

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 OCTOBER 2022

Readings for Sunday, October 16: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8.

Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

Readings for Sunday, October 23: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.



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>
17 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Philip & Anna Andreola
18 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Daughter, Nikki
19 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Wife & son
20 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
22 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Wife & children
23 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Kathy Pennypacker
			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, especially TIMOTHY O'BRIEN.

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.



Our Annual TRUNK OR TREAT will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 29 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come out for some

treats, music and fun! TRUNKS NEEDED: If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, please contact Maria Boyer, DRE (610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org).



DEDICATION OF THE NEW BLESSED MOTHER STATUE will be

held on Sunday, October 30. We will pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass. The prayers for Mass that day will be taken from the votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A procession with song to the Blessed Mother Statue will be held after Mass for

the Dedication. Following the Dedication light refreshments will be served in the Church social hall.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, October 19.

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DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 9, 2022..... \$3,488
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$58,003
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$57,016

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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 3 - #045 - Sandra & Dennis Brile - \$50.00
 October 4 - #179 - unsold
 October 5 - #450 - unsold
 October 6 - #351 - unsold
 October 7 - #218 - unsold
 October 8 - #218 - unsold
 October 9 - #788 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 8/9:

4:00 PM Mass - 92
 9:00 AM Mass - 94
 Total Attendance - 186

October, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 23rd, we will join Catholics around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday to highlight and support the Missions of the Church.

This year's theme is *"You shall be My Witnesses"* (Acts 1:8). Pope Francis has used this theme to call every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a Mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Since its beginning in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies, has provided millions of dollars to support new and growing Churches in the United States alone. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in 1,111 Mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands as well as parts of Latin America and Europe. This support is essential to their vital work among some of the poorest communities to proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve a variety of temporal needs.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago at the young age of seventeen. Pope Francis reminds us, *"She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'"* Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support Missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources, buy food and bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I personally encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday and share my gratitude for your open-hearted response on this special day. While your prayers remain your greatest gift, your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. It enables missionaries to work and witness to Christ, as it enables each one of us to *be the Lord's witnesses*.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



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Last weekend, I traveled the world without ever leaving the archdiocese. I was reminded of the universality of our Church (as well as the size of our archdiocese and the tremendous amount of automobile traffic therein!). This “universality” is Her very name. My long journey took me first to Italy. From there, the African continent next came into view. The lengthy road to Asia would follow. Then, there would be a return to Italy before arriving back home. It all began with a request. It always does. A brother priest and friend asked me if I could assist him with celebrating a Mass at his parish. There was another priest that could not make it that day and Father’s own schedule was rather full. Sure,



I could help, but I might be more than just a tad late. The journey would be long and traffic would be a pain in the ...well, you know. However, first there was the beautiful land of Italy and its delectable cuisine. The initial stage of the journey was rather easy and brief. The Lodge of Saint Gabriel held their Italian Night to which I was invited. Our neighboring priests from Birdsboro were also there. It was a wonderful Italian meal and delightful evening. There was Italian song and some dancing. Naturally, there was some wine as well. It was a fun evening had by all and I am ever so grateful for the invitation to attend. The next morning immediately following Mass, there was

the dash to Southwest Philly. Unbeknownst to me at the time, it was a dash to the Dark Continent and just like early explorers of said continent that found it “dark” because of lack of proper maps, even with GPS, I still made a wrong turn and could not immediately find parking requiring a “circling of the airport” before coming in for a landing. It was the Liberian community at Divine Mercy Parish that was patiently waiting for me. They graciously welcomed me to their monthly community Mass knowing that I had traveled from afar. Oh,



the Mass was wonderful; a true celebration with festive song and dance and native dress besides! The choir was outstanding. The congregation itself was rather diverse in its ethnicity. One could not help but to sway to the music. Mass was actually fun! They were so appreciative of me and my presence, and I likewise was so appreciative of them and theirs. After Mass and following the greeting of people, I was whisked off to Asia. Two miles away at the former Saint Irenaeus Parish, the choir of the Vietnamese community was having a celebration. Mass was already over, but the party had just begun. It was there that I found my brother priest and friend, Father Peter. It was time for a Vietnamese lunch and making some new friends while catching up with some old. If you know anything about the Vietnamese, then you know that there was also karaoke and



dancing. Again, a wonderful time was had. When the time had come when I had to take flight, I quite literally danced myself right out the door! I would now be making my way back to Italy again joining for dinner friends from the Norristown area whose roots lie within the Boot of the Mediterranean. The late evening would find me once again in Stowe. It was a long journey, but oh so wonderful and worth it. Our Church is truly “catholic.” Its universality is seen in Her many languages and cultures. Pope Francis has worked most diligently to make sure that this is reflected in the College of Cardinals. Our unity amidst diversity as Catholics is quite miraculous in our ever so divided world. The Universal Roman Catholic Church *is* truly One in Christ throughout the world. I saw with my own eyes this past weekend. I hope that you will now be able to see it too!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 22/23

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand



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DRIVES on October 17 and November 7 and 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

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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.



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!

The Corner

Is it time for you to go to Confession and receive the grace of God's mercy?

"If we say 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." —First John 1:8-9

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

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

JEANNINE FERRANTE from Lee & Bonnie Mowe, Albert Testa, Phyllis Villano, Jeffrey & Kathleen Mehallick, Bob & Vivie Fitch, Lisa & Anthony Pisarek;
HAROLD HUMMEL from Maria DiMarco.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto - Saturday, October 1 to Monday, October 31 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. View an exhibit of over 100 photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. Free admission and free parking. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org.

THE STORY OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto - Saturday, October 1 to Monday, October 31 (except October 4, 7, 12 and 15). Film will be presented following the 11:30 AM Rosary. Running time is 35 minutes. Be inspired by this documentary introducing us to the remarkable life of Blessed Carol Acutis and his true devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. For more information contact angela@padrepio.org.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - Raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows: 1st prize - \$5,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000; and four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50 each; 500 tickets will be sold. Drawing held on Sunday, December 11 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, contact Dorothy (610-630-0861) or email mpas@stmarypolish.org.