

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 OCTOBER 2020

Readings for Sunday, October 18: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21.

The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

Readings for Sunday, October 25: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 5:1-12a.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
19 Oct.	MON. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
21 Oct.	WED. 9:00 AM	Peter & Elizabeth Lenhardt	Mary Lenhardt
22 Oct.	THU. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
23 Oct.	FRI. 9:00 AM	All Public & Church Volunteers	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
24 Oct.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Matthew & Loreen Cappelletti	John & Loretta Gauger
25 Oct.	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, October 22.

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 in these special Marian Devotions.

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

LESLIE LINDENBERG from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
C. RONALD YOST, JR. from Loretta Gauger;
JOHN R. SCHWENK from Gerry & Kathy Pennypacker.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Did you know Election Day is coming up? If you didn't, I want to know your secret to avoiding all the phone calls, text messages, mailings, yard signs, and non-stop ads on every media platform out there. The barrage can be enough to make anyone want to hide and forget the whole thing. But voting for our leaders is both our right as citizens and our moral duty as Catholics.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the mission of the laity of the Church is to "infuse a Christian spirit" into the world around us. In other words, Christ calls us to transform the world so that society reflects the truths that He taught. One way we live that out is by electing leaders whose own vision and values best reflect the Church's moral and social teaching. The bishops of the United States remind us that it's not about loyalty to a particular party or interest group, but rather being true to our moral convictions. In fact, our involvement in politics "should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths or approve intrinsically evil acts." (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, #14)

That requires two things of us. One, we have to know what the church teaches about important moral and social issues. Two, we have to be educated as to where those running for offices stand on those issues. The Archdiocese has made available some voter guides that provide objective information to help us in this regard. It can be found here: <https://bit.ly/318u6aX> We'll probably devote some space in the bulletin to that information next week, and I'll look into getting links posted on our website and Facebook pages as well.

Please do your due diligence so you can be informed and a faithful voter in the upcoming elections.

– Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



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 ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME.**

Raffle Drawing

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- October 5 - #878 - unsold
- October 6 - #058 - unsold
- October 7 - #176 - Denise Bucciaglia - \$50.00
- October 8 - #607 - Ed Slaby - \$50.00
- October 9 - #698 - unsold
- October 10 - #719 - Cheryl Arendt - \$50.00
- October 11 - #122 - unsold

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE

to support Religious Education:
OCTOBER DRAWING - Edward Lewis - \$244.00.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
ASSOCIATES, INC.
610-326-7880**

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available include: 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer and 8-1/2" serrated knife. Call Denise Bucciaglia (610-468-4032) to purchase any of the cutlery.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 11, 2020.	\$3,143
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,738
Parish Giving -	\$405
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,857)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$75,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$56,876
Average per week Collection	\$3,792
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$18,124)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,208)

OCTOBER 13, 2019

Deposit.	\$3,999
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$17,408)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$716)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 24

AND 25, is the All Souls Day Remembrance Collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 10/11:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 75
- 9:00 AM Mass - 82
- Total Attendance - 157

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES PROGRAM:

Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from these rebates are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-a-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. You can obtain a Save-a-Tape card at any Redner's. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the Parish Office.

BABY BLANKETS

- The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. These blankets make a very nice gift for a newborn or as an extra something when giving a gift card. The cost is \$10.00. To purchase a blanket, contact the Parish Office.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick or at higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19.

Mass is available via live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Mass is broadcast on TV on Sundays: 6ABC at 5:30 AM; ME TV at 7:00 AM; EWTN at 8:00 AM.

Please wear a mask or face covering when you enter Church and keep it on during Mass, only removing it when you receive Holy Communion. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask covering without assistance.” (CDC Guidelines). Hand sanitizer is available as you enter church.

Please remove your mask prior to approaching the Priest or Minister to receive Holy Communion. Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line - keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you.

Every other pew is open for seating to ensure proper social distancing. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of another household.

Entrance to church using the main front doors and elevator door only.

Missalettes are not in the pews. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

Exit the church using the side doors and elevator door only. Please do not congregate inside of church after Mass.

Bulletins are available at the side doors of the church - please take one home with you.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA Knights of Columbus Council 15456 are hosting a smoked pulled pork take out dinner and homemade donuts on Saturday, October 24. To place an online order visit the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc15456.org.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL is looking for a part-time school nurse to work 2-1/2 days a week. Hours would be ½ day Wednesday (12:00 Noon-2:30 PM) and all day Thursday and Friday (9:00 AM- 2:30 PM). We are looking for a caring, compassionate, professional who loves taking care of children. The position requires administrative work as well as one-on-one time with students. A Bachelors of Nursing is required. Interested candidates, please e-mail Principal, Anita M. Dixon at adixon@school.stteresacalcutta.com.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT on November 6-8 in Malvern-Frazer. This retreat is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For more information contact Lauren (215-720-5828 or RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com).

OCTOBER SERIES ON ZOOM - FOUR OUTSTANDING WOMEN SAINTS presented by Mother Boniface Spirituality Center. Each Tuesday in October from 7:00-8:30 PM one woman saint will be presented. Tuesday, October 20 - Sr. Faith Okerson, S.B.S. will give a presentation on St. Katharine Drexel. Tuesday, October 27 - Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT will present St. Edith Stein. To register email Mother Boniface Spirituality Center (mbcretreat@msbt.org).