himself committed every sin that might ever be confessed and thus, could never be truly "shocked" by what's been confessed. For example, I may not have ever cheated on my wife. I'm not married. However, how have I, as a priest, been unfaithful and disrespectful to my Spouse that is the Church over the years? Well, what can I say? Sometimes, She just drives me crazy! Sorry, Honey! Still love You! Anyway, something did occur the other day that was definitely a first. It had nothing to do with Confession and everything to do with a funeral. Ahhh, the funeral! Any priest could tell any number of funerals stories. I have plenty, but again, this was definitely a first. Following the funeral Mass at church, the procession began to the cemetery. Talk about taking the back roads! I'm surprised that we didn't pass through a covered bridge. We passed about four or five cemeteries along the way to St. Al's "new." Apparently, they were all in Pottstown. I'm wondering if Pottstown might be the "cemetery capital of the world." Anyway, en route, the slow moving procession, at one point, came to a halt. One of God's creatures was making its way across the road ever so slowly. Mr. Turtle was on the move. The funeral directress was concerned. He surely would never make it. Some fast moving vehicle would do him in. Father, here, true Servant of God that he is, offered to pick up the poor guy and move him to the side of the road. Father would save the turtle! How Christ-like! There was only one thing. The turtle was already under the front of the car. We would have to back up carefully just a bit in order to rescue the poor fellow. Alas, it wasn't meant to be. That slight bump in the road wasn't a rock or pothole. Poor guy! Last rites administered, suddenly one funeral became two. The funeral directress that was driving was devastated. Her intent was to save...not to have turtle soup for lunch. We then continued our slow procession to St. Al's, I quietly said a little prayer for Mr. Turtle. He'll be missed by his family for sure and now there's on less turtle along the Manatawny. Sometimes we think that we've seen it all and heard it all. Sometime, especially as we get older, we think that there is never anything new. We certainly know for sure that funerals must be somber and sad. Except that sometimes they're not. Sometimes we think this way about our Faith – something somber and always the same forever. The amazing thing is that Christ and His Church is always new and always fresh. There is always something new to be found in Sacred Scripture and God speaks to us anew each and every day through them. Don't start your day somber and sad like a funeral, but joyful and happy in its newness! Just be very careful if you're driving along the creek and say a little prayer for Mr. Turtle!



Peace!
Fr. Wilson

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WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 1, 2021.	\$5,341
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,196
Parish Giving -	\$115
Air Conditioning Collection -	\$1,030
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$341
Year to Date Budget.....	\$25,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$20,126
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,025
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$4,874)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$975)
 <i>AUGUST 2, 2020</i>	
Deposit.	\$6,180
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.....	(\$4,060)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$814)

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 31/August 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 111
 9:00 AM Mass - 104
 Total Attendance - 215

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME
 610-326-1510

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is the annual Mission Co-operative Collection. This year the collection will be for the Society of Divine Vocations, also known as the Vocationist Fathers. Rev. Emeka Okwuosa, SDV will speak at the Masses this weekend on behalf of the Vocationist Fathers.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the annual collection for the Air Conditioning.



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 26 - #698 - unsold
 July 27 - #350 - Brigid Donnelly - \$50.00
 July 28 - #191 - unsold
 July 29 - #714 - Dan Grim - \$50.00
 July 30 - #247 - Lara Dilworth - \$50.00
 July 31 - #759 - unsold
 JULY FIGURES: 242 tickets sold - \$1,210.00. Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of printing tickets - \$100.00. July Profit - \$610.00.
 THANK YOU to everyone for supporting the July Lottery Raffle.
 August 1 - #372 - Gene Hunter - \$100.00

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

ANNA HANE from Bonnie Stankunas, Betty Skokowski.

WINNER OF THE 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

JULY DRAWING - Rita Ferraro - \$268.00.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;

Choir, Nester; Break, Bracaglia

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;

Break, Gerasimowicz

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 14/15

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;

Choir, Durante; Break, Durante

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Bishop;

Choir, C. Bucciaglia; Break, Deacon

Altar Servers - Donnelly, Holmes, Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Hildebrand



Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on August 13 and August 19 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.

JOB OPENING: Sacred Heart Parish, Oxford is seeking a Director of Parish Services. This part-time staff person reports directly to the pastor while collaborating with other parish staff members. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church, and committed to the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. For more information visit www.sacredheart.us.

MASS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION on Saturday, August 14 at 12:05 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Celebrant - Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill. Parking lot open, rear of cathedral.

WEEKEND OF PRAYER, HOPE AND HEALING with Fr. James Blount, S.O.L.T. on August 13-15 at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. For more information visit www.olme.org. Pre-registration is required. To register email olme@aome.org or call 610-582-3333.

MagniFest - A summer music festival at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson on August 14 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Vigil Mass for the Assumption will be celebrated by Father Steve DeLacy. Tickets are available online at www.stmaryprov.org or at the door. Musicians include Jack Terzian, Jule Coppa, Pawel Machura and others. For more information visit www.stmaryprov.org.

3RD ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW honoring veterans will be held on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge Chapter. For more information contact Amy Braccia (267-767-9809) or Joe Barrese (610-323-4171). Proceeds support a 4-day high school student program and a 7-day teacher program.

ROMAN AND HALLAHAN ALUMNI DAY AT THE BAY on August 14 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Seaport Pier, North Wildwood, NJ. For more information contact: Roman - Chuck Taylor at ctaylor@romancatholics.com and Hallahan - Marge West Kiefski at mmkiefski@aol.com or 215-913-4482.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. The program provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13-15 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.