

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 JUNE 2024

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

In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving presence of God, who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and sea obey. He died and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

Readings for Sunday, June 30: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43.



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>
24 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Theresa Romahn	Nicoletta Gambino
25 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Yvonne Lake	Joe Harbach
26 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Margaret Buccaglia	John & Judy Stevenson
27 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Pauline Harbach	Husband, Joe
29 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
30 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Victor D'Emilio	Wife, Lucy and family



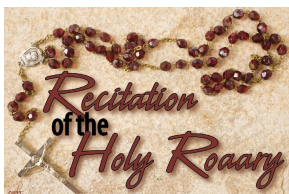
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



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.



Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of JOHN & CAY FRANCIS requested by Jane Perkins.



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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, June 25 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

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

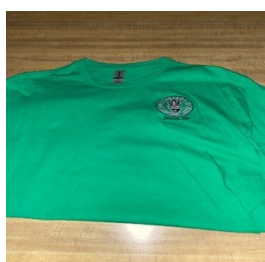
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DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 16, 2024..... \$3,311
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$223,413
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$227,416

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
 610-326-7880



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.



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.

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 15/16:

4:00 PM Mass - 95
 9:00 AM Mass - 114
 Total Attendance - 209



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 10 - #623 - unsold
 June 11 - #081 - unsold
 June 12 - #876 - unsold
 June 13 - #260 - unsold
 June 14 - #329 - Jane Perkins - \$100.00
 June 15 - #363 - unsold
 June 16 - #262 - Sandy & Pete Richards - \$100.00



Winner of the Phillies Basket raffled off last Sunday is **MARIE YONKOVITCH**. Fr. Wilson pulled the winning ticket.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on July 5 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM and July 15 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JUNE 29 & 30

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Griffin

Greeter - Neiman

The Corner

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**. We all know the story of John, who even in the womb knew the presence of Jesus and of Mary, and leaped with joy at the glad coming of the Son of man. He was a bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament, and some theologians say he was the last prophet of the Old Testament.



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.

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

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.

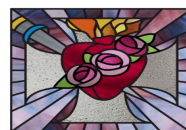
ANNUAL PRO-LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by The Valley Forge Chapter and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150. Dinner only 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).

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 inquires are strictly confidential.

2024 Catholic Women's Conference

The Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



Saturday, October 19

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

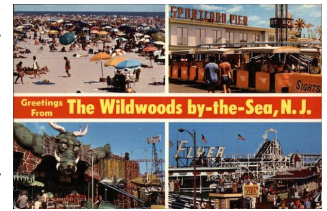
Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy
Emily Wilson

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



He was up at 6:00 and by 6:15 he was ready to go. Such was my father on the first day of our annual vacation to the Wildwood Crest during his company's "two-week shutdown" in early days of my youth. My father got up early for work anyway throughout the year. This was kind of a late start for him. He understood though, that I was a child in the midst of a whole summer off from school and that my mother would need a little more time to get ready. I've always been more like my mother in this regard. His aim was always to leave by 8:30 or 9:00 at the latest. His little bag would be quickly packed: toothbrush, comb, bathing suit, a pair of pants, shorts, two shirts, three pairs of socks and undergarments. The fishing equipment was already in the car. He finished his first cup of coffee and then would start on his second. Then, he would wait and wait and wait some more. The sun was already up and temperatures were rising quickly. My mother would pull me out of bed shortly after seven. That wasn't much of a problem since the thoughts of beach and boardwalk kept me up most of the night anyway. My mother then *continued* her previously started packing and double checking everything that she



had already packed...and it seems that my mother did, in fact, pack everything. If it would have snowed at the shore that summer, we would have been ready. Maybe it was the coffee that affected my father. I guess he should have switched to *Sanka*. By 10:30, he was beside himself muttering and cussing under his breath. *Why do you have to pack so much stuff? We're not going for the whole year!* That actually would have been okay with me. Then he turned his attention to me. I had a whole bag just with my select toys that I couldn't leave home without. *Really? You're going to be by the pool or at the beach all day! You don't need all this stuff! Stop crying!* In between expressing his anger as to why my mother could not have packed things up earlier in the week and again asking why all this was needed, he employed my help in carrying things out



to the car where he would strategically load up the trunk and the roof top luggage rack of our four door sedan. We would drive to the shore in a vehicle that looked like it could have belonged to the Beverly Hillbillies. Just before noon, after bidding a fond *adieu* to our next door neighbors and checking three times to make absolutely certain that the door was locked, the *Minnow* set sail. Of course, first we had to stop by and pick-up my aunt and cousin who would be joining us on our three hour cruise, so it would be yet another hour and a half before we truly set sail. I could actually hear my father grinding

his teeth. *Dad, you really need to switch to decaf.* When it comes to bags and baggage, I've always been one to over pack – just like my mother. Yes, it is good to be prepared and there were times when we needed a light jacket, but a snow brush would be a bit much in July. I suppose most of us are like this in terms of our Faith. We so often focus on all those things that we supposedly need, instead of realizing all that we don't. My father knew that in the desolate outback of the Wildwoods, one could find not only beaches and boardwalks, but washing machines, supermarkets, and even toy stores. All of us need to pack less especially in our baggage fee world of today. In terms of our Faith, there have always been "baggage fees." Save money, time, and effort! Get rid of the excess! Get rid of the things not needed! Get rid of all the unnecessary baggage in your life! Jesus is Captain of the boat and it's not a three hour tour, but an eternal one that brings us to the shores of Heaven. As great an effort and unnerving as it can be to pack, perhaps it's the "unpacking" that's even more difficult and yet more necessary. Besides, it's all quickly forgotten when one arrives at the shore late on a warm summer day and witnesses a beautiful sunset over the bay with wife and son by your side.



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson