

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 OCTOBER 2021

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

An “oracle of consolation” regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

Readings for Sunday, October 31: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34.



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>
25 Oct. MON. 9:00 AM	John Titzer, Sr. Family	Frances Czeiner Family
26 Oct. TUE. 9:00 AM	John & Zophie Bernas	Ron Bernas
27 Oct. WED. 9:00 AM	Special Intentions	Jane Perkins
28 Oct. THU. 9:00 AM	Shelba Detri	Niece, Ann Marie & family
30 Oct. SAT. 4:00 PM	Cornelia Zangrilli	John & Children
31 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.



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.

THE WORD AMONG US - Copies of the NOVEMBER issue of the Word Among Us are at the church entrances. There is no charge - feel free to take a copy with you.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their NOVEMBER issue at the parish office. The November issue is the beginning for new subscribers to the Magnificat.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE on October 23/24 and October 30/31. Members of the

Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council will be in the vestibule of church after Masses to answer any questions for those who may be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

*A Message
From The
Pastor*

Have you finished your shopping? Did you even begin? Apparently, if you haven't, it may already be too late: a Christmas cancelled and a "Merry Christmas" - not! Cooler weather this past week led me to fire up the heat for the first time this season while thinking of colder weather yet to come and annual holidays that such cold weather ushers in. Unfortunately, it would appear that supply chains are backlogged or broken for a variety of reasons unclear. There are the virus variants and vaccine mandates; politicians inept and "experts" even more so; shortages of workers and excess of benefits. The list really could go on and on. Theories abound. All I know is that Santa is already at wit's end. Like so many places, there are staffing issues at Santa's North



Pole Christmas Workshop, Inc. It would seem that a number of elves remain unvaccinated and have been placed on unpaid leave. At the same time, credible sources have informed me, that in light of working conditions currently so stressful, quite a few of the elfin toymakers have opted for early retirement taking advantage of a most generous pension plan negotiated by their union. A representative of Toymakers Local 1152 strongly denied rumors of any union sanctioned "work slowdowns" or talk of a strike. The union representative suggested that any delays or Christmas cancellations would be, in large part, due to shipping logistics. He suggested contacting Mr. Rudolph Rednose, the president of the Reindeer Games and Delivery Union (RGDU). As of this writing, he has not been available for comment with a spokesman saying that he was currently "away on reindeer business." It has been widely reported that the RGDU president was subpoenaed recently concerning charges of misappropriation of funds. In light of these developments, some "Christmas experts" have stated that Christmas this year may not be so merry. Maybe it won't be at all. Santa has been sick with worry having spent several days at North Pole Arctic Medical Center. A phone conversation with Mrs. Claus confirmed this, though the Jolly Ole Fellow is resting comfortably now at home. Santa need not worry. I assured Mrs. Claus of this. Christmas most definitely will not be cancelled. The original Christmas supply chain was ever so complicated and convoluted. The First Gift of Christmas literally took centuries before its delivery and when it finally did arrive most people didn't even notice.



It did not come pretty in a box under tree with a bow, but lying in a manger wrapped with swaddling clothes. Not made by elves nor delivered by sleigh, this Gift was begotten by God and surrounded by hay. In rhythmic parley, a story once was told: the story of a Grinch; a story quite old. To cancel Christmas indeed he did try, but his effort amounted to more pie in the sky. No, it wasn't Christmas that was cancelled that day, but old Grinch himself who "got woke" as they say. And this well before any talk of the vax or virus or supply chain issues since hatched. Though pillaging presents and taking all trees in a pinch, there was one thing that couldn't be taken by Grinch. Christmas still came, much to his great surprise, and would come to win him over never again to deny. Then, he too, joined in singing and song receiving finally that Gift for which he too so longed!



In our "cancel culture" of today, it is ever so important to recognize and remember that Christmas cannot be cancelled - ever! Just ask the old Grinch himself. For us every day and every Mass is Christmas anew. A Gift awaits us. *Brrrrrr!* It's getting cold outside. Hang in there Santa! Christmas will soon be here. In reality, it already is. Now if someone would just please inform the "experts!"

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021.	\$3,059
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$2,944
Parish Giving -	\$115
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,941)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$80,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$60,075
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,755
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$19,925)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,245)

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Deposit.	\$3,831
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.	(\$19,293)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$632)



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 11 - #492 - Marie Kinder - \$50.00
- October 12 - #817 - Shirley Mohn - \$50.00
- October 13 - #789 - unsold
- October 14 - #035 - unsold
- October 15 - #976 - unsold
- October 16 - #459 - Jane Perkins - \$50.00
- October 17 - #943 - Mary Lenhardt - \$100.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, October 30 and 31, will be the All Souls Remembrance Collection.

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 16/17:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 83
- 9:00 AM Mass - 128
- Total Attendance - 211

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



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.



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, November 5 from 2:00-7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors can sign up directly at <https://rb.gy/sduxrx>. You can also call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

RADA CUTLERY - The Women's Society has, for the time being, decided to forgo the RADA program. There are a few items left in inventory for purchase. Items available are:

- (3) 6-1/2" paring knife - \$6.00
- (3) Vegetable peeler - \$8.00
- (8) Server spoon/spatula - \$6.00
- (3) Utility/Steak Knife - \$6.50
- (1) Stubby Butcher - \$9.00

Please call the parish office at 610-326-5127 for purchase and pick up.

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.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 30/31

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon;
Break, C. Buccigliata

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman



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.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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. Auction features tickets to Phillies & Flyers games; restaurant and golf course gift certificates, gift baskets and much more. 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@thegrantos.com.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE RETREAT - The Catholic Life Institute is presenting a 3-day retreat entitled, "Fight Like a Catholic: Spiritual Warfare in the Catholic Tradition" at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson on October 29-31. Presenter Susan Brinkmann, OCDS will conduct five conferences detailing who Satan is, what kind of powers he has, how he uses them against us, and what weapons the Church provides us to fight this infernal foe. Fr. Isaac Haywiser, OSB, will be on hand to celebrate daily Mass and hear confessions. Cost is \$225 per person. Commuter rate also available. Register at www.catholiclifeinstitute.org.

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

KATHRYN AXSMITH from Anna Nester;

RITA O'CONNOR from Anna Nester.

The Corner

Don't say God is silent when your Bible is closed.

PILGRIM STATUE OF THE SCOURGED CHRIST at St. Thomas More Church, Pottstown from October 31 to November 27. This statue has brought the reality of what Christ must have suffered into the conscience minds of those who look upon it. Don't miss the opportunity to see this famous image. Call for the exact times and dates (610-469-9304).