

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 23 JULY 2023

**Readings for Sunday, July 23:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43.

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. The Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

**Readings for Sunday, July 30:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.



**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>
24 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Margaret Morgan	Joe Harbach
25 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Erma Durante	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
26 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Joseph Gray	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
27 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
29 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
30 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Margaret Morgan	Mary Lenhardt



**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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday, July 27 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: ROBERT STEINIGER from Jack & Marge Buccigaglia and family.

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

LOST WEEK

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**DEPOSIT FOR JULY 16, 2023.** . . . . . \$4,036  
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$11,745  
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$11,539

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, July 29 and 30, will be for donations to purchase items needed for baskets for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Golf Outing.



**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 10 - #413 - Luke Esposito - \$50.00  
July 11 - #639 - unsold  
July 12 - #577 - unsold  
July 13 - #492 - unsold  
July 14 - #924 - Mary Lenhardt - \$50.00  
July 15 - #641 - unsold  
July 16 - #856 - unsold

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for July 15/16:**

4:00 PM Mass - 91  
9:00 AM Mass - 96  
Total Attendance - 187

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

**STOWE OIL COMPANY**

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



**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](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)).



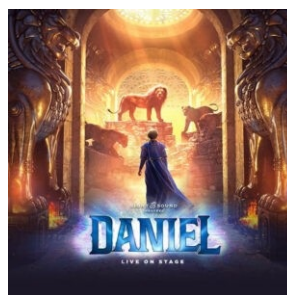
**CHURCH MAGNETS** are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR -**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Parish's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 22 at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to join us for a day of fun!



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 to see "Daniel." More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to join us!

**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Cost for one year is \$39.00. Subscription begins with November 2023 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office. Deadline to sign up is August 18.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 29/30

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski & Nagel

Greeter - Carr

### *The Corner*

As we celebrate National Parents' Day today, let's pray for all of the parents we know. Especially pray to Jesus' parents, Mary the Mother of the Church, and Saint Joseph, who was entrusted with raising Jesus on earth. And on Wednesday, we have the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Say a little thank you prayer to all of these holy saints while you're praying for your own parents and grandparents this week.



### 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.

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bally Council & Valley Forge Chapter on Friday, August 11 - rain or shine at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18 hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet at approximately 2:00 PM. Tournament includes: Door Prizes, 18 holes of golf, breakfast (Clubhouse) 7:15 AM-8:45 AM, Barbecue and Hot Dog Lunch with Prime Rib Banquet Dinner, beer and water throughout the day, Team prizes and Skill prizes. Donation: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet only - \$40.00. Payment and Registration due by August 5. 100% PREPAID event. To register contact Gary Huster ([thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com) or 610-972-0356).

***"PRAY, HOPE, DON'T WORRY" DAY OF RENEWAL*** with Gary Zimak at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 AM to 3:15 PM. There is no cost for this Day of Renewal; however, free offerings will be gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of this event. Although this event is primarily for Padre Pio Prayer Group members, all pilgrims are welcome to register and attend. Bring your own lunch or pre-pay \$16.00 for a boxed lunch when registering. Please register at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) by clicking on the event calendar for August 12<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to order lunch is August 7. For further information, contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).



**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** - *"The Gift of Finest Wheat: This is My Body Given Up for You."* Held on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. All are welcome! Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez begins the day. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM concludes the day. Talks on the Mystery of the Eucharist by compelling speakers. Opportunities for Adoration, Confession and other Devotions. Special track of events in Spanish and for the Youth. Please bring your own lunch. Plenty of parking is available. For additional information about the 2023 Eucharistic Congress and to register visit [www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress](http://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress).





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Alexander and Ali saw each other basically as evil and filled with hate and desiring only death and destruction. The only thing they seemed to hold in common, in fact, was hate – the hate that they held toward each other. How odd, then; how remarkable; how unthinkable; how miraculous – that they should become friends! Except for hate and animosity, what does a 14 or 15 year old Arab/Palestinian boy who with his family fled war and death and destruction in a war torn Lebanon have in common with an eighty-something year-old



Russian Jew who, himself, came to know a whole lot about war and destruction while honorably and heroically fighting the Nazis in World War II? The story (inspired by actual events) told in the film, *Kaddish for a Friend*, is at once one of contradiction, novelty, forgiveness, friendship, and love. In reality, it's God's story with us. Ali, the Palestinian boy, wants acceptance. His father is harsh and set in his ways. Jews are enemies. Ali, himself, is a gentle boy...a little shy. He's just starting to show interest in girls. He

likes to draw and sketch and certainly wants no part of war. He's seen too much of that already. So too, has Alex, the feisty old Jewish man whose wife has already died and whose neighborhood is rapidly changing. Immigrants are moving in – many Arabs. They see him as the enemy, but Alexander only wants peace and to live out his days in tranquility at home in his apartment - the "only thing he has left." Ali begins to hang with the wrong crowd of boys. They will accept him into their group as a "man," but only if he can prove himself: break into the old Jew's apartment! Ali nervously and reluctantly jimmies the locked door and it swings open. All the boys push him inside and they trash the place smashing almost everything. Ali is the only one who gets caught. He won't rat on his "friends," but worst of all, if he is convicted, Ali and his whole family will be deported - back to Lebanon. Well, a deal is quietly and secretly worked out between Ali's mom and



Alexander. Mother always seems to intervene in times of crisis! Ali will repair all the damages in the apartment. He will make amends as best as he can and Alex has agreed that if he works well, he will no longer press charges. Put a 15 year old boy and an 80-something year old



"boy" in the same room for an extended period. Have them try and work together. Watch them drive each other crazy – and see what happens! Alex winds

up in the hospital after a taxing day in the courtroom where he pleads with the prosecutor and the judge demanding that the charges be dropped. *Ali is a good boy, who made amends. He is a fine young man!* Sadly, Alex dies in the hospital that day.



With no other witness, the charges then *are* dropped. Since Alex has no other living family member, it is arranged that Ali – the Palestinian young man – recite the *Kaddish* - the Jewish Prayer of Mourning. Ali happily and carefully does so for his friend repeating the words after the rabbi as his father respectfully stands at a distance. At the end of the film, Ali is walking along the street happy, full of confidence, and checking out the girls. In the background, there is a sign over a store which has the word "visionary" upon it. It's an important scene and

statement. In our world today and in our church, we need such vision.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson