

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 AUGUST 2023

Readings for Sunday, August 27: 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 to loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever!

Readings for Sunday, September 3: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.



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>
28 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Deborah "Debbie" Kuchta	Ron & Carol Fry
29 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Joseph Appolonia	Daughter, Ann Discher
30 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Sunday-Shellenberger Families	Bucciaglia Family
31 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Doris Smith	Joe Harbach
2 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 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.



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.

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.



PREP FAMILY PICNIC/OPEN HOUSE

on Saturday, September 9 following the 4:00 PM Mass. Come meet with Father Wilson and our catechists and have a picnic on the front lawn of PREP with food and drinks provided by the parish. Following dinner, we will discuss opening of PREP and answer any questions you have and address any concerns. Please bring along complete registration form and payment. We will give out the family handbook, sign the acknowledgment page, and have sign-up sheets for snack duty and offertory. New families please come out, tour our building, and register your children. Please RSVP to Mrs. Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 by September 5, so we know how much food to order.

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 20, 2023.....	\$4,686
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections.....	\$31,576
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections.....	\$32,673

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 110
9:00 AM Mass - 113
Total Attendance - 223

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

DR. DIANE FRIES
Optometrist
610-323-0450

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 fundraiser 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 14 - #399 - unsold
August 15 - #946 - Suzanne Morgan - \$100.00
August 16 - #945 - unsold
August 17 - #656 - unsold
August 18 - #925 - unsold
August 19 - #740 - unsold
August 20 - #666 - unsold

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection each year! This fundraising initiative was established as the first national collection for the Catholic Church in the United States in 1874. Since that time, it has proven itself to be a successful vehicle for sharing the resources of the Church's members to provide for the unique cultural, pastoral, and temporal needs of our African American, Native American and Alaskan Native sisters and brothers.

Pope Francis reminds us that all are called to evangelize with the zealous heart of a Missionary Disciple. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the communities benefitting from this endeavor, I invite you to make a difference by offering prayers and a financial contribution to support these missions.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. **Your sacrifice** impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

Please consider a gift to the 2023 National Black and Indian Mission Collection. You can learn more about the good works it supports by visiting www.blackandindianmission.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,
+Most Revered Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

The collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held next weekend, September 2 and 3.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on 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.



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.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 2/3

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Carr & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Francis & Miller

Greeter - Neiman

The Corner

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church. Let's reflect on his quote...

"It is better to limp along on the way than to walk with strength off the way."

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

received in memory of:
REV. GREGORY J. HICKEY from Pete & Lori LaRosa, Bonita Stankunas, Vivian Fitch, Helen Chieffo, Karen & Bob Burns, Donna & Eric Irey, Catherine Sands, Marybeth Scary.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

received in honor of:

CATHERINE SANDS 100th Birthday.

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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192

2023 FAMILY PICNIC on Sunday, September 17 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Picnic Grove, Stowe. Cost: Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda and Water. Cash Bar for Beer and Mixed Drinks. Music & Fun for all ages - raffles, games, 50/50 chances. If you are not a Knight, come bring your family and see what we are about. Contact Franco Vella-Gatt (484-433-9160 or francovg51@outlook.com) for more details.

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



Recently, a heretofore rather unknown country musician has been in the news. His simply produced music video has him standing on a grassy patch near some woods playing his guitar while singing the song he wrote. His three dogs lie nearby. The song, *Rich Men North of Richmond*, quickly went viral with millions of views. As of Monday this past week, it still ranked number one on *iTunes*. The artist, Oliver Anthony, certainly never expected that. The song has also generated a good deal of controversy political in nature as well. Uh oh. Oliver Anthony, whose real name is Christopher Anthony Lunsford, didn't expect that either. Lunsford's song tells the story of those blue collar folks struggling daily to make ends meet while being seemingly ignored and even mocked by the crowd working inside that famed Beltway just north of Richmond. I'm not going to address the lyrics, or the ensuing controversy surrounding this song. You can look it up if you're interested and decide for yourself. I'm more of a punk,



grunge, heavy metal head banger type of guy anyway. Talk about controversy! No, I want to address a "controversy" of a different sort and what some might call "foolishness" as well. Mr. Lunsford it seems, beyond the now famous song itself, has spawned an even greater "controversy" – and just maybe a lesson for life as well. Lunsford revealed that he has been approached by music industry executives following his song's viral ascent. I would be surprised if someone hasn't already approached him concerning a movie offer as well. The former factory worker dropped out of high school at 17. He was injured at work and suffered a skull fracture. More recently, he was working in the field of industrial manufacturing sales. His stage name is that of his grandfather, to whom his interest in music is dedicated. *There's nothing special about me. I'm not a good musician. I've spent the last 5 years struggling with mental health and using alcohol to drown it.*



I am sad to see the world in the state it's in, with everyone fighting each other. I have spent many nights feeling hopeless. He says that he hates the way that the internet has divided all of us with so many distractions and just like those once wandering in the desert, we have lost our way from God. This blue collar, nothing special, actually living in the country - country music artist has, however, turned



down thus far, the multi-million dollar record deals offered. Talk about controversy! Music industry executives were perplexed and aghast. His reasoning itself could make for a chart topping new song. *I don't want 6 tour buses, 15 tractor trailers, and a jet. I don't want to play stadium shows. I don't want to be in the spotlight. I wrote the music I wrote because I was suffering. They're being sung by someone feeling the words in the very moment they were being sung. No editing, no agent, no bull**** - just some idiot and his guitar.* It would seem that Mr. Lunsford already possesses



something that no amount of money can ever buy and what he still desires can only be won over - not bought. Mr. Lunsford has his guitar and his music. He has his trailer home and a little plot of land. He also has his dogs and I'm sure a number of good friends. He seems to be a man self-possessed desiring that people just get along and help one another along as we go through this life



together. He's like a preacher man in a sense along the lines of a certain preacher Man of old that was from a little back woods, country town Himself. Maybe if we took time to heed the words of them both, many of the controversies of our world today, political and otherwise, wouldn't be so controversial.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson