

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 JUNE 2024

Readings for Sunday, June 9: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

With the Lord there is mercy and redemption for the reign of sin has come to an end in the person of Jesus. Hence we must never lose heart for we believe we shall be raised up with him.

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



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 June	MON. 9:00 AM	St. Gabriel School Class of 1964	Tony Vitacco
11 June	TUE. 9:00 AM	Bart Magliocchetti	Jim & Anna Baldasano
12 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
13 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Edward Slaby	Daughter, Sharon
15 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
16 June	SUN. 9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Fathers	



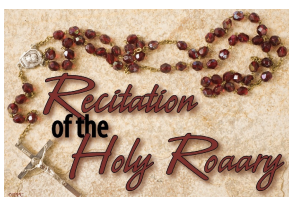
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially MARYANN THOMAS.

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

are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.



FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA on Thursday, June 13. Special Devotional Prayer, Blessing and distribution of bread, and distribution of Prayer Cards after the 9:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to join in this special devotion to St. Anthony.

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DEPOSIT FOR MAY 26, 2024. \$4,097
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$210,468
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$214,994

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 2, 2024. \$4,803
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$215,271
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$219,630

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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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 subscription 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 May 25/26:

4:00 PM Mass - 103

9:00 AM Mass - 99

Total Attendance - 202

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 1-2:

4:00 PM Mass - 125

9:00 AM Mass - 111

Total Attendance - 236

June 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Migrants and refugees from the south and southwest of Asia such as Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh often make their way to Europe in an effort to escape political oppression, war, civil strife, and a vast array of life-threatening hardships we cannot imagine in our country.

Frequently, they travel the Balkan route through southeastern Europe. Over the past several years, many have ended up in holding camps for refugees where living conditions present great challenges. Late in 2020, a fire in one camp in Lipa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, forced 1,500 of these refugees to live outdoors during the cold and snow of winter. Pope Francis responded with a donation to build structures to accommodate these refugee families and unaccompanied minors. That emergency relief was made possible in part through donations from the faithful throughout the Universal Church to the annual Peter's Pence Collection.

Contributions to Peter's Pence help fund not only all the activities of the various Dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in his ministry, but also make it possible for the Holy See to respond to those in need. To learn more about how Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministries of mercy, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html (español).

I ask that you consider supporting this year's Peter's Pence Collection as an act of mercy and charity. Please join me and our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and in particular the most marginalized and vulnerable corners of our world.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



THANKS to all who attended last week's 95th Anniversary Social. It was wonderful to see our Parish Family come together. We are very appreciative of all who volunteered. We look forward to gathering for our next event!



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

May 20 - #492 - unsold

May 21 - #597 - unsold

May 22 - #312 - unsold

May 23 - #494 - unsold

May 24 - #567 - unsold

May 25 - #807 - Sue Hyland - \$50.00

May 26 - #273 - Linda Long - \$100.00

May 27 - #889 - unsold

May 28 - #626 - Joyce Moliken - \$50.00

May 29 - #269 - unsold

May 30 - #316 - unsold

May 31 - #089 - unsold

MAY FIGURES: 256 Tickets sold - \$1280.00. Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for May - \$830.00.

June 1 - #506 - unsold

June 2 - #103 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on June 17 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 15 & 16

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Griffin & Nagel

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner

An encouraging message for recent graduates....

"You are entering into mission territory in a post-God world. But you were made for this, and with God by your side, and a constant striving for virtue in your vocation, you too can be a saint."

----Harrison Butker's Commencement Address 2024 at Benedictine College



REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES -

We recently received a check in the amount of \$542.46 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.

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 SERVICES CLUB

Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, June 9 from 1:00 PM till ? Food, drinks, lots of fun. Price is \$20 per team in advance; \$30 day of Tournament. Contact Franco at 484-433-9160.

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).

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.

