# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 JULY 2022

Readings for Sunday, July 17: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42.

Abraham, the just and upright man, graciously hosts three visitors. As Mary and Martha host Jesus, he speaks of only one thing as necessary for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus, and being receptive to the "mystery of Christ" as he comes to us through one another.

Readings for Sunday, July 24: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.



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 Eucharistic Adoration PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



Date			Intention	Requested By
18 July	MON.	9:00 AM	LCPL Matt Snyder, USMC	Jane Perkins
19 July	TUE.	9:00 AM	Shirley Muscatello	Mugs & Dick Sheffield
20 July	WED.	9:00 AM	Rev. James Gormley	Bucciaglia & Boyer Families
21 July	THU.	9:00 AM	Lawrence Vitacco	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
23 July	SAT.	4:00 PM	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary -	Their Children
			Steve & Pam Pasko	
24 July	SUN.	9:00 AM	Kathryn Axsmith	DeMario Girls: Connie, Angie, Joanne & Maria



**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.



SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 PM - Reading Phillies celebrate Your Faith Night with Fireworks following the game. Contact Maria

Boyer, DRE, to purchase tickets (610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly Baptism baptized, CALVIN THOMAS PERRY and his family!

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for one year is \$36.00. Subscription begins with November 2022 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the parish office. Deadline is July 31.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their AUGUST issue at the parish office. 085 St. Gabriel, page 1



I invited them, yet I knew that they would not come. They couldn't. Their Feast Day had me thinking of them. The Feast



of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16<sup>th</sup> each year. Carmelites everywhere celebrate this day in a special way as do the Discalced Nuns of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (O.C.D.). Their monastery is in my old "neck-of-thewoods" and I was there often enough especially during my time of discerning seminary and priesthood. The cloistered nuns assured me of their prayers then. I am assured of their prayers now. Actually, they did not turn down my invitation to join with me in celebrating at the time of my ordination to priesthood and subsequent First Mass of Thanksgiving the next day. Rather, they confirmed that they would indeed be there in spirit and in prayer. I have a great admiration and respect for

religious sisters. These women have given up much in a world that has now moved beyond feminism and equal rights

to a world that isn't even sure what a woman is. Or is it "womyn"? The Sisters of Saint Joseph (S.S.J.) taught me in grade school and it was the sister that I had in First Grade that sent me a most beautiful note a the time that I began studies for the priesthood. A group of Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters (I.H.M.) with whom I had become acquainted were present physically at the time of my ordination. As a priest, I would occasionally say Mass for the Poor Clare Sisters of the Order of Saint Clare (O.S.C.) at their monastery in Langhorne. I remember inviting the group of cloistered sisters to a prom. That's a story for another time. More recently, I have had the privilege of saying Mass for a group of



Bernadine Franciscan Sisters (O.S.F.) during the COVID lockdowns. They served a wonderful breakfast afterwards which my accompanying deacon and I always so enjoyed. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful Sisters of the



Blessed Sacrament (S.B.S.) for whom I gave a retreat as well as the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (C.S.F.N.) and the Religious Sisters of Mercy (R.S.M.) with whom I've worked. Of course, then there is Sister Veronica. She's a hoot! And she wouldn't mind my writing that. Her community of the Little Sisters of the Poor (I.s.p.) does a great work. If I was a woman considering religious life, I would definitely take a look at the Little Sisters. It was at their Holy

Family Home where I said Mass one day. I enjoyed meeting and speaking with some of the senior citizens that lived there.

To my surprise, attending Mass that day was Mother Barbara of the Carmelite Monastery of my younger days. She was at the age where she needed additional care and received permission to leave the monastery in order to live with the Little Sisters. It was a pleasure to be with her and to celebrate Mass with her so shortly before God called her home. She thanked me for that and, once again, assured me of her prayers. I know that she's still praying for me. Though living behind the walls of a monastery, she and the other sisters were always aware of world happenings and aware of the world's great



need of God's grace. All religious sisters have this awareness. We so need more women like this! If there is a shortage of priests in our world today – even more so, religious sisters! In our prayers for vocations, be sure to include a prayer for them as well, because they are most assuredly praying for you! Thank you Sisters for *your* prayers! Now, be assured of ours...and Happy Feast Day!

Peace! Fr. Wilson



<b>DEPOSIT FOR JULY 10, 2022</b>	\$4,173
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections	\$7,427
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections	\$7,882

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

# "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

#### DCS PAVING & SEAL COATING

610-495-5700

# MASS ATTENDANCE for July 9/10:

4:00 PM Mass - 97 9:00 AM Mass - 102 Total Attendance - 199



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**

July 4 - #017 - unsold

July 5 - #316 - unsold

July 6 - #919 - unsold

July 7 - #668 - unsold

July 8 - #783 - unsold

July 9 - #814 - Nick Viscuso - \$50.00

July 10 - #189 - unsold



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Parish's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 23 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. More details available soon!



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the

FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all age groups.



### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

on Monday, July 18, August 1 and 15 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an

appointment.

#### The Corner

If the thought of Purgatory frightens you, here's a thought: aim for heaven!!

Father John Ricardo says, "Purgatory is like being on the bus to heaven and it doesn't turn around. Don't worry about the length of the trip, just praise God that you made it on the right bus!"

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
People. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests: worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through

Christ our Lord. Amen.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 16/17

# 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - lannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,

Durante & Nester; Choir, Durante

Altar Server - Iannozzi

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break,

Donnelly & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

# **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 23/24**

# 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Iannozzi

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Wade

GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET sponsored by Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter & Fr. Bally Council on Friday, August 12 (rain or shine) at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18-hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and Awards presentation will begin at approximately 2:00 PM. Tournament includes: Door Prizes, 18 Holes of Golf, Breakfast (Clubhouse - 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM), Lunch, Banquet Dinner, Beer and water throughout the day, Team Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as Skill Competition Prizes. Cost: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet only - \$40.00. Payment and registration due by August 5 - 100% prepaid event. For more details contact Mark Nunan (610-754-7185 or marknunan6614@gmail.com) or Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com).

MEET THE IN-LAWS - A Morning of Reflection for Grandparents with Deacon Patrick Kennedy on Tuesday, July 26 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. No cost to attend; however it is a ticketed event. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org.

**CAR SHOW** at St. Gabe's Lodge on Sunday, August 7 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rain date - Sunday, August 14). \$15 per car - registration ends at 1:00 PM. Kitchen & Bar open all day. For more details call 610-326-4137.

<u>MATER LAETITIAE ACADEMY</u> (located at St. Thomas More Parish) is looking for Latin and Math teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply contact Patty Reyher (<u>preyher@materlaetitiae.com</u>) or Mary Cromwell (<u>mcromwell@materlaetitiae.com</u>).

GOING DEEPER - Practicing a Living Faith - For High School Men (Juniors and Seniors) on July 24 to July 28 at the Spiritual Year House, St. Matthew Parish, Conshohocken. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.HeedtheCall.org/GoingDeeper">www.HeedtheCall.org/GoingDeeper</a> or call the Vocation Office (610-667-5778).

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2022 presented by Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal. July 15 to August 26 (FRIDAYS ONLY) from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Held at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, Philadelphia. You who are dispirited due to the challenges of this world, come and receive the Spirit of Hope to Witness. In-Person recommended, livestream will be available. For more information visit www.PhillySpirit.com.



FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT
WITH THE UNION on
Saturday, July 30 at Subaru
Park. Proceeds from ticket
sales will go

sales will go directly to

support Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries. For more information call 215-587-5650 or cca@theCFGP.org.



come and rest awhile summer silent retreat at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia from July 24-30. Take some time to pause in prayer, reflection and silence, attuning your ear and heart to the Holy Spirit. You may chose to companion with a spiritual director or participate without spiritual direction. For more details and to register visit www.msbt.org or call 267-350-1830.

<u>METANOIA</u> is celebrating 10 years of ministry. Join us for Metanoiapalooza, a day long celebration with food, fun, fellowship, and family. Save the date: Saturday, August 6 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Plains Park, Hatfield.