

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 JUNE 2023

Readings for Sunday, June 18: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8.

Reconciled to God through the blood of Christ, we are a chosen people, "a holy nation," the sheep of God's flock. We are called, as were the Twelve, to go forth and bear witness to the reign of God.

Readings for Sunday, June 25: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.



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>
19 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemsen
20 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Edmund Slaby	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
21 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Paula Bolonski	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
22 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Josephine Appolonia	Daughter, Anna Discher
24 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
25 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	60 th Wedding Anniversary - Jeanette & Bill Gatta	Daughter, Jeanille



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially ROBERT FITCH.

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 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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: ROBERT FITCH from Helen & Ken George, Theresa Yost, Barbara Guadagno.

LOST WEEK

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 11, 2023..... \$4,144
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$223,774
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$213,589

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, June 24 and 25, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 10/11:

4:00 PM Mass - 92
9:00 AM Mass - 101
Total Attendance - 193



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 5 - #629 - Donna Roncase - \$50.00
June 6 - #274 - Paula Spollen - \$50.00
June 7 - #990 - unsold
June 8 - #739 - Nicole Griffin - \$50.00
June 9 - #424 - Darlene Matta - \$50.00
June 10 - #297 - unsold
June 11 - #015 - unsold

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 19 and July 7 & 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

The Corner

Happy are we who are the children of God our Father, made in His image and likeness! Today, let's celebrate not only our heavenly Father, but all the fathers in our lives: dads, granddads, uncles, brothers, cousins, and friends who have been like a father to us. And we can't forget our priests, the ones we call Father every time we see them! Give thanks to God for all these helpers He put into our lives.



PARISH YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 - July 17, 2024

MISSION: To renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 24/25

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Buccaglia & Carr

Altar Server - Francis

Greeter - Neiman

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.



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY,

the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is calling on you to help with *Building Our Future*. As the seminary's relocation to Lower Gwynedd Township is fully underway, plans include renovating existing buildings and constructing new buildings. This new location will guarantee and secure our commitment to forming new priests with an exceptional educational experience. Establishing an endowment is also vital so the seminary will lessen its dependence on annual giving and ensure the long-term sustainability of the mission. This endeavor needs to raise \$40 million for the future of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please join in supporting the *Building Our Future Comprehensive Campaign*. Visit www.scs.edu/campaign to learn more.

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 competition prizes. Donation: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet only - \$40.00. This event supports Knights of Columbus Charities and Pro-Life Activities. Payment and Registration due by August 5. 100% PREPAID event. To register contact Gary Huster (thebighue@aol.com) or 610-972-0356).

SPAGHETTI DINNER sponsored by Knights of Columbus to benefit St. Aloysius Students and Youth Pilgrimage to World Youth Day. Date: Saturday, July 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM - seating every hour. Cost: \$15.00. Youth from St. Aloysius will be here at St. Gabriel Parish to sell tickets next weekend, June 24 and 25. Due to the increasing popularity of these dinners, we are asking that tickets be purchased in advance. Take out will also be available.

CHRIST IN THE CITY Documentary Screening on Wednesday, June 21 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Stotesbury Mansion, Philadelphia. This film is a must-see for anyone who wants to understand the root causes of homelessness and witness the power of human connection in addressing this critical issue. This is a free event, but space is limited. RSVP to www.tickettailor.com/events/christinthecity/935137.



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.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE & BABY SHOWER

COLLECTION on Saturday, June 24. 8:30 AM - Baby Shower collection in Cathedral parking lot; 9:00 AM - Mass at the Cathedral; 10:30 AM - March for Life; 11:30 AM - Rally at Independence Hall. Baby items will be collected before the March for Life in the Cathedral parking lot, and Catholic Social Services will hold the largest Baby Shower on September 9. Donations needed include diapers, wipes, new strollers, new clothing and all the things a new mom and baby need. For more information visit www.ProLifeUnion.org.



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I can distinctly remember having “the talk” with my father. He didn’t initiate it. I did. I noticed some changes in myself that alarmed me. So, I asked my father if I could talk with him about something. He said, “Of course!” Since this was a rather private matter about “guy stuff,” I led him into my bedroom and away from



the woman in the house - my mother. I thoroughly explained to my father what my concern was so as to be sure that he fully understood. His words to me were gentle and reassuring - and honestly, quite the relief. I was normal and this was all a part of growing-up. *Whew! I thought something was wrong for sure!* What I didn’t notice then, in my innocence, I can recall now with the benefit of years as I look back upon that day. Yes, my father’s words did greatly reassure me, but

what I didn’t see back then was his radiance. He was radiant with pride as his boy was becoming a man. He was even more radiant about the absolute trust and confidence that a son placed in his father. I had never been more my father’s son than in that moment.



After his gentle explanation of things that I, admittedly, did not fully



understand nor was fully aware, he told me to remember that I could always talk to him about anything - *anything*, he said again for emphasis - no matter how great or small or seemingly embarrassing it may seem. And in that moment, with these words, this man was never more fully my father. The trust and confidence that I had in my earthly father is reflective of the trust and the confidence that all of us are to have in our heavenly One. God the Father wants us to be able to talk with Him about anything - *anything*. Our trust in Him is the very Pride of God that we know more

properly as His Glory. All good earthly fathers reflect this. How sad and traumatic it is, indeed, when such trust is betrayed. On Father’s Day, we honor our fathers both living and deceased. It is a time for all fathers living to renew their efforts at being good fathers and reflecting God the Father as best they can. For us, their sons and daughters, it is a time to renew trust and confidence in the person that we call “Dad.” I am grateful for the good relationship that I had (and still have) with my father. We continue to have “our talks,” except now, they don’t take place privately



in the bedroom, but quite publicly at the altar. He continues to reassure me, as does God the Father, about things I, admittedly, really do not fully understand nor am fully aware, but that are simply all part of “growing-up” in the Faith. *Thanks, Dad!* And thank God! It *is* good to know that we can talk about anything - ***anything*** - with Our Father! Happy Father’s Day

Peace!

Fr. Wilson