

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 OCTOBER 2023

Readings for Sunday, October 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 1:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32.

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

Readings for Sunday, October 8: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43.



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>
2 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Edwin G. Pennypacker
3 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Wife, Kathy
4 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Phyllis & family
5 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Suchanek
7 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Simon J. Nagel
8 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Nagel Family
			Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			Bob & Joe Cress
			Ann Kunsch



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

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.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Amy Porter and Lori LaRosa.

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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on October 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 \$3,808
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$49,141
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$49,865

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, October 7 and 8, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 23/24:

4:00 PM Mass - 89
 9:00 AM Mass - 128
 Total Attendance - 217

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

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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

September 18 - #571 - unsold
 September 19 - #221 - unsold
 September 20 - #749 - unsold
 September 21 - #628 - unsold
 September 22 - #263 - unsold
 September 23 - #667 - unsold
 September 24 - #601 - unsold



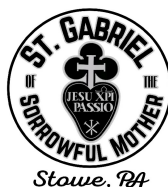
APPAREL ALERT! We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel:

T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10
 Hoodies - (small logo on upper left) - \$25

1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) - \$35

Men's & Women's Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25

Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org) or complete the order form in the vestibule of church and return to the parish office along with payment.



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

The Corner

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Reflect on his words.

"Let the whole world tremble, let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest." —St. Francis of Assisi



PARISH FALL SOCIAL on Saturday, November 4 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. BYOB!

DONATIONS are always accepted for the on-going work at our Blessed Mother Prayer Garden. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office.





Getting there is half the fun – as they say. It is all about the journey. Getting bumped up from economy class to business class on a premiere airline is quite the start to a vacation. There is the pre-flight aperitif to enjoy



as one peruses the exclusive dinner menu options.

Unfortunately, that's not the present story. My flight on a second tier airline that recently rebranded itself with a name change was outright cancelled. No chance of a class upgrade



for me this time! At least I hadn't left home yet. My vacation would lose a day – two actually. It all began with booking the flight itself. I thought that I would leave a day earlier than usual. I booked a flight, payment was made, and then, I immediately received a phone call. *Hello, Wilson? I sorry to inform. Your flight no available. Wait! What? I just booked it! You took my money! Sorry,*

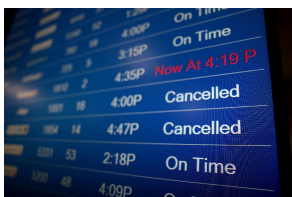


Wilson! We have other flight. Almost same. Via Chicago. I don't want to go via Chicago. Oh, it good Wilson. Same time – Chicago. Well fine, I'll just cancel it then and get the refund. I'll find another flight with a different travel service. The cancellation fee would be \$200, I was told. Unbelievable! I was about to eat the \$200. Oh wait, I check with manager. Suddenly, the flight that I wanted was available - the next day. There would (of course)

be an up charge. It was a Sunday flight. I was beside myself to say the least. I went ahead with the rebooking determined not to harbor anger. Hey, at least I would be getting away and not everyone has that opportunity. Also, I learned a lesson. Never use



a “no-name” travel service. After all this, my cancelled flight was almost predictable. I laughed to myself when the notification came through. How appropriate that I was in the “necessary” room when it did. So, one day



later, (now Monday) I arrived at the airport. This time the flight was not cancelled. It was just 60 or so minutes late – not too big of a deal except that barring some miracle, it would mean missing my connecting flight. Despite the strong tail winds pushing the plane along, a miracle there would not be.

(To be continued....)

Peace!

Fr. Wilson