

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 NOVEMBER 2022

Readings for Sunday, November 13: Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19.

Jesus teaches that his disciples will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the parousia. Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious when the Lord comes again. As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

Readings for Sunday, November 20: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.



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>
14 Nov.	MON.	9:00 AM	Michael J. Rudy
15 Nov.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Daughter, Mary
16 Nov.	WED.	9:00 AM	Bruce & Patti Pollock
17 Nov.	THU.	9:00 AM	Wife, Kathy
19 Nov.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Theresa Vitacco
20 Nov.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Husband & family
			Theresa Vitacco

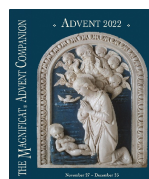


ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY will be raffling themed holiday baskets starting with a Thanksgiving basket. We will be selling chances for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 after each Mass until November 20 when the winner will be pulled. The

Thanksgiving basket is valued at \$150. Stop by the Church lobby to see it and take a chance. The Women's Society thanks you for your continued support!



MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOKS - copies are available at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Feel free to take a copy home with you.



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 us.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Friday, November 18.

Lost WEEK

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DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2022. \$4,633
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$74,010
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$72,733

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, November 19 and 20 will be the Parish Property Maintenance and Repair Collection.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY & ASSOCIATES
610-327-2600

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

ST. CHARLES SEMINARY APPEAL - We are grateful to Jonah Brox for joining us this weekend and sharing his experience at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. From forming our future priests and deacons, to educating the hundreds of lay men and women who study at the seminary, St. Charles' influence is far reaching. Please consider supporting our seminary by making a gift today using one of the envelopes mailed to you or at the church entrances.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on November 21 and December 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE is this weekend. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the church vestibule next weekend. Food collected will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown for those in need in our area. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



MASS ATTENDANCE for November 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 99
9:00 AM Mass - 117
Total Attendance - 216



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 fundraiser 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 31 - #036 - unsold
OCTOBER FIGURES: 243 tickets sold - \$1,215.00.
Payout to winners - \$200.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.
Profit for October - \$915.00.
November 1 - #624 - Cathy Salkowski - \$50.00
November 2 - #476 - unsold
November 3 - #040 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00
November 4 - #056 - unsold
November 5 - #322 - unsold
November 6 - #397 - unsold

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all age groups.



2023 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per person requesting the intentions.



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She was lying there distressed in the shadows on the floor of the rectory chapel. There was damage. There



was injury. Turning on the light revealed a woman unhinged. Mary, it seems, fell right off the wall. Could she have jumped? Could not her Savior Son have intervened? All I know is that the wooden wall-mounted image of the Blessed Mother was now indeed on the floor - and broken. Mounting adhesive tape had given way. Attempted repair was in order. This weekend

concludes Vocation Awareness Week in the Archdiocese. Part of the awareness that I have experienced in my vocation is that, for me, it often involves fixing that which is broken. This awareness began in the seminary when a broken statue of the Blessed Mother hidden above the drop ceiling

of my dorm room quite literally revealed itself as an unusual gust of wind coming through the window caused the ceiling panel to become ajar. As a priest there have been many repairs of this, that, and the other thing

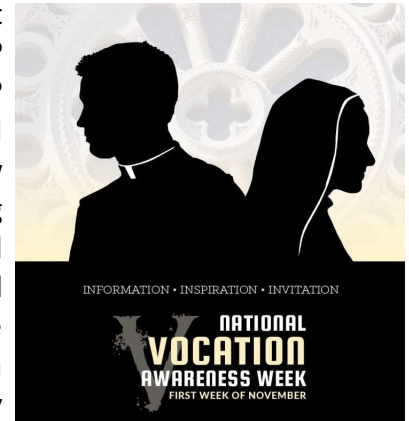
beginning as soon as I was ordained. The list includes of course, light fixtures and toilets, but also boilers and sound systems. Priests are called upon to attempt to fix many things, but sacred images are the most interesting and ultimately the most important. Not too long ago, it was the Little Flower that took a fall. Knocked from her pedestal she shattered on the ground. Though severely damaged, she would come to be replaced by the figure of a saintly pope as now John Paul II stands in her stead. And needless to say, the replacing of the beloved, but well worn, Blessed Mother statue of our parish was quite the undertaking, but now we have a most beautiful grotto in which to pray and meditate. Part of a priest's work is indeed fixing things broken, but his most



important work is restoring the Broken Image. In all the repairs of the various things that I've been called upon to make, I have had to call upon the assistance of others. Believe it or not, I did not study plumbing or auditory technologies in the seminary! But maybe such courses would have helped! Even with the courses that I did take, I still need assistance. It is the Lord Himself Who definitively restores the Broken Image in each one of us. This is the real work and vocation of a priest and in this sense, the priest is merely *His* assistant. There's a gusty wind blowing in our world today revealing many Broken Images. Priests have much work to do! All of us do! Consider your call as one who repairs that which is broken. Consider your call in restoring the very Image of Christ in our world!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



The Corner

"FAITH is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." —Hebrews 11:1

Read this Chapter of the Bible to see St. Paul's references to the faith and hope of some heroes and heroines of the past. Then you can read their full stories in the Old Testament to learn from their examples.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 19/20

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



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.

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, December 4 - *Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe*. Time: 12:00 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Sweet treats will be available for donations. For more information contact angela@padrepio.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - #GiveCatholic 2022 is almost here! Celebrated each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GiveCatholic is a Giving Day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. Please consider supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal on this special day of giving. The Advanced Giving Phase for #GiveCatholic opens on November 14, and the Annual Day of Giving is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29! Please visit philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/catholic-charities-appeal for more information on how you can support the Catholic Charities Appeal on this day of giving.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS OF DECEASED CHILDREN at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. 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 RSVP to Shawn Marie Brown at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or 610-287-2525, ext. 100 by November 14, along with the number of family members attending, so that special arrangements can be made. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Ministry Center hall.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE AND CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE - Food items include Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$15; Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen; Kielbasa for \$9 per pound. Deadline for food orders is Wednesday, November 30. Order pick-up is Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10 from 1 to 4 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. Raffle Tickets are \$50 each - a total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes. To place food orders email foodsale@st.marypolish.org. To purchase raffle tickets email raffle@stmarypolish.org. Call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) for food sales or tickets.

ADVENT HOPE, ADVENT JOY - Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, invites you to an Advent morning filled with prayer, reflection, storytelling and engaging conversation on November 29 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Registration is \$35 which includes morning muffins and beverages, lunch and program resources. For more information and to register, visit www.msbt.org or call 267-350-1830.