

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 JUNE 2023

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

You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Hence, do not fear those who can take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you unto life everlasting.

Readings for Sunday, July 2: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42.



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>
26 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Edmund Slaby	Sharon McCarthy
27 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Paula Bolonski	Lloyd Christman & family
28 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Lillian Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
29 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Joe Gray	Ron & Carol Fry
1 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 July	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.
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.



We welcome the ELLIOTT TAMMARO FAMILY, the THOMAS VALINOTO FAMILY, BRIAN HALTON and KRISTIN MADDALONI who recently joined St. Gabriel Parish!



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.

The Corner

God expects Spiritual Fruit, not Religious Nuts!

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

Collections ©IPPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 18, 2023..... \$3,642
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$227,416
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$216,997

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 17/18:

4:00 PM Mass - 102
 9:00 AM Mass - 106
 Total Attendance - 208



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 12 - #680 - unsold
 June 13 - #522 - unsold
 June 14 - #670 - unsold
 June 15 - #090 - unsold
 June 16 - #530 - Bob Zomolsky - \$100.00
 June 17 - #611 - Cathy Salkowski - \$50.00
 June 18 - #422 - Shirley Mohn - \$100.00

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on 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.

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

ROBERT FITCH from Sharon McCarthy, Kathy & Ron Bernhard, Dave & Yvonne Lake, Steve, Helen & Emily Lake, Jerry & Phillip Lake, Mariann Horan & John Willemssen, Barbara & Cliff Keller, Barbara & Michael Hipszer;
EDMUND & JOAN SLABY from Dave & Janet Slaby.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, July 1 and 2, will

be the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights of immigrants - they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.



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 - July 1-2

4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Mich
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, Nester
 Altar Server - Wasylkowski
 Greeter - Wade
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Iannozzi
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & Donnelly
 Altar Server - Donnelly & Miller
 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.

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. Meal consists of Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad and Dessert. Drinks available to purchase. Youth from St. Aloysius will be here at St. Gabriel Parish to sell tickets this 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY on July 12 at National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Come and hear about Our Lady of Fatima and pray for peace in our hearts, families and world. Spiritual Director is Father David Smith. No cost to attend - free will offerings gratefully accepted. Bring your own lunch or pre-pay \$16.00 for a boxed lunch when registering by July 5. 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. For more details or to register contact angela@padrepio.org.



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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Over the course of the weekend, couples and a priest will provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help you work through common themes we can all relate to: exploring our personality styles, appreciating our differences, listening in a new way, communicating intimately, addressing difficult topics, discovering God's desire for our marriage and continuing the journey. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome. For more information visit the website www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859).

A Message From The Pastor

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The last week of June and the first week of July are vacation time for many. For quite a number of folks the vacation of choice is camping. Camping in the wild outback was quite the experience for me as a kid. I remember the “noise” of the forest: the crickets, some restless birds, squirrels, and animals of various sorts. There was also the traffic noise from the busy intersection around the corner. My outback was the little yard out in the back of the small row house of my youth. Perhaps you’ve camped in that outback as well. I recalled my childhood

expedition the other day while driving. I noticed a pup tent set-up on the lawn beside a home. *Gotta be a kid’s camping expedition*, I thought. I journeyed to my distant destination deep in the wilderness well prepared.

There would be no turning back. I had my sleeping bag, flashlight, comic books, transistor radio, water flask, and, of course, an assortment of snacks. Despite being so well prepared for spending a night deep in the thick dark wilderness of my imagination, my mother insisted that the backyard light remain on. *But mommmmm...!* Nope! The light would remain on. That was final! As the sun slowly rose the next day in the haze of the early summer morning, I roused from sleep and broke the fast of the night with some *Lucky Charms*. I left my tent to



stand and stretch. Soon I would be breaking camp. Nature, indeed, was already calling in more ways than one. I noticed the curtains of the kitchen window flutter just a bit as a woman hidden behind them kept watch. I had survived a whole night in the wild on my own and I would begin to proudly make the journey home. I wonder if Jesus camped outside as a kid. I’m rather certain that He did, since He often did so as a man - itinerant preacher that He was. His whole life was really a matter of camping - camping in the wilderness of our world. In fact, His first “tent” was a stable filled with all sorts of animal noises along with the animals making them and His first tiny sleeping bag was

made of hay. His Mother too also kept watch through the night. She still does. It’s comforting to know that as we camp for a time in the “wilderness of our world” during this our “vacation season,” Mother will still be vigilantly watching over us too and welcoming us with a hug as we return home having survived our long night in the outback! Be safe and enjoy the summer! Enjoy the vacation season and rest assured knowing that Our Mother - and Her Son - are always keeping watch!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson