

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 2 JULY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, July 2:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42.

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

**Readings for Sunday, July 9:** Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30.



**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>
3 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Rev. Patrick A. Duddy	
4 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary & George Harbacs	The Family
5 July	WED. 9:00 AM	69 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Donald & Charlotte Nasta	Kathy & Ron Bernhard
6 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Andrew McCormick	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
8 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
9 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Blanche & Jeff



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MICHAEL MURRAY.

**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.

### *The Corner*

Do you sometimes have trouble falling asleep? Give your worries to God, and try praying these few lines from the beautiful night prayer from the **Liturgy of the Hours**:

*"Protect us Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep; that awake we may keep watch with Christ; and asleep, rest in His peace."*

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**DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 25, 2023..... \$4,024**  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$231,440  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$220,169

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 8 AND 9**, will be the Mission Cooperative Collection. Pray and help support Missionhurst-CICM who bring the Gospel message of Jesus and serve the poor and needy. They minister to our Catholic brothers and sisters outside the U.S. in one of the 1,111 Mission Diocese. Envelopes for this collection are at the church entrances.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for June 24/25:**

4:00 PM Mass - 100  
 9:00 AM Mass - 117  
 Total Attendance - 217



**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**

June 19 - #085 - unsold  
 June 20 - #172 - Marie Hildebrand - \$50.00  
 June 21 - #462 - John Bukey - \$50.00  
 June 22 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00  
 June 23 - #883 - unsold  
 June 24 - #328 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00  
 June 25 - #770 - unsold



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on and July 7 & 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

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

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

**ROBERT FITCH** from Janet & Dave Slaby, Jack & Lori Carr, Mary Lenhardt, Blanche & Jeff Lesik, Donna & Eric Irey, Karen & Bob Burns, Helen Chieffo, Tom & Ann Marie Akana, Tom & LeaAnn Care, Rosemary Kilingerman, Monica & John Zangrilli, Simon, Leigh & Simon Nagel, Pete & Angie Iannozi.

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



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 8/9**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
 Lector - Nester  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Bracgalia  
 Altar Server - Holmes  
 Greeter - Scheidt  
**9:00 AM Mass**  
 Lector - LaRosa  
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Bucciaglia & Vitacco  
 Altar Server - Francis & Nagel  
 Greeter -Neiman

## **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**ON THE THIRD DAY**  
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As a kid, I was always interested in the American Revolution. That part of our history especially fascinated me,



I suppose, because my home was in the City of Brotherly Love - that Cradle of Liberty where the Independence Declaration was actually signed, sealed, and delivered to a distant and soon to be defeated King George III. I made school trips and luckily had a father that took me to places where history was made: Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the



Betsy Ross House, and Elfreth's Alley to name a few. I explored Valley Forge Park and entered the cabins in



which the rebels bunked. I stood where George Washington crossed the Delaware - and then crossed it as well engaging and defeating the Hessians and Redcoats in a Christmas Eve battle of long ago that was waged in the imagination of my youth.



History was alive. It still is. The Spirit of '76 lives! That Spirit is one of rebellion and its seed has now been firmly planted in the heart



of yours truly who would yet come to learn something critical concerning true rebels and the rebellions they lead. A true rebel doesn't reject, but transforms. A people subjected to a unjust monarch far away in Britain were transformed into an independent nation of Liberty and Justice for all. Our work continues as it must, since

we often fall short of our noble goal. The Rebel that Jesus was and is, came ultimately not to reject, but transform - transform a world and the people living therein. His



Rebellion was unique in that, He would lead individuals independent and lost to being a people found and subject to a King, Who Himself, is Justice and Peace - forming a truly Great Nation, indeed.

On this Fourth of July, it's time to awaken and refresh our rebellious spirit and engage *this* Revolution anew, so that we might truly be that Great Nation under God with Liberty and Justice for all. Yes, God has blessed America - and may He continue to do so! Have a happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson