

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 JULY 2023

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

The person of true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

Readings for Sunday, August 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9.



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.



Date			<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
31 July	MON.	9:00 AM	Dominic “Curly” Dellaquila	Ron & Carol Fry
1 Aug.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Catherine Miller	Jack & Lori Carr
2 Aug.	WED.	9:00 AM	Sally Shaffer	Ron & Carol Fry
3 Aug.	THU.	9:00 AM	Sr. Bernadette Anne Bozak, OSF	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
5 Aug.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
6 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, especially JOSEPH GIERCHICK.

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.



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), or place your order on the order form in the vestibule of Church.



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

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

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.

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 23, 2023. \$3,389
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$15,134
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$16,153

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, August 5 and 6, will be the collection for the Air Conditioning.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
 JULY DRAWING - Shirley Kovach - \$256.00.



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 17 - #185 - unsold
 July 18 - #924 - Mary Lenhardt - \$50.00
 July 19 - #679 - unsold
 July 20 - #849 - unsold
 July 21 - #851 - unsold
 July 22 - #107 - unsold
 July 23 - #178 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 22/23:

4:00 PM Mass - 88
 9:00 AM Mass - 124
 Total Attendance - 212



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.

The Corner

Friday is the feast of Saint John Vianney, and 18th century priest known for his dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He would often spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional, and is the patron saint of parish priests. What a perfect reminder for all of us to go to confession this week.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 5/6

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Donnelly & Miller

Greeter -Hildebrand

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

SAVE THE DATE! Our Parish's 16th 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!



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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!

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: PAUL SEMON, SR. from Tony Vitacco.



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It was a couple of Sundays ago now. After the 9 AM Mass as I was walking back down the center aisle. Folks



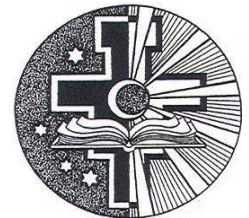
were gathered and talking as usual and I was introduced to Fr. Ray Bomberger, SSJ and his sister - Sister Xavier Bomberger, OSF. I hadn't known that they were in attendance at Mass; otherwise I would have made known that fact to everyone and certainly would have invited Father Ray to celebrate or, at least, concelebrate the Mass. Father Ray and Sister Xavier are among the several vocations that have taken root



and have been nurtured right here at Saint Gabe's. Homegrown vocations are something in which the whole parish community should take pride and something for which we should always pray. Father Ray is a member of the Society of Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Josephites) dedicated in service to advancing Church teaching among African Americans. Fr. Ray knows a classmate of mine that was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, but subsequently discerned a calling to serve in the Josephites. Sister



Xavier is a member of the School Sisters of Saint Francis - the community of sisters that taught at the former Saint Gabriel School. Father and Sister were in town for a family reunion. It was a pleasure to meet them and I look forward to their next visit! In my own home parish, I am one of four priests ordained over the years. Interestingly, they were all "Gerry" and I was the only



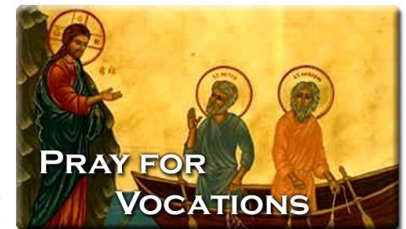
"Gene." Hey, at least the initial consonant sound was the same! I remember visiting home one time and seeing my picture hanging on a "Wall of Honor" in the parish hall.

Parish pride, indeed! The parish to which I was first assigned apparently always had had someone in the seminary. At one point, I made known to parishioners that, that tradition was about to end with the parish son and friend of mine that was soon-to-be ordained. *Better start praying harder*, I suggested. It's quite amazing just how prayer works! As the date of ordination neared, the pastor and I got some unexpected news.



A recent college grad who was a parishioner was applying to the seminary. Neither of us was exactly sure who that young man was at the time, but that would change quickly.

That man is a priest in the archdiocese today. In fact, I was living in the parish next door to him for a couple of years. Pray for vocations! Pray intensely for Saint Gabriel vocations! Pray not because of the great need - "begging" and "pleading" as it were. There has always been and always will be great need. Pray because of Beauty - the Beauty of a life dedicated to walking with the Lord in a very special way. Homegrown vocations, I suppose, are like



homegrown vegetables from the garden. They simply taste better! There is pride in knowing that they came from the backyard and that I helped them to grow! *Better start praying harder!* Pray for vocations! Pray for the Beauty of vocations! Pray intensely for homegrown vocations, because "homegrown" is the best!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson