

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 7 NOVEMBER 2021

**Readings for Sunday, November 7:** 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

The Lord provides for Elijah's needs 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 14:** 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>
8 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Ron & Kathy Bernhard
9 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Michael & Anna Tomkaviak	Ron Bernas
10 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	George Siver	Jack & Lori Carr
11 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	All Military and Veterans	Frances Czeiner Family
13 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
14 Nov	SUN. 9:00 AM	Michael J. Rudy	Daughter, Mary



**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.

**SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING** on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:30 PM in the social hall.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Wednesday, November 10.

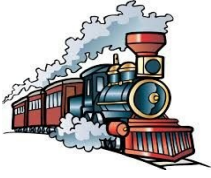
**2022 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for 2022 can be made at the parish office beginning Monday, November 8. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time you request the Mass Intention.

**THE WORD AMONG US** - Copies of the NOVEMBER issue of the Word Among Us are at the church entrances. There is no charge - feel free to take a copy 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 them.



Advanced Placement classes were essentially seminar classes. I suppose the exception to this was AP Math. How I ever wound up *there* will for me forever remain a mystery greater than the Eucharist. In that class, I felt



like I was surrounded by future chemical engineers and astrophysicists. They were contemplating quantum physics and imaginary numbers. My mind was still in 7<sup>th</sup> grade wondering who was on that 11:00 am train headed northbound from New York City at 60 mph. Where were they going and why? And I really didn't care about that 1:00 pm second train headed in the same direction at 90 mph and exactly when it would overtake the first.

Maybe they were going to Nova Scotia? I hear that it's very nice there. Anyway, yes, in high school I did have some AP classes. Among them was AP Religion. Now that I think about it, if I was in advanced placement for religion that third year of high school, that meant that some were occupying a desk in a Track 4 classroom at the other end of the spectrum. Maybe they were on that train headed to Nova Scotia as they



learned that touching one's forehead, chest, and shoulders wasn't just some "thing" that certain batters did at the plate. A good portion of my AP class was spent delving into the documents of the Second Vatican Council along with various Church teachings. One of the presentations that I had to make that year involved researching what is known as the Just War Theory. Basically, the theory relates that war is never a good and one must always seek to avoid it; however when, at last, all licit means to avoid it have been exhausted, it may be engaged for right of self-defense and restoration of justice. My research led me to a certain conclusion. I didn't want to focus on how we could justly fight a war. I wanted to focus on the peace necessary in order to avoid it. I still do. The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et spes*, no. 78) says this: *Peace is not merely the absence of war...peace on earth cannot be obtained unless personal well-being is safeguarded and men freely and trustingly share with one another the riches of their inner spirits and their talents. A firm determination to respect other men and peoples and their dignity, as well as the studied practice of brotherhood is absolutely necessary for the establishment of peace. Hence peace is likewise the fruit of love, which goes beyond what justice can provide.* So, I changed my topic: Announcing this at the beginning of my presentation, I heard my teacher, Fr. Devlin, give an audible sigh as he covered his cringing face with his hand not knowing what to expect. The topic would now be Peace and the Avoidance of War. All listened politely as one would expect in an AP class. Some, including Father, asked questions at the end. The presentation went well though it was a long way from ever being archived at the Vatican. After class, Father gave me credit for good research.

He did admit that he was startled when I announced a change of topic and that he would have liked to have been consulted beforehand. I understood and accepted the A minus that he would give. He said something else though that has stayed with me. He said to "delve deeper." Eventually, I would in a way that I didn't quite expect. Father, perhaps, saw something in me that I didn't yet see in myself at the time; an "advanced placement" of another sort one might say. This week is National Vocations Awareness Week and it will culminate for us with a visit from one of our seminarians who will speak to us about Saint Charles Seminary. This week also includes Veteran's Day when we recognize all current and former service personnel and their work for peace and justice in a world filled sadly with much conflict. Pray for our veterans and thank them. And be on the lookout for those who might be inclined to engage in a little "advanced placement" when it comes to our Faith and our Church. Encourage them to take the time to "delve deeper!"



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Collections ©JPPC thank you

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021. ....	\$5,040
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,964
Parish Giving -	\$115
All Souls Collection -	\$961
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$40
Year to Date Budget.....	\$90,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$69,139
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,841
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$20,861)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,159)
 <i>NOVEMBER 1, 2020</i>	
Deposit. ....	\$4,481
2020-2021 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$18,918)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$1,943)

**MASS ATTENDANCE for October 30/31:**

4:00 PM Mass - 128  
 9:00 AM Mass - 122  
 Total Attendance - 250

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE**

Pick up the weekend of December 11 & 12 after Masses. From Levengood Greenhouse, Douglassville.

Small single bloom RED ONLY Poinsettia - 4-1/2" pot

\$6.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for orders is November 28. Place in collection basket or drop off at parish office.



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET**

**Raffle Drawing** 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. NOVEMBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

October 25 - #794 - unsold  
 October 26 - #112 - unsold  
 October 27 - #110 - unsold  
 October 28 - #220 - unsold  
 October 29 - #623 - Betty Skokowski - \$50.00  
 October 30 - #952 - unsold  
 October 31 - #527 - unsold  
 OCTOBER FIGURES: 260 tickets sold - \$1300.00.  
 Payout to winners - \$450.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for October - \$750.00. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fund raiser.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL** - This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2021-2022 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. As the first Catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Seminary is a vibrant narrative. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church. A separate mailing has been sent to your homes. Please use the envelope enclosed in that mailing to send in your contributions. Next weekend, seminarian Matthew Pace will be here to speak on behalf of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal.

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**ON THE THIRD DAY**

610-705-0130

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL THE HOLY SOULS.** Please remember all the faithful departed in your prayers during this month.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 6/7**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Wade

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 13/14**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Choir, Tamaro; Break, Bracaglia & Tamaro

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

**RADA CUTLERY** - The Women’s Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase. Items available are:

(3) 6-1/2" paring knife - \$6.00

(3) Vegetable peeler - \$8.00

(8) Server spoon/spatula - \$6.00

(3) Utility/Steak Knife - \$6.50

(1) Stubby Butcher - \$9.00

Please call the parish office at 610-326-5127 for purchase and pick up.

***The Corner***

“Holiness is simply the application of the values, principles, and spirit of the Gospel to the circumstances of our everyday lives, one moment at a time. It is not complicated; it is disarmingly simple. But simple is not the same as easy.”

—Matthew Kelly “Rediscover Catholicism”

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS OF 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 its annual special Mass in memory of deceased children, from pre-born to adult. This liturgy will take place on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick Township. All loved ones who have lost a child are invited to be part of the Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to RSVP to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at [dps@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:dps@stteresacalcutta.com) or 610-287-2525 ext. 100 by November 15, along with the number of family members attending, so that special arrangements can be made. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Education Center.

**STATUE OF THE SCOURGED CHRIST** - St. Thomas More Church, Pottstown, invites you to visit their church until November 27 to view the pilgrim Statue of the Scourged Christ. The Statue, which has been the subject of numerous newspaper articles and TV news reports, is exposed only a few times each year. Don’t miss the opportunity to see this famous image while it is in our area. Call for the exact times and dates (610-469-9304).



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go

to our website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studied.