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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**10TH NATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS** on July
17-21 at Lucas Oil
Stadium,
Indianapolis, IN. Will
you join us? YOU
know Jesus is truly

present in the Eucharist, but many people haven't yet received this gift of faith. And even more don't realize how central this sacrament is to our salvation itself. So, let's show them! This summer, the Eucharist will take center stage in a major U.S. stadium. Catholics from all over the United States will gather at the feet of Jesus Christ to worship him in a way this generation has never seen. It's time to remind the world Jesus is still with us - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Your presence at the National Eucharistic Congress is a public witness that Jesus is powerfully present and active in our midst. Learn more at www.EucharisticCongress.org.



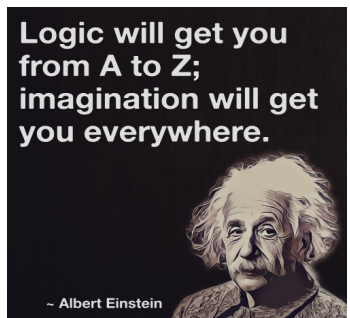
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SRA was - I would say - sort of like a secular Lectio Divina. At least, it well prepared this guy for such noble endeavor. Lectio Divina is for sure a noble endeavor. It is most simply a reflective and contemplative reading of Sacred Scripture.



It opens our hearts and our minds to that which God wants to say to us. Long before I had ever heard of Lectio or knew what it was, I had SRA. Some of you might remember SRA. It was a “thing” when I was in grade school. Either when an assigned task (such as a workbook page) was completed or when a teacher just wanted (or needed) some “quiet time,” then it was SRA time. SRA was a program to develop reading comprehension skills. In

1955, Don Parker pitched the “multilevel reading” product to Science Research Associates, a small Chicago-based publishing company that produced primarily aptitude and vocational tests. The company, looking to expand into the growing educational materials market, struck a deal with Parker, who helped develop the commercial product. The SRA Reading Laboratory Kit was first published in 1957 - well before I was even in this world let alone attending grade school. The kit consisted of cards



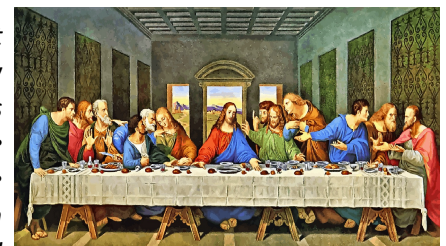
with short stories followed by a series of questions. Some of those questions involved short specific answers; others involved some thought and imagination. We could use some more thought and imagination in our world today. An SRA story might begin this way: *On a warm, rainy Sunday in June, Mrs. MacGillcuddy rode the bus to the bakery shop in the little town of Woebegone.* This

would prompt a little guy’s imagination and the thinking commensurate therewith. *I love Sundays, I would think. No, not because of Church, but because there was no school! I love June, too! And pretty much for the same reason! School would end, summer would begin, and it was my birthday month besides! I love bakeries as well, because of donuts with chocolate*



frosting! Yum! But then, I would have questions, too. Why in the world would a little town be named “Woebegone?” That’s not a very nice name! And who exactly was Mrs. MacGillcuddy?” Was she like our neighbor, Mrs. Williams? I wanted to know more. And now, I wanted a chocolate donut, too! Such exercises as a kid unknowingly prepared me for the Lectio Divina that I practice today and that I recommend to everyone – that sacred reading of Holy Writ that so fills hearts and minds. What was the Last Supper meal of Holy Thursday really like? What were they talking about before Jesus

got to the “this is My Body/this is My Blood” part. Were they talking maybe about local sports and the Phillies team of their day? Did they have chocolate donuts for dessert? Maybe they were talking about girls as guys so often seem to do. Did they truly understand in that moment what Jesus was saying and doing? I think that we all know the answer to that. The question for us today is – do we? The answer to that question begins with a little reflective reading known as Lectio Divina. I recommend it to everyone. One might call it the SRA of Sacred Scripture. Enjoy the story – and the doughnuts!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson