

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 21 OCTOBER 2018

**Readings for Sunday, October 21:** 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 28:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52.

**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 Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
22 Oct.      MON.    9:00 AM	Rose Sunday & family	Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family
24 Oct.      WED.    9:00 AM	Joseph & Anna Walker	Francis J. Czeiner Family
25 Oct.      THU.    9:00 AM	Pearl Dori	M/M David Slaby
26 Oct.      FRI.    9:00 AM	Sandra Smith	Denise, Jim & family
27 Oct.      SAT.    4:00 PM	Benjamin & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
28 Oct.      SUN.    9:00 AM	People 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.

**CHICKEN BBQ PICK UP AND BAKE SALE** on Sunday, October 21 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. Tickets can still be purchased during pick up times.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Thursday, October 25 at 7:15 PM in the convent building.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed:  
 Monday, October 22 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
 Tuesday, October 23 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Wednesday, October 24 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
 Friday, October 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before the 9:00 AM Mass. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are invited to join in these special Marian Devotions.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 27/28:**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector -Melanie Warzeski  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, George Siver, John Bracaglia  
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes  
 Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Patty Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Tony Vitacco  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Kathy Bernhard, Lori Carr, Jack Bucciaglia  
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz  
 Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY HICKEY**

***Gospel Reflection from Father Thomas Zalewski***

***Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block - Which are you?***

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Today people live closer to one another than ever before. Therefore the influence they have on each other is greater. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are stumbling blocks in the path of others, or stepping stones for them on the road to salvation. Here are some of examples of the way we can be a scandal, that is, a stumbling block, to another person.

You are a scandal to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me. You make me feel small. You damage my self-confidence.

You are a scandal to me when you fail to understand my weakness, mistakes, and sins, and write me off as a result of them. When you condemn me you make me feel that I am evil.

You are a scandal to me when you humiliate me because I do not live up to your expectations. You hurt my pride and damage my self-image.

You are a scandal to me when you keep me down, or hold me back. When you grab the limelight I am forced to retreat to the shadows and made to feel inferior.

You are a scandal to me when you exclude me or ignore me. You make me feel a stranger and an outsider.

You are a scandal to me when you heap unjust criticism on me, and sour me with your own cynicism. You tear down my ideals, and destroy my dreams.

If you do any of these things to me you are a darkness to me. You are an obstacle in my path. You are a scandal, a stumbling block, to me in the road to self-development, and you make it difficult for me to reach the kingdom of heaven.

But you can also be a stepping stone to me.

You are a stepping stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt.

You are a stepping stone to me when you give me a belief in myself, when you boost my self-confidence.

You are a stepping stone to me when I'm feeling inadequate, and you help me to discover the special talents God has given me.

You are a stepping stone to me when you make demands on me, are challenging to me, not to hurt me, but to help me to grow and to develop my potential.

You are a stepping stone to me when you accept me, though others reject me.

You are a stepping stone to me when you refuse to join the mob and throw the stone of accusation and judgment at me when I sin.

You are a stepping stone to me when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past, and I am free to move forward again.

You are a stepping stone to me when you understand me and listen to me.

If you have done any of these things for me, you are a light to me in my darkness. You are a signpost to me in my moments of doubt. You are a bridge over troubled waters. You make it easier for me to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus said if you gave me as much as a cup of cold water, you would be rewarded for it. But you have done much more than that. You have led me to your own well and shared it with me.

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 14, 2018.....	\$3,690
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,610
Parish Giving -	\$80
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,310)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$80,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$61,795
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,862
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$18,205)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,138)

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Deposit.....	\$4,001
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$17,628)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$577)



### Raffle Drawing

**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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

October 8 - #546 - Robert Fitch - \$100.00  
October 9 - #344 - unsold  
October 10 - #174 - unsold  
October 11 - #746 - unsold  
October 12 - #812 - Grayson Arendt - \$50.00  
October 13 - #208 - Cristin Bucciaglia - \$50.00  
October 14 - #737 - unsold

### MASS ATTENDANCE for October 13/14:

4:00 PM Mass - 173

9:00 AM Mass - 127

Total Attendance - 300

Mass Attendance for October 14/15, 2017 - 373

**“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”.** For further information, please call the parish office.

### “ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**AMITY SELF STORAGE**

610-385-1222

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: RICHARD H. BRUCKER from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

**HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS** - The Women’s Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby. Blankets are available at the parish office.

**RADA CUTLERY** - The Women’s Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available are 6-1/2" paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, 8-1/2" utility steak knife, 11" large slicer and 8-1/2" serrated knife. Please call Louise Roberts (610-323-5765) to purchase the RADA Cutlery.

**REDNER’S REGISTER TAPES:** 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 register tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape Card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use the card, we cannot use the tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape card at the Customer Service Desk at any Redner’s. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church. You can also drop off the tapes at the parish office.

**MOO MONEY FUND RAISER** - Our parish is a participant in the Moo Money Fund Raising Program offered by Turkey Hill. For every 500 milk lids turned in with the Moo Money label, the parish will receive \$25.00 from Turkey Hill. Money the parish receives from Moo Money will be used to offset our PREP expenses. Containers for the Moo Money lids are in the vestibule of church. You can also drop off the Moo Money lids at the parish office.

**KIELBASA FOR SALE:** Limited amount of frozen kielbasa for sale. Cost: \$10.00 for 5 pounds. Call the parish office if interested.

**MAGNIFICAT** - Those who purchased the Magnificat Book can pick up their NOVEMBER issue at the parish office.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:** All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers for the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call Kathy at the parish office to volunteer.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FR. BALLY COUNCIL #1192 2018 FAMILY PICNIC** on Sunday, October 21 from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Picnic Grove, Stowe. Cost: Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and water. Cash Bar for beer and mixed drinks. Music, fun and games for all ages - moon bounce, face painting, games, 50/50 chances. If you are not a Knight, come bring your family and see what we are about! For more information contact Debbie Huster (610-385-6704 or [debi044@aol.com](mailto:debi044@aol.com)) Dolly Casper (610-582-0421 or [spirits5152@yahoo.com](mailto:spirits5152@yahoo.com)) or Franco Vella-Gatt (484-433-9160 or [eagle51@dejazzd.com](mailto:eagle51@dejazzd.com)).

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Pottstown-Stowe Lions Club on Sunday, November 11 from 8:00 AM to Noon at the West End Fire Co., Stowe. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Cost: \$7.00 - adults; \$6 - seniors; \$5 - children 4-12 and kids under 4 years eat free.

**ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER** presents "Epic Saints of the Early Church" on Tuesday, October 30 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Call 215-679-2237 for details.

**UNWANTED ELECTRICAL DEVICES** can be dropped off at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please no large appliances. A fee between \$35-\$75 will be charged for CRT monitors, conventional TVs and projection TVs. Air conditioners, microwaves, and de-humidifiers - fee of \$15. All else no charge.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS SESSION** on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Royersford. Estimated length of session is 2 hours, 30 minutes. Held in the café (838 Walnut St., Royersford). All who wish to attend this session MUST BE REGISTERED. No children under the age of 18 should attend this session. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the sessions to sign in and pick up materials used in the training. PLEASE BE PROMPT - LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. To register visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org), select Philadelphia, PA (Archdiocese), then register for our location (in order of date).

**WEEKEND RETREAT - A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life** on Friday, November 2 to Sunday, November 4 sponsored by Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist. The Retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and 1999-2018 EWTN host of "Eucharistic Journey." Held at the Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown. Includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, Conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours and much more. For more information contact Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist ([olme@aolme.org](mailto:olme@aolme.org) or 610-582-3333 or visit [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org)).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Tuesday, October 23 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, October 30 - Annual Pumpkin Carving at Corpus Christ Parish, Lansdale at 7:30 PM. For more details contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

**WOMEN'S TEA** on November 4 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Malvern Retreat House. Directed by Dr. Carmina Chapp, author, theologian and professor. Dorothy Day and the Benedictine Spirituality is the theme for a delightful afternoon of delicious tea sandwiches, an inspirational talk and sharing. To register call 610-644-0400 or go to [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar).

**NIGHT OF FUN** - Come to the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia on November 10 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal, drinks, and incredible Silent Auction items benefitting "A Baby's Breath" Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Tickets are \$70 - individual or \$140 - couple. Contact Kim Granito ([kim@thegrantios.com](mailto:kim@thegrantios.com)) for tickets and more information.

**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS** on Thursday, November 1 at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, Oreland. Mass at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Over 100 Relics of the Lord and the Saints will be displayed. Coffee and light snacks will be served in the Father Szal Conference Room as well as a video presentation on Relics. For more details call 215-884-8575 or visit [www.holymartyrschurch.org](http://www.holymartyrschurch.org).

**NINE-DAY MIRACULOUS MEDAL SOLEMN NOVENA** - November 12 to 20. Feast Day Mass on Wednesday, November 21. Held at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Philadelphia. Theme: "Eucharist: The Heart of Our Catholic Faith & Practice." For more details call 800-523-3674 or visit [www.MiraculousMedal.org](http://www.MiraculousMedal.org).