

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 NOVEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, November 10: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

The Lord provides for Elijah's need as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

Readings for Sunday, November 17: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.



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>
11 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	James "Flash" McDonald	Ken & Helen George
12 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Elsie Kovach	Nephew, Benedict Modica
13 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	Michael J. Rudy	Daughter, Mary
14 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Mary Lenhardt
16 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Andrea Abbonizio	Cliff Keller
17 Nov.	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 are welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, November 15.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on November 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Due to the recent hurricanes, blood drives have been canceled in those areas. We urge you to consider donating blood. Help us help those in need during this difficult time. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2024. \$5,326
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$74,258

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, November 16 and 17 will be the Parish Property Maintenance & Repair Collection.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE
610-326-4137

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 3/4:

4:00 PM Mass - 121

9:00 AM Mass - 123

Total Attendance - 244



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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: GERRY PENNYPACKER from his wife, Kathy.

FOR TODAY.
FOR TOMORROW.
FOR ALL OF US.



2024 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL: A donation to the Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church. Seminarian Michael Topley will be at St. Gabriel Parish next weekend to speak on behalf of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal.



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

October 28 - #786 - Vivian Fitch - \$50.00

October 29 - #486 - Paula Spollen - \$50.00

October 30 - #612 - unsold

October 31 - #565 - unsold

OCTOBER FIGURES: 228 Tickets sold - \$1140.00. Payout to winners - \$600.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for October - \$440.00.

November 1 - #203 - unsold

November 2 - #867 - unsold

November 3 - #771 - Kathy Valentine - \$100.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 16/17

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Holmes & Tran

Greeter - Neiman

The Corner

On Wednesday, we observe the **Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**, also known as Mother Cabrini. She was an Italian-American nun who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. She was dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants in America. She founded 67 institutions in 35 years, including orphanages, schools and hospitals. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1946, she is the first United States citizen to be canonized, and she is the patron saint of immigrants. Dear Mother Cabrini, pray for us.



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS are being sold by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPE PROGRAM

- Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this program goes towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder - the Redner's register tapes only count when you use your Redner's card and the information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



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 Church,
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.



*"Pray for all seminarians, that they may
persevere in their calling. Please pray
for all priests and for the success of their
ministry among God's people. And please
pray the Lord of the harvest to send more
laborers into His vineyard, the Church."*

Pope St. John Paul II

Address to Seminarians

St. Martin's Chapel

October 3, 1979

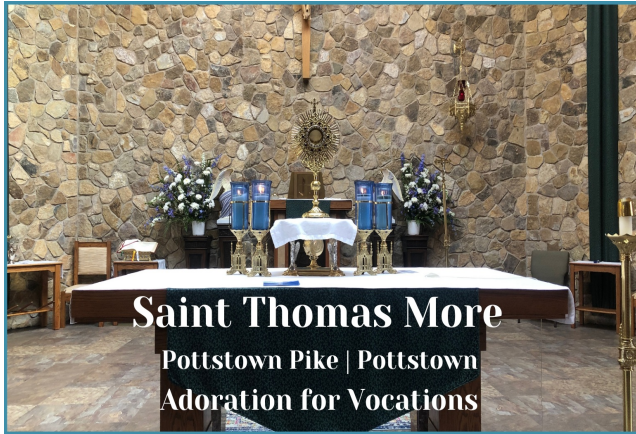


SAVE THE DATE! We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see "Noah." Cost: \$170.00 which includes motorcoach transportation,

lunch, tax & gratuity for lunch, show and tip for the bus driver. Leave from Church at 10:30 AM; Family-style lunch at Hometown Kitchen at 11:45 AM; Show at 3:00 PM; Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM. Reservations and payment due by February 17, 2025. For more details or reservations, contact Kathy at 610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org. Make plans now to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Casey Service Club, Stowe. Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selections.



