

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 OCTOBER 2021

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

True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.

Readings for Sunday, October 24: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52.



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>
18 Oct.	MON. 9:00 AM	Michael Hegedus	Bonnie Stankunas
19 Oct.	TUE. 9:00 AM	John & Marie Bolonski	Dennis & Paula Bolonski
20 Oct.	WED. 9:00 AM	Evelyn Segnere	Lorraine Hine
21 Oct.	THU. 9:00 AM	David Guadagno	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
23 Oct.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Cliff & Barb Keller
24 Oct.	SUN. 9:00 AM	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 FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM. Come join us for the Novena as we honor St. Joseph and ask his intercession.



ST. GABRIEL'S TRUNK OR TREAT on Saturday, October 30 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the church parking lot. Bring the children out for some fun!

It is a great way to promote our parish and community. If you are willing to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the children, contact Maria Boyer at 610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org.

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

KATHRYN AXSMITH from DeMario Girls - Connie, Angie, Joanne & Maria and Maura Cirilli Giammattei;
SALVATORE CIMORELLI from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
JUNE VITACCO from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

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.



Suddenly laughing, I had to excuse myself. Not too long ago, I was backing into the driveway at the home of friends while at the same time speaking on the phone with someone. Some neighborhood kids were playing and running around. After putting my car into park, I then looked up and saw a group of kids go running by - with a little, costumed skeleton guy chasing them. How can one not laugh? Maybe the little guy was anticipating Halloween, but it was only the beginning of September. I suppose kids and costumes go together throughout the whole year and not just at Halloween. In fact, I suppose that kids and costumes have gone together from the Beginning...yes, *that* Beginning. Yep, I've been there myself! Dashing out of the front door of my house, the caped, capped, mask wearing, sword bearing boy of my youth was ready to rid the neighborhood of riffraff, horse thieves, and villains of all sorts. Zorro, aka Don Diego de la Vega ala Wilson, had arrived on the scene. He would chase down the bad guys and leave his infamous mark of "Z" cut into their clothes. I imagine that the Masked Avenger unknowingly caused some laughs and smiles around the neighborhood as well. Whether it's Zorro, Robin Hood or some character more recent - how can one not chuckle at the antics of children? Thank God that we have a God that chuckles at our antics as well - or else we would be in deep you-know-what. Kids and costumes do indeed go together. It's always been that way...well, almost. If kids and costumes go together, then adults and adulthood have to do with taking costumes off. In the very Beginning, Adam and Eve, to be sure, had no costumes - not even a comfy pair of sweats. They had no need. It was only after the Fall that suddenly there was a need for costumes. The very first one was made from fig leaves. Things have gotten more and more elaborate ever since. Don't get me wrong. Believe me - I'm not advocating a clothing optional society. God forbid! Modesty is a virtue that's often scorned today. Besides, clothing serves a very practical purpose, especially as the cooler weather approaches! I am suggesting that we consider more closely the "costumes" that we so often wear as adults and that make God so chuckle. Those seen as leaders are especially prone to donning costumes and masks. Crowns and capes have traditionally indicated authority or position as have badges and even briefcases. I remember my first office job that was in Center City. I proudly carried my newly purchased briefcase to work. The only thing it contained was my lunch. Notice that Jesus never wore a costume - or carried a briefcase. However, He was forced to wear a Crown. Outward signs can serve a purpose as do warm clothes in the winter, but if the outward sign does not reflect a genuine and greater reality within, then all one is left with is a warm body and cold heart - and a God no longer amused. After he was done running around the neighborhood, Zorro would come home and take off his costume; a young boy would have lunch. Zorro then called it a day when thereafter that same boy went tearing around the neighborhood on his bike. Too often today Zorro remains as people cover over and costume something that is lacking on the inside. We are called to be people of integrity exercising authority with humility no matter what our state in life whether pope or president; parent or priest. The little skeleton that I saw running around the neighborhood was simply playing. Maybe he was anticipating Halloween with its tricks and treats. If Halloween is a night for putting costumes on, then the next day, All Saints, is a day for taking costumes off. Don't be tricked! The real treat begins not on Halloween, but the next day when God looks upon us and no longer laughs, but rejoices as finally all costumes come off and like children we're left asking, "What's for lunch?"



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021.	\$3,318
Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,103	
Parish Giving - \$215	
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,682)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$75,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$57,016
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,801
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$17,984)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,199)

OCTOBER 11, 2020

Deposit.	\$3,143
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.	(\$18,124)
Difference from previous year.....	\$140

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 9/10:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 90
- 9:00 AM Mass - 104
- Total Attendance - 194

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

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING

to support Religious Education:
OCTOBER DRAWING - Dara Finaldi - \$244.00.



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.

October, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year World Mission Sunday will be observed on October 24th. This celebration will also mark the 110th Anniversary of the *Pontifical Mission Societies*. Thanks to the prayers and financial support of the faithful from our local Church, the *Societies* have helped provide for the needs of missionaries world-wide for more than a century.

Our Church’s missionary history is a rich one. It is filled with monumental saintly examples we can strive to imitate such as Francis Xavier and Thérèse of Lisieux who serve as Patron & Patroness of the Missions, Damien of Moloka, Kateri Tekakwitha and Daniele Camboni, to name just a few of the many Catholic missionaries who became saints.

Locally, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has long ties to the important work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. We were one of the first places in the United States to designate a local office specifically tasked with supporting missionaries half-a-world away. In 1956, we held one of the largest exhibits of Catholic Missions ever with 500,000 people gathered here to meet 170 missionary groups with Archbishop Fulton Sheen as the keynote speaker.

The international theme for World Mission Sunday this year is, *“Proclaim It with Joy . . . We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.”* It comes from Acts 4:20 and is a wonderful reflection of the missionary spirit flowing through our Archdiocese. It also summons each of us to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This Mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for *“She exists to evangelize.”*

I invite everyone to pray for missionaries around the world this weekend and to provide help as your means allow. Your gifts will support priests, consecrated religious, and lay pastoral leaders in 1,111 Mission Diocese around the globe as they proclaim the Gospel, build up the Church, and serve the poor.

Thank you for your continuous commitment to Mission throughout our Archdiocese over the years and for your generous response on this special day. As Pope Francis tells us, *“To be on Mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters.”* May Christ’s compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true Missionary disciples.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Raffle Drawing 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 4 - #056 - unsold
- October 5 - #062 - unsold
- October 6 - #640 - unsold
- October 7 - #462 - unsold
- October 8 - #040 - unsold
- October 9 - #340 - unsold
- October 10 - #973 - unsold

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 or call 610-933-2526.

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II on Friday, October 22 at The National Centre for Padre Pio, Bally. Rosary at 11:30 AM; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross. Opportunity to venerate his relic in our museum. For more details visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

A BABY'S BREATH CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER 19TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION & DINNER RECEPTION - Special Guest, Fr. Stephen Delacy. Held on Saturday, October 30 at 6:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza, King of Prussia. Tickets are \$70 per person (includes dinner, wine and beer). For tickets or sponsorship donations visit www.ababysbreath.org/auctions/ or contact Kim Granito at 610-792-0737 or email kim@thegranitos.com.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 23/24

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Hildebrand



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.

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.