

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 24 JULY 2022

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

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock.” May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism, we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.

**Readings for Sunday, July 31:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.



**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>
25 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
26 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Victor D’Emilio	Wife, Lucy & family
27 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Communion Service	
28 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Communion Service	
30 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
31 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Barbara Perlstein	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff



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



Flowers on the Altar are in memory of VICTOR D’EMILIO requested by his wife, Lucy and family.



**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.

**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.



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It was a friend that suggested the name “Sabre.” This would be a name suggesting strength and protection. One dare not mess with a “Sabre” when he snarls, growls, and shows his sharp teeth. It was also a very “manly” name for a dog...if, in fact, a dog can be “manly.” So sure, he had been “Sabre” briefly, but he was no “Sabre.” His name very quickly became “Fuzzy” because he was...well, simply so darn *fuzzy*—and so darn cute, I might add. These now “dog days of summer” had me fondly thinking about him. I sure do miss him. Fuzzy arrived at my house in my younger days. It was my cousin that brought him in the front door while shouting “surprise!” The puppy was to be a Father’s Day gift for my father who was like a father to my cousin. Here’s a tip for life: never-never, ever-ever get a pet for anyone without inquiring first if they even want a pet to begin with. Oh, my father was surprised alright. It showed immediately on his face. The words coming from his mouth gave voice to his look. *What? A dog? Are you kidding me? I don’t want a dog. No. You’re gonna have to take it back! He can’t stay here.* That bright, warm, sunny, Happy Father’s Day kind of smile upon my cousin’s face was suddenly eclipsed by something like one of those nasty summer thunderstorms rolling through. *I can’t just ‘take him back’,* she said not knowing whether she should be sad and shedding tears over a cute and cuddly gift rejected or spitting mad at this suddenly stuffy old man who was like a father to her. The little fuzz ball cut through that awkward moment quite like a sharp sabre as he left a little present of his own on the living room carpet. The words exchanged thereafter I dare not recount here. Nonetheless, Fuzzy had now definitely left his mark and made his mark as well (along with a tad bit of a smell). One could not help but to fall in love with him. My father relented after about a day and a half. Little Fuzzy’s sabre cut him to the quick. *Well, I guess we can keep him. He’s used to us now anyway. It would only do him more harm than good to take him back to the farm that he came from.* Fuzzy was quite



the companion over the years. As a Samoyed-Husky mix, he grew into a sizable dog appearing even larger because of his thick gray fur coat. He had one brown eye and one which was blue, the hue of which seemed to change with the weather. The summer “dog days” were not his favorite time of year, but oh could he frolic in the coldest days of winter. He would generally sleep on top of his dog house like Snoopy. In the winter, sometimes I would find him atop his house curled up, comfy, and covered with a fresh coat of snow. He loved it! Summers would find him in a shady corner of our little backyard spread eagle on the ground trying to stay cool. We did have a little back porch...until he pulled it down one day while he was temporarily leashed to it. It’s a miracle that he wasn’t crushed! Could it be that dogs have guardian angels too? He ran away once. I thought that he was gone for good. But three days later, there was a resurrection of sorts. The prodigal pup reappeared haggard and straggly on our front porch. He wouldn’t let the next door neighbor approach him. The mailman couldn’t deliver our mail that day. I arrived home first and he followed me sheepishly into the house. He slept for about another three days. The Good Lord only knows how many offspring he may have sired during his *rumspringa*. Fuzzy outlived my father, but followed not too long after him. I’d say that they had become best friends of a sort. I may have left for the seminary, but Fuzzy remained behind and proved to be a companion and comfort for my father. I’m grateful for that. I don’t know if *all* dogs go to heaven, but I’m pretty *certain* this one did. I believe that God gives us pets in this life as a reflection of His Goodness as Creator. The happiness they bring us in this life is but a glimpse of that ultimate Happiness that God alone brings us in the next. We certainly don’t *need* our four-legged faithful friends in heaven, but who better to remind of us the earthy roots from which we came with some heavenly howls of happiness in the midst of our eternal rest and the occasional present left upon the celestial carpet. *Darn it, Fuzzy!*



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Lost WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR JULY 17, 2022.** ..... \$4,112  
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. .... \$11,539  
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. .... \$11,321

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

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

### DRY TECH WATERPROOFING

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## **MASS ATTENDANCE for July 16/17:**

4:00 PM Mass - 98  
9:00 AM Mass - 112  
Total Attendance - 210



**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 11 - #316 - unsold  
July 12 - #168 - Nikki Gambino - \$50.00  
July 13 - #788 - unsold  
July 14 - #121 - unsold  
July 15 - #058 - unsold  
July 16 - #627 - unsold  
July 17 - #424 - unsold

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH**  
**MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:  
DONALD J. WHITEHEAD from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.



**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!

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

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, 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**

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Pope Francis officially changed it last year from the Feast of St. Martha to this feast honoring all 3 of the siblings.

Jesus told Martha, **"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"** —John 11:25-26

Look at His last 4 words, *"Do you believe this?"* It's a good question for all of us.

## **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 23/24**

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro & Tamaro; 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

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 30/31**

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & Carr

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

**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.

### **EVENTS AT NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO**

**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. No cost to attend; however it is a ticketed event.

**THE STORY OF ST. PHILOMENA** on Wednesday, August 10 following the 11:30 AM Rosary and Noon Mass. Inspiring presentation on her life and spiritual legacy. Learn why Padre Pio cherished her. Mass celebrant and guest presenter: Fr. Jason Kulcynski.

**WOMEN'S MORNING OF PRAYER WITH ST. CLARE** on Thursday, August 11 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Presenter: Sr. Ann Dutrow. No cost to attend; however this is a ticketed event.

For more details about above events contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

**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](http://www.PhillySpirit.com).



### **FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE UNION**

on Saturday, July 30 at Subaru Park. Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to

support Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries. For more information call 215-587-5650 or [cca@theCFGP.org](mailto:cca@theCFGP.org).



**METANOIA** 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.

**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](mailto:marknunan6614@gmail.com)) or Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)).

**MATER LAETITIAE ACADEMY** (located at St. Thomas More Parish) is looking for Latin and Math teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply contact Patty Reyher ([preyher@materlaetitia.com](mailto:preyher@materlaetitia.com)) or Mary Cromwell ([mcromwell@materlaetitia.com](mailto:mcromwell@materlaetitia.com)).