

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 10 OCTOBER 2021

**Readings for Sunday, October 10:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.

When offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. When given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. God's word challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and to him alone.

**Readings for Sunday, October 17:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45.



**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 Oct.	MON. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
12 Oct.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Shelba Detri	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
13 Oct.	WED. 9:00 AM	Lawrence & Veronica Pillar	Ron Bernas
14 Oct.	THU. 9:00 AM	George Siver	Janet & Dave Slaby
16 Oct.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
17 Oct.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, 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, September 12 at 1:30 PM in the social hall.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Tuesday, September 12 from 12:00-3:00 PM.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:

**KATHRYN AXSMITH** from Anthony & Annamarie Piazza, Betty Skokowski, Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;

**RITA O'CONNOR** from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;

**SUSAN H. KEAY** from Tony & Theresa Vitacco

**PAUL WALLACE** from Ron & Carol Fry.



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It was located to the right of the sink above the canned goods cabinet - just next to the refrigerator. I remember the drawer well. It could be the opening scene of my own Halloween fright night film. I can picture the scene: the image of an olive green kitchen drawer slowly emerging from a dark, murky cloud of smoke. There would, of course, be eerie, sinister music playing in the background. It wasn't the drawer itself, but what that drawer contained that made it so scary for me. It was the "junk" drawer or "catch-all" drawer in our house. Most families have one. You know the one. It contained a whole assortment of things: assorted thumb tacks, a screwdriver or two, some nails, a pair of pliers, and a little hammer. There were pins and pens and paperclips. There were knobs, coins, and buttons too. It held Scotch tape, duct tape, and masking tape. An assortment of screws, hooks, and one of those rubber hard-to-open-jar-opener things were in there as well. To rummage through it was sort of like to rummage through the deep recesses of a dark cave where one might discover some hidden treasure - or some horror. These other items didn't put a scare in me. The big wooden spoon in there did. When a certain misbehaving child would push his mother to the edge, it became her weapon of choice. For me, it may as well have been the sickle in the hands of the Grim Reaper. I would flee



and ultimately seek refuge in the safety of my bedroom jamming a big blue wooden rocking chair against the door until hysterical Mrs. Freddy Krueger calmed the heck down. I don't think that I was that bad a kid, though Mrs. Krueger might think otherwise. I do know that I could, at times, be very stubborn. Maybe it had something to do with some of that German blood pulsing through my veins. My mother really didn't like it when she asked me to do something - such as taking out the trash - and I would answer with a very curt and firm, "No!" I mean, my goodness, Bugs Bunny and friends just came on. Silly

woman! Trash would just have to wait! The scene would then unfold quickly. It was amazing how fast she could move. After several laps around the dining room table, I would dart up the steps and into the fallout shelter of my room. Unscathed by the wooden sickle of this mad woman, I thought that I had escaped and that I had won. Little did I realize in these recurring occasions of my childhood, who the real winner was. The emptiness of my room would lead to my stubbornness giving way. There was no TV or Bugs Bunny; nor was there any food or drink. Eventually, I would cautiously move the rocker and slowly open the door. "Mom, where are you? I'll take out the trash. I'm sorry." She said but one word as she pointed to the kitchen trash can: "Now!" My mother never actually ever struck me, nor did my father. Although Mrs. Krueger had her wooden sickle, Mr. Krueger had something far worse. It was a whip that doubled as the belt holding up his pants. My parents never struck, but they did strike - not at my hind quarters, but at my heart. Fear of letting my parents down was a greater horror than any wooden spoon or belt, because if I let them down by disrespecting them - I came to realize that I was only disrespecting myself - and how frightening is that! There was no reason for me to stay holed-up in my room. It's the same way with God. If we dishonor and ignore Him...well, talk about horrors! It's as if we stay holed-up in a netherworld of our own making. Sometime God uses His own version of my mother's wooden spoon not so much to frighten us, but to make us think. He strikes at our hearts so that we might open them and emerge respecting Him, ourselves, and one another. Before every November 1<sup>st</sup> with its saints, there must be a Halloween with its frights - so get ready for a "Good" scare!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 3, 2021.....	\$4,590
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,386
Parish Giving -	\$115
Parish Property & Maintenance -	\$1,089
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$410)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$70,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$53,698
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,836
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$16,302)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,164)
<b>OCTOBER 4, 2020</b>	
Deposit.....	\$4,631
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.....	(\$16,267)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$35)

**MASS ATTENDANCE for October 2/3:**

4:00 PM Mass - 109  
 9:00 AM Mass - 121  
 Total Attendance - 230

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**MISHOCK PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
 610-327-2600

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



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 studies.



**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. OCTOBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- September 27 - #051 - unsold
- September 28 - #474 - unsold
- September 29 - #824 - unsold
- September 30 - #966 - unsold
- SEPTEMBER FIGURES: 264 tickets sold - \$1320.00.
- Payout to winners - \$350.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for September - \$870.00
- October 1 - #639 - unsold
- October 2 - #975 - unsold
- October 3 - #954 - Betty Skokowski - \$100.00

**The Corner**

Do you remember the story of the loaves and fishes? That story emphasizes Jesus doing **A LOT** with the little that was provided to Him. Notice, He gave His Apostles as opportunity to help Him by asking them **“How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” (Mark 6:38).** Then He blessed the offerings and was able to feed 5000 men (plus women and children) with plenty left over. Now...what do you think about when the collection basket is passed at Mass? It is **YOUR** opportunity to offer a little gift to be blessed and multiplied.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** sponsored by LIFT Pottstown, Al’s Heart Warming Center Program on Monday, October 25 at Brookside County Club, Pottstown. For more information or to register visit [www.pottstownlift.org/upcoming-events/golf](http://www.pottstownlift.org/upcoming-events/golf).

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 9/10

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 16/17

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!**

During this Year of St. Joseph, the Holy Father invites us to reflect more deeply on how St. Joseph loved Jesus with a father's heart. Joseph's unhesitating adherence to God's

will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians to safeguard God's gift of human life.

**IMPORTANT CEMETERY INFORMATION** - St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Fall Clean Up process on Friday, October 15. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, October 10. Everything remaining will be removed on Friday, October 15 by our cemetery crew. Thank You.

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT WEBINAR**

on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM. We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for a live webinar with a panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. For more information or to take the next step and to register for the upcoming virtual Permanent Diaconate Information Night visit <https://archphila.org/deacon>.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**, Her Message and the Tilma of St. Juan Diego on Saturday, October 16 following the 10:00 AM Mass at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000 for more details.

**MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION** at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Phoenixville. Starting salary is above \$20/hour depending on skill level. Benefit options are available. Work is physical in nature and requires skill with using equipment. Please send resume with contact information to [parishoffice@stmaryassumption.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryassumption.org) or call 610-933-2526.

**YOUNG ADULTS** - Reconnect: An Intercultural Gathering for Adoration and Fellowship on October 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church/St. John Neuman Shrine, Philadelphia. Official Launch of the Office of Ministry with Young Adults. Followed by a firepit social (weather permitting). RSVP by visiting [www.phillyyam.org/events/](http://www.phillyyam.org/events/).

**MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE** from October 4 to November 4 at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia. Mass for Peace and Justice on October 16 at 10:00 AM in the Sorgenti Arena. For more information visit [www.chc.edu/nonviolence](http://www.chc.edu/nonviolence).