

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 15 OCTOBER 2023

**Readings for Sunday, October 15:** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14.

The Lord invites us to a banquet, one of the favorite images of messianic times. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

**Readings for Sunday, October 22:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21.



**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>
16 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt
17 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Wife, Mary
18 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
19 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Jane Perkins
21 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
22 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Andrea Abbonizio
			Cliff & Barb Keller
			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 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.



**PARISH FALL SOCIAL** on Saturday, November 4 in the social hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Dinner at

5:30 PM. BYOB! Cost is \$15.00. Moyer's Catering Menu: Broasted chicken, hot roast beef, baked ziti, tossed salad, potato and macaroni salad, baked beans, red beet eggs, ring bologna and cheese, pickles and olives, bread and rolls, soda, mixers, and coffee, dessert. Music by DJ Pete LaRosa. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the Parish Office during the week.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 8, 2023..... \$4,271**  
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$58,168  
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$58,003

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for October 7/8:**

4:00 PM Mass - 88  
9:00 AM Mass - 110  
Total Attendance - 198

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

### **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**STOWE OIL COMPANY**

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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**

October 2 - #985 - unsold  
October 3 - #256 - unsold  
October 4 - #217 - unsold  
October 5 - #986 - unsold  
October 6 - #585 - unsold  
October 7 - #980 - unsold  
October 8 - #459 - unsold



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**  
on October 16 and November 6 & 20  
from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social  
hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to  
make an appointment

**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.



### **October 2023**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 22, we will join Catholics worldwide to  
observe World Mission Sunday by celebrating the love  
of the Lord and help bring the Good News to all corners  
of the Earth.

Inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to  
Emmaus, Pope Francis chose this year's theme: *"Hearts  
on fire, feet on the move."* He invites us to reflect on  
these images, *"their hearts burned within them* as they  
heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were  
opened* as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their  
feet set out on the way."* As Missionary disciples, we  
seek inspiration in the Scriptures. We also look to the  
real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as the source and  
summit of the Church's Mission so we can evangelize  
with zeal and urgency.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we call to mind  
a Missionary disciple whose heart burned with the  
Gospel, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, foundress of the  
Pontifical Mission Societies. She recognized that all are  
called to participate in the Missionary work of the  
Church through spiritual and material offerings. Her  
vision led to World Mission Sunday, which helps the  
Pope support Missionary activity.

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy  
Father in proclaiming the Gospel and celebrating the  
Sacraments in over 1,111 Mission dioceses and areas  
that are young and in need of resources. Your gifts help  
build and operate schools and orphanages, construct  
churches, train catechists and educate Mission  
seminarians and Religious men and women.

I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet  
moving this World Mission Sunday and every day.  
Working together with that spirit, we can bring  
everyone to recognize Jesus in the Word and the  
Eucharist. Your prayers are invaluable, and your  
financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers  
and sisters around the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

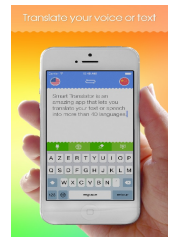


She was seated to my left next to the window. We were rather close together. It would have been nice to have just a wee bit more room. The airlines have narrowed their onboard seating in more recent times citing cost saving measures that allow them to squeeze a few more fare paying passengers onboard while simultaneously up-charging for that lost "wee bit" of comfort. Maybe it's working, because I recently read an article concerning record airline profits. Gee whiz! I guess the pandemic/lockdown/price-of-oil impact was less than I thought? Well, at least, they could now make an effort to widen passenger seating instead of shrinking it! I'd like to have my "wee bit" back without the up-charge! I must admit that she was indeed very nicely dressed despite the cramped plane travel of today and she certainly had a very friendly, pleasant personality. We could certainly use more individuals like her in our frequently all too nasty world of today. We talked a "wee bit" but really not too much having no need to fill some kind of "lost space" within ourselves.



To be with one who blabbers on and on and on while imprisoned on a plane for some eight hours is truly annoying to say the least. Trust me. I know. One time, a gentleman took the opportunity to explain his whole philosophy of life to the priest trapped next to him for those eight hours. Sweet Jesus, have Mercy! Thankfully, the airlines still served complimentary wine in economy class at the time. I'm probably the reason they changed their policy.

