

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 JUNE 2024

Readings for Sunday, June 16: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34.

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

Readings for Sunday, June 23: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41.



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.



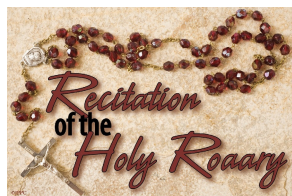
<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
17 June	MON. 9:00 AM	St. Pius X Class of 1968	Tony Vitacco
18 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemssen
19 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
20 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Beatrice Galloway	Nagel Family
22 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Albert Piasecki	Frank & Paula Spollen
23 June	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 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



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 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 JULY issue at the Parish Office.

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LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 9, 2024..... \$4,831
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$220,102
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$223,774

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, June 22 and 23, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 8/9:

4:00 PM Mass - 103
9:00 AM Mass - 103
Total Attendance - 206

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY

610-705-0130



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).



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



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

June 3 - #230 - unsold
June 4 - #846 - unsold
June 5 - #941 - Cliff & Barbara Keller - \$50.00
June 6 - #521 - Cliff & Barbara Keller - \$50.00
June 7 - #505 - unsold
June 8 - #830 - unsold
June 9 - #314 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and July 5 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

MARYANN YANOS MILLER from Jack Bucciaglia;
MARYANN THOMAS from Chris, Gene & Dom Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUNE 22 & 23

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Adams

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Miller

Greeter - Neiman

CHEST-MONT CATHOLIC LIONS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

is now open for the Fall season for players entering Grades 5-6 (Junior Varsity) and Grades 7-8 (Varsity). Visit www.cmccyo.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Time to Kiss the Blarney Stone - Irish Dinner on Friday, June 21 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Traditional Irish Potato Leek Soup, Traditional Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef and Cabbage and Caramelized Custard. Contact Franco (484-433-9160) to hold your spot.

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, June 23 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection.

The Corner

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and father figures, who guide us and imitate the saints in so many ways. Say the Our Father today in praise of your heavenly Father, and keep all priests in your prayers.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by The Valley Forge Chapter and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150. Dinner only tickets available for \$40 per person. Contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan (610-772-1734 or marknunan6614@gmail.com).

COMMEMORATION OF PADRE PIO'S CANONIZATION on Sunday, June 16 at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002. The Holy Father praised the new saint for his prayer and charity. Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio at 11:30 AM. Mass at 12:30 PM. Following Mass, enjoy *Padre Pio's San Giovanni*, a brief 30 minute film that includes scenes from Padre Pio's last Mass and compelling testimonies by those who knew him when he was alive and others who only got to know and love him after his death. No registration is needed. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS at St. Basil the Great Parish, Phoenixville on Saturday, June 22 after the 5:00 PM Mass. Holy Hour including Healing Service, Confessions, Live Music, Vocation Testimony. The Church needs your prayers for holy marriages, families, priests and religious vocations. Will you pray with us?: Join us at 6:30 PM for an evening of unified prayer for the Church! For more details contact lbohannon79@gmail.com or call 484-329-0601.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES -

We recently received a check in the amount of **\$405.79** from Redner's for the Register Tape Program. 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.



2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE - THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- Eucharistic & Marian. June 21-23 at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern. Join us for our EAST Regional Conference and experience an outpouring of Divine

Love through Mary's Immaculate Heart. Be immersed in the New Wine of the Flame of Love which renews our hearts, our families, and our entire world! Daily Mass, Keynote Speakers, Break-out Sessions, Healing Service, Adoration, Passing of the Flame and more. Presenters and Retreat Hosts: Regional Directors EAST - Monica Ludwig, Victoria Palmer, Linda Rhein; National Spiritual Director Monsignor Chieffo and Father Mike Davis; International and US Directors - John Sullivan and Jill Meta. \$325.00 Retreat includes all meals and lodging. Register at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE

- You are invited to join the pro-life community as we gather for a special Mass at the Cathedral followed by a March to Independence

Hall and a Rally for Life. Held on Saturday, June 22. 9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. 10:30 AM March starts at Ben Franklin Parkway & Race Street. 11:30 AM Pro-Life Rally at Independence Hall with music and guest speakers. As part of these events there will be a collection at the Cathedral of items needed by moms and babies that will then be distributed at Philly's Biggest Baby Shower in September. For more details or to register go to www.prolifeunion.org.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It 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 or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RETREAT

- Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23. Held at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern. Speakers: Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM and Kathleen McCarthy. For more information or to register go to Events - ArchphilaCCR or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Events begin at 7:30 PM. Upcoming Events:

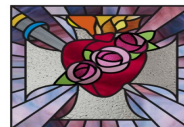
Tuesday, June 18 - Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.
Tuesday, June 25 - Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales.

Visit www.metanoiayoungadults.org for latest information.

2024 Catholic Women's Conference

The Joys of Womanhood

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**Saturday, October 19
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy
Emily Wilson

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



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Although I've never had the privilege of being called "dad," I do have the honor of being called "father." For this honor, I'm ever so grateful. "Dads" today it seems, have a most difficult job. There are so many different tasks and responsibilities that are requisite. It can seem impossible. If a top university were to somehow offer a course in "fatherhood," no one would be able to complete the vast curriculum anyway. This is just as true of priestly "fatherhood" also. Notice the seminary offers studies leading not to "fatherhood" but rather, to ordination and "priesthood." One of the many fond



memories that I have of my own father is something rather simple and innocent. There really isn't much of a story behind it. Oh, I suppose it would happen more often around this time of year with the long days, warm weather, and the beginning of summer. It would be around the four o'clock hour during the week and I would be outside with the neighborhood kids playing in the driveway next to our house. We played tag; we played ball; we played superheroes; we played all kinds of things. That would all stop for me for a few brief moments during that four o'clock hour. That was the hour that my father got home from work. I would spot him sauntering down from the corner where carpooling co-workers just dropped him off and I would run. Man, would I run. He would then drop whatever he was carrying and crouch over as I leapt up in his arms. He hugged me and asked me how my day was. He reminded me that it was almost dinner time and to make sure that I took time to get washed up. Of dinner I never needed a reminder, the washing up part on the other hand... Throughout his life, my father never seemed to tire of those embraces – though the leaping part, of



course, did stop. Maybe herein is a message for all "fathers" priestly and otherwise...those with just one child – or those with many. Being a truly good father in today's world is difficult no doubt, but the key is in the heart. The key perhaps is having a shepherd's heart – in having *the Shepherd's Heart*, which in reality is having the Heart of a Good Father.



Good fathers like Good Shepherds keep watch over their tender flock. They're never too tired for an embrace even though they've been up since five in the morning. Carrying a staff of sorts, sometimes they pull and sometimes they prod – making sure one really does wash up before dinner. I'm grateful for the gift of my own dad and I'm grateful for the gift of fatherhood. I hope that you are too! This is the day to take that running leap embracing dad and fatherhood – and make sure that you *really* do wash up for dinner! Happy Father's Day!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson