

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 28 JULY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, July 28:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens his hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In him we form one body.

**Readings for Sunday, August 4:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.



**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.**



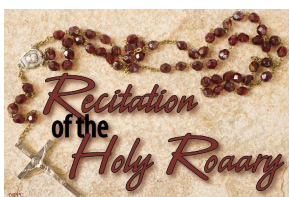
| <u>Date</u> |              | <u>Intention</u>   | <u>Requested By</u>    |
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| 29 July     | MON. 9:00 AM | Michelle Costira   | Jack & Lori Carr       |
| 30 July     | TUE. 9:00 AM | John Della Penna   | Tony & Theresa Vitacco |
| 31 July     | WED. 9:00 AM | Augustino Barbalace  | Jim & Anna Baldasano   |
| 1 Aug.      | THU. 9:00 AM | Special Intention  | Theresa Yost           |
| 3 Aug.      | SAT. 4:00 PM | Rev. Gregory J. Hickey   |                        |
| 4 Aug.      | 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 every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All

are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.



**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS:**  
 Cost for one year is \$39.00. Subscription begins with NOVEMBER 2024 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office. Deadline to sign up is Monday, August 19.

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

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR JULY 21, 2024.** ..... \$3,522  
 2024-2025 Year to Date Collections \$11,352

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND,** August 3 and 4, will be the Collection for Air Conditioning.

**THANK YOU** - Catholic Relief Services extends their thanks for participating in the CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl helps over 160 million people in over 100 countries. It also impacts those who struggle to put healthy food on the table right here in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. 25% of the Rice Bowl donations stay right here and enable Nutritional Development Services to purchase food for area food cupboards and soup kitchens.

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

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

### DRY-TECH WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS

1-888-5DRY-TECH



**APPAREL ALERT!** Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full

Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or 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.

## MASS ATTENDANCE for July 20/21:

4:00 PM Mass - 101

9:00 AM Mass - 106

Total Attendance - 207



**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 15 - #469 - unsold

July 16 - #076 - unsold

July 17 - #885 - unsold

July 18 - #935 - unsold

July 19 - #875 - unsold

July 20 - #725 - Anna Baldasano - \$50.00

July 21 - #066 - unsold



American Red Cross

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on August 5 & 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

Please consider donating blood today! Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



## SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see "Noah." More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to attend!

## ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

received in memory of:

**BRUCE J. HOFFMAN** requested by Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

### ***The Corner***

When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 3/4**

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



During the hot summer months, please dress with respect for Our Lord when attending Mass. Thank you.



#### **REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES** -

Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this fund raiser is put towards our Parish

Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's register tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



#### **HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS**

are being sold by the Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional gift when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the Parish Office.



#### **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.



*"Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God's people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church."*

Pope St. John Paul II  
Address to Seminarians  
St. Martin's Chapel  
October 3, 1979

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY** is always accepting new members. To join, you need to be at least 18 years old and Catholic. New meetings will begin in September at the Knights of Columbus Lodge, Stowe. If interested, contact Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030).

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9-11 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230.



**GOLFERS & NON-GOLFERS** - The Valley Forge Chapter and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus is holding their Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, August 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150.00. Dinner only tickets available for \$40.00 per person. Contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)) or Mark Nunan (610-772-1734 or [marknunan6614@gmail.com](mailto:marknunan6614@gmail.com)).

#### **EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY**

**Anniversary of St. Pio's Ordination to the Priesthood** on Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 AM. Traditional Latin Mass. Rosary following Mass.

**Relic Exposition** on Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This is a free exposition and no registration is necessary.

For more information on the events email [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB**

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** on Sunday, July 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection.

**Our next dinner adventure will take you to Poland.** Held on Friday, August 16 at the Knights of Columbus, Stowe. Menu: Barszcz (Polish Borscht), Golabki (Polish Stuffed Cabbage Rolls), Placki Ziemniaczane (Polish Potato Pancakes), Authentic Polish Beef Goulash, Kremowka Papieska (Polish Cream Papal Cake). Cost is \$20.00. Served from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Reserve your spot at [www.caseyservice.net](http://www.caseyservice.net) or by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corn Hole Tournament of the year** on August 11 at 1:00 PM. Anyone can play. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Food, Beverages and Fun! Register online at Scorehollo or [www.Caseyservice.net](http://www.Caseyservice.net).



**IHM  
Young Adult  
Summer Picnic**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, August 11th  
12:00 Mass  
Picnic & Games

RSVP by August 4th




**HOPE IN CHRIST:**  
Spiritual Support for Addiction

Find Catholic support for you or your loved one struggling with addiction at:  
**[archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope)**

Catholic Events • Support Groups  
Retreats • Personal Stories  
Patron Saints • Healing Ministries  
• and more •

A website provided by the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia



Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni!  
Please join us for: **DAY AT THE BAY**

**THE PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!**

Saturday, August 10, 2024  
from 2:00pm-7:00pm at the  
**SEAPORT PIER**  
in North Wildwood, NJ

Cost is \$30 per person in advance,  
\$40 at the door. Includes beer specials,  
food and music. Must be 21 to attend

[www.RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay](http://www.RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay)



**Be Encouraged:**  
Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing,  
accompaniment and flourishing

**[archphila.org/support](http://archphila.org/support)**



*We Are Family* is the signature song of the vocal group, *Sister Sledge*. Released in April of 1979, it has received countless



hours of play in clubs and discos. It has been heard in movies, TV shows, and commercials. I'm pretty certain that I danced to it back in the day with my date at the senior prom. The song describes a happy and hopeful family that invites everyone to get up to sing and dance with them. I think that it should describe us, because isn't this a family to which we all want to belong? As



Church, we are called to be family. As Church, we are a Community of Faith in relationship with one another. And it's not a matter of dancing at the disco or at the prom -- though that sounds fun to me -- but it is a matter of dancing with our lives in loving relationship with one another. It is just the beginning of the Ultimate Prom which in the end, we all hope and pray to attend. Unfortunately, families sometimes fight. Brothers and sisters sometimes fight. The song is off key or the dance is refused. My own



father had a brother with whom he didn't speak. There is an uncle that I never met and cousins that I will never know. Although without siblings, I did have a best friend that was like a brother to me. One day early on as kids, just for "fun," he had me in a tight-head lock for a time. This resulted in his being shoved hard over a low brick wall. For a bit, we cursed and stammered. I rubbed my sore neck while he rubbed his sore back side and we've remained friends and brothers ever since. During these times of transition and change at our parishes, there can be tension at times. There can be "head-locks" of sort and all kinds of "shoving." Where there had been three priests now there are just two that neighboring



parishes must share together with a grade school and high school to boot! Mass schedules and other schedules need be adjusted. What is one to do? Well, perhaps begin with a song. I think that Our Lord would have liked *Sister Sledge's* song about family. I'm sure that He would have danced to it had the DJ played it at Cana, because He knew about the importance of family. He knew about hope and happiness; joy and forgiveness. He knew about the call to family. In fact, He invites us to be a part of His. We **are** family – just like the song says. Look! The Lord is already out on the dance floor! Together as One Family and One Church, let's run out to join Him! Enjoy the dance!

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson

**PLEASE NOTE: No changes in Mass Schedule here at St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.**