The pleasant woman seated next to me on my more recent flight was nothing like that. Although, we did speak a bit, it would be more accurate to say that we communicated. *French*, she asked? No, I said shaking my head. *English or Deutsch*, I asked? Now, she shook her head. She then took out her phone and began typing. I thought that was the end of our attempt at conversation, but then she handed me her phone. The translation from her native Arabic to English read: *I am Algerian.*



*I was visiting family and friends in America and I am returning home. And you?*

Then, I typed into her phone. I typed that I was from Philadelphia since she wouldn't know where Stowe was. Heck, a lot of Philadelphians don't know where Stowe is. I told her that I was on my way to visit family and friends just as she had done. I typed that I would attend a wedding as well and then, I typed that I was a Catholic priest. Her eyes widened with surprise as she read and then she smiled broadly as she in turn typed. She handed her phone back to me: *A wedding! How wonderful! I myself am Muslim. May Allah bless you! Thank you*, I typed. *May He bless you as well!* We were then quiet and content in our seats for some time. I started to watch a film on the seat back video screen. The flight crew began the meal service with an announcement of what would be served. It was the usual choice of either a meat or vegetarian meal. My Algerian friend didn't understand. She took to her phone again asking me what they announced. *They will be serving a meal*, I typed, - *meatballs or pasta. I don't eat meat*, she wrote. *What is "pasta?"* I thought that "pasta" was universal. I have no idea how it translates into Arabic, but eventually she understood. She enjoyed her pasta while I filled up on meatballs. There's nothing like mediocre meatballs served at 30,000 feet that have you wishing that they still served complimentary



wine in economy. The rest of the flight was thankfully uneventful. As we parted ways, we wished each other well having shared a happy company for several hours as we "talked" with one another in a rather 21<sup>st</sup> Century way. Just as a smart phone bridged the gap for two strangers of different backgrounds on a plane, so too should Faith bridge the many gaps that people have in our world today. I so hope and pray that warring parties in both Europe and now, the Middle East can soon bridge their gaps with such Faith – and such Faith need include forgiveness. In both situations, all have far more in common than not. Although, it would be nice to have a wee bit more space and leg room besides – why not just try to enjoy the flight, communicate as best you can, be respectful, and enjoy the meal of your choice. It's a lesson all of us need today. We're all in close quarters for a time in this life on earth as we make our Journey of Faith to Someplace Greater where ultimately, we'll gather with all of our family and friends including, we pray, some new ones from places like Palestine, Israel, Russia, Ukraine – and even Algeria.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



**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](mailto: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***

Are you heading to The Poconos to take in the beauty of the mountains and the fall leaves? Take a moment to think of the Creator of that spectacle and His presence always with you wherever you go!

***"I raise my eyes to the mountains, from whence shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth... The Lord will guard you from all evil, He will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your coming and going both now and forever."***

—Psalm 121:1-2 & 7-8

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of: **THOMAS PALLALDINO** from Joe & Kay Rutkowski, Yergey Daylor Law Firm, The Ottaviano Family - Jamie, Karen, Jim & Bonnie, Evelyn & Larry Engle, Jamelle, Justin & Jaclyn Foster, Craig & Jan Oliver, Sharon McCarthy, Mary C. Palladino, Area II Republican Committee, Special Court Judges of Montgomery County, Pottsgrove MS, Gambino Family;

**WILLIAM BARLOW** from Ron & Carol Fry;

**R. EDWARD SCHUMACHER** from Ron & Carol Fry.

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 21/22**

#### **4:00 PM Mass**

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - DiMarco

#### **9:00 AM Mass**

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Carr & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Griffin & Nagel

Greeter - Neiman

**OKTOBERFEST** at Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford on October 21 from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM in the Fellowship Café. Full buffet of authentic German food, beer, wine and other beverages included. Dance to DJ Entertainment, play trivia and win prizes. Raffle baskets, 50/50 and much more. Cost: \$40 - adults; \$20 - kids. Visit [www.sacredheartroyersford.org/oktoberfest](http://www.sacredheartroyersford.org/oktoberfest) or call 610-948-5915 to purchase tickets.

**ST. ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLLEGEVILLE** is searching for a Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. St. Eleanor serves over 13k Parishioners in suburban Montgomery County. For inquiries and interest please email Linda Coyne ([lcoyne@steleanor.com](mailto:lcoyne@steleanor.com)) or call Linda (610-489-1647, ext. 11) for full job description.

### **MASS AND FAMILY CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY**

on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Collegeville. Mass Theme is of *Mercy and the Eucharist* with Parochial Vicar, Fr. John Stokely and Concelebrant and Guest Homilist Fr. Dermot Roache. 7:00 PM Celebration of Mass in Church and then Consecration of Families to Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass. Call 610-489-1647 or learn more at [www.steleleanor.com](http://www.steleleanor.com).

**PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place on Monday, October 16 at the State Capital in Harrisburg beginning at 11:00 AM. As our state is now responsible for laws that can protect pre-born children it is important that pro-life people gather to show our Governor and legislators that every life is precious and worthy of protection. Information is available at [www.prolifeunion.org](http://www.prolifeunion.org). You can also call the Pro-Life Union Office (215-885-8150).