Saint Thomas More

Pottstown Pike | Pottstown
Adoration for Vocations

2ND MONTHLY WEDNESDAYS
6:15 PM – 7:15 PM
NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

HOLY HOUR INCLUDING...
CONFESSIONS
MEDITATION | TESTIMONY
BENEDICTION

The Church needs your prayers for holy marriages, families, priests, and religious vocations. Will you pray with us?
Join us at 6:15 pm for an evening of unified prayer for the church!



Vocation
Action
Network

CONTACT:

2101 POTTSTOWN PIKE, POTTSTOWN
DEACONTMURPHY@GMAIL.COM
908-334-7590
VANPHILLY.ORG

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart"

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN - In recognition of November being the Month of the Holy Souls and in anticipation of the holiday season, St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish will host a special Mass in memory of deceased children, pre-born to adult. This liturgy will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM at 256 Swamp Pike, Limerick (may come up as Schwenksville). All loved ones who have lost a child are invited to be part of this Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to respond to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or 610-287-2525, ext. 100 with the name of the deceased child (if named) and the number of family members attending. A light reception in the Parish Ministry Center Hall will follow the Mass.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

BROCK MARTIN
FOCUS

PETER BLUTE
YCP

LILLIAN FALLON
ASCENSION PRESS

ARCHBISHOP
NELSON PÉREZ



SATURDAY
1:00 PM – 10:30 PM
NOV 23

THE WELL
YOUNG ADULT
CONFERENCE

SHERATON HOTEL
DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA &
CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



OMYA
OFFICE FOR MINISTRY
WITH YOUNG ADULTS

QUESTIONS: PHILLYOMYA@ARCHPHILA.ORG



PHILLYAM.ORG/THEWELL/

PCYC

11.23.2024

Philadelphia
Catholic
Youth
Conference

www.phillyOMY.org | phillyOMY@archphila.org



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. There is no group

discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome. The next program is on November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Friday, November 22 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Visitation BVM Parish, Trooper. Featuring Vendors, Social Garden - Friday night, Bake Booth, Cheer Wheel, Basket Raffle, New E-A-G-L-E-S Super Raffle, Festival of Trees Raffle and Fill-A-Friend (make your own stuffed animal). Santa Claus arrives on Saturday at 11:30 AM - meet Santa until 1:00 PM. Kitchen specialties: homemade zeps, roast pork sandwiches, fried dough, walking tacos and sloppy joes. For more details go to Facebook page www.facebook.com/visibazaar.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets as follows: 1st prize - \$5,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000; and four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall, Conshohocken. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email raffle@stmarypolish.org. Proceeds support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE - Items include Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb or Raspberry cheese) for \$17.00; Frozen Pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$10.00 per dozen; Kielbasa for \$9.00 per pound. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 4. Order pick-up on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. To place a food order email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).



PRIVATE DAY OF PRAYER



Villa Maria by the Sea

Retreat Center

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy a quiet day with the Lord on your own!
Cost is \$25 per person. Lunch will be provided.

101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
Register by December 11 by calling 609-964-7700 or
visit www.VMbytheSea.com



Silent Retreat

Monday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. to
Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

What will I do on a retreat? Which is right for me?

Private: This is a great option for those who have experience making a silent, private retreat. Jesus invites us to "come apart . . . for awhile" so that we can hear his voice! Take advantage of the beautiful surroundings to engage in deep listening with God.

Directed: All of the above, plus meet daily with a trained spiritual director who can help you plan your prayer time and discern how God is speaking with you! Limited to 10 participants.

\$475 Private
\$580 Directed

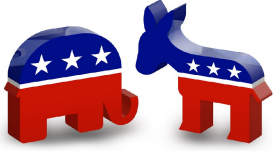
Meals included



Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
Register at www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7700
by November 24



Votes have been cast. A decision has been rendered. Yes, there was a presidential election this past week, but there has been other voting taking place as well. There always has been. There always will be. Elections, as we're well aware, can be quite contentious both for the candidates running and the electorate standing often in rather long lines. I remember a time of election concerning myself. I've never had a desire to run for any office, but in the seminary, nonetheless, my "hat" was thrown into the ring. Every year in formation at Overbrook, we voted for class representatives. That of "spiritual life" fell unto yours truly.



The position involved regular meetings with the Spiritual Director of the Seminary and planning various spiritual activities for the class. Activities included class Holy Hours and communal rosaries prayed. I held this position every year except for one. One year, Shane, my classmate from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, won the election. My Philly classmates were aghast. Who was the Judas among us? We held the majority! Maybe the election was rigged! He was almost apologetic for winning. We had some rather "interesting,"



to say the least, spiritual activities that year coordinated by Shane, whose personality matched his physique. *They breed'em BIG in Oklahoma*, we used to say. My Philly classmates vowed that such a "fluke" election would never happen again. It never did. Fr. Shane, on his part, is now doing some "spiritual coordinating" from above. Sadly, his priestly ministry on earth was rather short, but I know that he definitely made a rather large Oklahoma impact during it – and I miss him. We all do. There is some other voting, other than presidential, that has taken place more recently too. It took place not on the first Tuesday of November, but on the last Saturday of October. This is the day that the Synod of the Church

ended in Rome. Voting took place among those representing dioceses throughout the world. Every paragraph of the 151 page final document was voted upon. There was surprisingly very little dissent in the voting and the whole Synod ended, in the words of one commentator, "with a whimper." No radical agenda came forth as some had feared. Perhaps, that's the big story here. The Church is still one. After perhaps the biggest survey in all time among people throughout the whole world from different countries, cultures, and ethnicities – the Holy Roman Catholic Church remains united as One in Christ. Wow! That's a miracle in itself! The Pope, himself, has commented that it was not really about the results, but rather, about the process. It was about the undertaking and engagement of a synodal process of consultation in our modern world of differing opinions and objectives that can be recorded and transmitted instantaneously worldwide because of 21st Century technology. Maybe the Synod was most fundamentally about a Church of the 21st Century exercising its 1st Century Mandate in a 21st Century world. Yes, the formal Synod may have now ended, but the "process" and the "voting" will most certainly continue. Elections have always taken place. The first disciples, themselves, voted. Jesus didn't call an election. He was the Election. Offering an invitation, ballots were then cast. This is the voting that still takes place today. Every day disciples make a choice. We either cast our vote for Jesus or we cast it against Him. He said this Himself at a campaign rally long ago. There is no sitting out *this* election so important for our future in this life and beyond. Election Day is nigh. There is only one question on this most important ballot. Are you ready to make your choice and cast *your* vote?



ended in Rome. Voting took place among those representing dioceses throughout the world. Every paragraph of the 151 page final document was voted upon. There was surprisingly very little dissent in the voting and the whole Synod ended, in the words of one commentator, "with a whimper." No radical agenda came forth as some had feared. Perhaps, that's the big story here. The Church is still one. After perhaps the biggest survey in all time among people throughout the whole world from different countries, cultures, and ethnicities – the Holy Roman Catholic Church remains united as One in Christ. Wow! That's a miracle in itself! The Pope, himself, has commented that it was not really about the results, but rather, about the process. It was about the undertaking and engagement of a synodal process of consultation in our modern world of differing opinions and objectives that can be recorded and transmitted instantaneously worldwide because of 21st Century technology. Maybe the Synod was most fundamentally about a Church of the 21st Century exercising its 1st Century Mandate in a 21st Century world. Yes, the formal Synod may have now ended, but the "process" and the "voting" will most certainly continue. Elections have always taken place. The first disciples, themselves, voted. Jesus didn't call an election. He was the Election. Offering an invitation, ballots were then cast. This is the voting that still takes place today. Every day disciples make a choice. We either cast our vote for Jesus or we cast it against Him. He said this Himself at a campaign rally long ago. There is no sitting out *this* election so important for our future in this life and beyond. Election Day is nigh. There is only one question on this most important ballot. Are you ready to make your choice and cast *your* vote?

Peace!

Fr. Wilson