

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 AUGUST 2023

Readings for Sunday, August 20: 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 comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

Readings for Sunday, August 27: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20.



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>
21 Aug.	MON.	9:00 AM	Patricia Tucker
22 Aug.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Gene Fitch
23 Aug.	WED.	9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost
24 Aug.	THU.	9:00 AM	Marilyn H. DiMuro
26 Aug.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Regina Tucker
27 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.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) 2023-2024

- New families with school age children Pre-K to Grade 8, are encouraged to register their children for PREP. **Registration for new students is taking place now.** Please contact Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 or mboyer@sghsm62.org.



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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on August 21 and September 5 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

LOST WEEK

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 13, 2023..... \$3,565
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$26,890
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$27,706

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 26 AND 27, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 12/13:

4:00 PM Mass - 93
9:00 AM Mass - 104
Total Attendance - 197

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DRY TECH WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS
1-888-5DRY-TECH`

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



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 7 - #842 - unsold
August 8 - #972 - unsold
August 9 - #380 - unsold
August 10 - #368 - Tony Vitacco - \$50.00
August 11 - #381 - unsold
August 12 - #126 - unsold
August 13 - #635 - unsold



APPAREL ALERT! We are launching our apparel this month:

T-shirt (full front logo) - \$10
T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10
Hoodies - (full front logo) - \$25
1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) - \$35

Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25

Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available just add \$2 and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org) or complete the order form in the vestibule of church and return to the parish office.



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

The Corner

When you carry the Bible, satan has a headache; when you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, and when you stand on the Word of God, satan can't hurt you!

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

BARBARA GUADAGNO from Mary Lenhardt, Dennis & Eileen Reider, Donna & Eric Irey, Karen & Rob Burns, Helen Chieffo, Vivian Fitch, Ron & Kathy Bernhard, Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;

YVONNE LAKE from Mary Lenhardt. Sharon McCarthy, Dennis & Eileen Reider, Donna & Eric Irey, Karen & Rob Burns, Helen Chieffo, Ron & Carol Fry, Vivian Fitch, Tom & Lea Ann Care, Tom & Ann Marie Akana, Kathy & Ron Bernhard, Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;

REV. GREGORY J. HICKEY from Kathy & Ron Bernhard, Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family, John Dori, Loretta & John Gauger, Suzanne & Rob Morgan, Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Cliff & Barbara Keller, Janet L. Williams, Elizabeth & Joseph Walton;

MARGARET NASTA from Mary Lenhardt;

MARY PODSOBINSKI from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family.

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

OUR PARISH 16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, September 22 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

Com 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@sghsm62.org).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 26/27

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Break, Vitacco; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Bernhard; Break, George & Gerasimowicz

Altar Server - Griffin

Greeter -Carr

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY is always accepting new members. To join, you need to be 18 years old and Catholic. New meetings will begin in September at the Knights of Columbus Lodge on Constitution Avenue in Stowe. If interested contact Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030) or Marie Hildebrand (610-326-3763).

NOVENA AND FEAST DAY MASSES IN HONOR OF PIO OF PIETRELCINA

- Thursday, September 14 to Sunday, September 24 at the National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto. Come honor Padre Pio with devotion and prayer and seek his powerful intercession on nine consecutive days. Bus groups welcome. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE

APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES



Due to lack of freezer space, pick up only



Saturday, September 30

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ONLY

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Apple Dumplings (large enough to share) - \$5.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

6" Chicken Pot Pie (12 oz.) - \$6.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

9" Chicken Pot Pie (32 oz.) - \$11.50

Quantity _____ Cost _____

Total Cost of Order _____

All items are delivered frozen.

Checks payable to: St. Gabriel Women's Society

Last Day to order is September 17.

Even with price increases, we are trying to keep our prices low. Please support this popular sale.



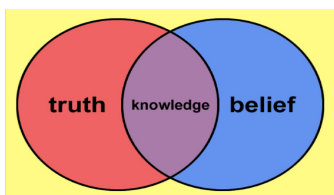
It's that time of year once again. This week Pottsgrove District students begin classes. Soon enough, all schools and colleges will begin their fall semesters. Pray for our students. Pray that they might learn to think critically and grow in knowledge - knowledge of the Truth, the First and Preeminent Subject. As a student, I loathed the end of summer vacation and yet, I was eager to advance to the "next level." The same was true of my seminary studies. Although I enjoyed the academic breaks, I always had in mind my goal and likewise,

was always eager to advance to the "next level." I remember my seminary beginnings. Oh, how nervous I was. I just wanted to make it through the first day. Not everyone does. There was just so much that was new and so much to learn. I didn't know what I didn't know, but I knew that I didn't know it...yet. I'm not sure that that makes sense or not, but it does help explain why one of my first



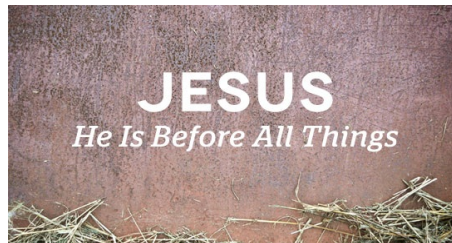
classes was epistemology. Epistemology is the philosophical consideration of knowledge itself. What is *knowledge* exactly and how do we *know*? A foundation in philosophy is a part of all seminary studies, because theological studies rest upon it. I put it this way: *Philosophy raises questions that are ultimately answered in Theology*. Dr. Atherton Lowry was the professor for that class. He is a living legend and fixture of the seminary community. I was informed by some upperclassmen that whatever the grade received on his first exam, then that would be your subsequent grade for

all exams in that class and all other classes that he taught. This turned out to be basically true, but it didn't really matter. It wasn't the grading that was most important, but an imparting of tools for knowing Truth. Dr. Lowry knew that he wasn't teaching future philosophy professors, but future priests. On the first day of that epistemology class, Dr. Lowry asked a question and he demanded an answer as we went around the room from student to student. *What do you know?* Huh? Is this some sort of game? *Tell me something that you know*, he demanded. This was some sort of set-up. Seminarians



always need to have the correct answer, because they know and they know that they know and they want professors to know all that they know as well so that that vast knowledge will be recognized as being "A+" come exam time. We went around the room. *I know my name. I know my birthday. I know that the Phillies won last night.* He tripped each one of us up on what we thought we knew. My parents told me my name, but can I be certain that they were being truthful. Maybe my birth certificate has a typo and I'm actually three years older. This actually happened

to a fellow in the seminary. As for the baseball game, well, no. I wasn't actually there, but I heard it reported in the news. Well then, it absolutely has to be true, right? Sure. Later, I pondered my experience in that foundational philosophy course. There has to be a better answer - a truer answer, I thought. I came up with this: Q: *Tell me what you know?* A: *I don't know. I have Faith.* Q: *What is Faith?* A: *Belief in God.* Q: *What is God?* A: Yes. I don't know if such an answer would merit an "A+" in Dr. Lowry's epistemology class, but I do know that he got me thinking and questioning. He got me considering Knowledge and Truth. He achieved exactly what he set out to do on that first day of class. Since then, I've come to realize that *all knowledge is Faith based*. Even something as rudimentary as "one does not equal three" gives way to a greater Truth in light of It. As a new school year begins, I hope and pray that all students, both those returning to school and those long finished with formal education, might come to understand this First Subject - might come to have Knowledge of the Truth!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson