

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 JULY 2023

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

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

Readings for Sunday, July 16: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.



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>
10 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary S. Rudy	Daughter, Mary
11 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Catherine Lubreski	Tony Vitacco
12 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Walter Katalinas	Tony Vitacco
13 July	THU. 9:00 AM	L.Cpl. Matt Snyder, USMC	Jane Perkins
15 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Benjamin & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
16 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



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 PARISH OFFICE will be closed Friday, July 14.



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

"He's not waiting for you to say vows; He's not waiting for you to make a promise; He's not waiting for your circumstances to change. He wants you today—just today—to say yes to Him in your daily duties."

— Father Mike Schmitz "How to Make Great Decisions."

LAST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 2, 2023. \$
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$
 Figures from the July 2 Collection will be in the July 16 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 15 and 16,
 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
 JUNE DRAWING - Sandra Ebert - \$269.00.



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.**

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 Call the Parish Office for more details.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:
ROBERT FITCH from Jeanette & Bill Gatta.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on and July 17 and 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.



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).



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 15/16

4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Vitacco
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, Nester
 Altar Server - Holmes
 Greeter - DiMarco
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Boyer
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Carr & Bernhard
 Altar Server - Griffin
 Greeter -Hildebrand

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.

A Message From The Pastor

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It was near the end of the school year. The weather was turning warmer. Thoughts of a long hot summer, cars, driving, girlfriends, and sunny beaches swirled about in the heads of these high school boys. There were about six or seven of us all together gathering out behind the rectory on a Saturday morning close to noon. A well-liked priest that taught us made a request. Father wanted to know if we could wash his car. You know, clean off all that winter road salt and stuff. Such a request would never happen today for any number of reasons, but we all agreed to it, since his offer of a free lunch sealed the deal...and our parents were just glad to get us out of the house for a bit! Actually, there was something that all of us already knew about Father's car. Everybody knew.



We saw it every day in the parking lot of our school. Father's car was a piece of junk. It was a '73 or '74 dark green Impala. It had dents, rust, and the driver's side mirror was broken off. It burned oil and bounced like a bed over every pot hole. No matter



how clean this car might be, it still looked like...well...not good. It was sort of like the car belonging to the *Blues Brothers*, but at the time, we were all thinking *Dirty Harry* and his unmarked cruiser. Cool! We made quick work of the wash (obviously...I mean, what's the point?) and there was plenty of horsing around on our part with the soap bucket and garden hose. It didn't matter, because we weren't dressed in our Sunday best. Come to think of it, we were never dressed in our Sunday best...except for dates.

Father kinda supervised - plus some piece of furniture like a couch or armchair needed to be moved about in the rectory, but then came the reward. It would be lunch at Roy's. Remember *Roy Rogers*? There aren't too many of them left - except for along the Turnpike. I used to love their creamy horseradish sauce. The other guys would joke:



Would you like some roast beef with your horseradish?



All of us had great fun that day and we made sure that we took advantage of our reward, since Father told us to order whatever we wanted. It would surely be expensive, because high school boys can eat like ravenous wolves. Our banter at the restaurant was about the end of school and summer. Some had summer jobs lined up. We also talked about cars and driving, since some of us were already licensed and the rest would soon be newly licensed drivers. Suddenly, a woman who had been a patron of the restaurant

approached. She had been watching us and looking at Father. Father got up from the table and went off to the side to speak with the woman privately. After graciously thanking the woman, Father returned to the table and sat down. *Boys - that lady thinks that you're all orphans! Ha! She wanted to pay for your lunch and make a donation to the orphanage besides! Who am I to refuse her generosity?* Well, we did look the part. Perhaps, the whole point of that day was my being able to write this now to you. It wasn't so much that day in particular, but it was that priest in general that made quite the impact on me - one of his orphans. One never knows when the seed of a vocation is planted and takes root. Sometimes that seed might even be tossed out the window of an old, beat-up, dark green, piece-of-junk Impala...you know, the one with the broken side mirror. Try tossing a few seeds of your own this summer and support the orphans...because you never know who -- or how -- God might be calling!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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 or 610-972-0356).

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY on July 12 at National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Spiritual Director is Father David Smith. Come out and hear about Our Lady of Fatima and pray for peace in our hearts, our families, and our world! No cost to attend - free will offerings gratefully accepted. Bring your own lunch. Begins at 9:30 AM with Confessions and complimentary coffee and tea. Includes Conferences, Mass and Free Time and concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. To register visit www.padrepio.org and click on the event calendar for July 12th or contact angela@padrepio.org.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PARISH FAIR returns this year in Royersford! July 12-15. Join us for rides, games, live music, and fabulous food. Join our Cornhole Tournament on Saturday night and BINGO in our air-conditioned Café. Sit in our Beer Garden and listen to live music every night. Plus...we will be selling our homemade pierogi at the Fair. See our webpage www.sacredheartroyersford.org/fair for all the fun!



DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHIP - GROW IN MISSION

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. It will be a year of journeying with the Archbishop into deeper missionary discipleship from February 2023 to February 2024. To subscribe visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL - JOIN US!

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. Visit www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org to stay up to date on our local celebration.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023 - Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2023 theme is *"Created for Love: Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother."* Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women can enter more deeply into these five primary ways of relating to God and others and so experience deeper fulfillment and bring greater joy to others. Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Register at www.catholicwomensconference.org.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA EUCCHARISTIC 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.