

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 OCTOBER 2023

Readings for Sunday, October 29: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40.

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

Readings for Sunday, November 5: Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12.



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>
30 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Doris Smith
31 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Mary Ellen Dice
31 Oct.	TUE.	7:00 PM	Jack & Lori Carr
1 Nov.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
2 Nov.	WED.	9:00 AM	Loreen Cappelletti
2 Nov.	THU.	9:00 AM	John & Loretta Gauger
4 Nov.	SAT.	9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed
4 Nov.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
5 Nov.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund



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.

ALL SAINTS DAY IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 PM; Mass on Wednesday, November 1 at 9:00 AM.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on November 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment

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



PARISH FALL SOCIAL on Saturday, November 4 in the social hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Dinner at 5:30 PM. BYOB! Cost is

\$15.00. Moyer's Catering Menu: Broasted chicken, hot roast beef, baked ziti, tossed salad, potato and macaroni salad, baked beans, red beet eggs, ring bologna and cheese, pickles and olives, bread and rolls, soda, mixers, and coffee, dessert. Music by DJ Pete LaRosa. Tickets on sale after Masses on the weekends and at the Parish Office during the week.

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DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023.....	\$3,856
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections.....	\$66,090
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections.....	\$64,967

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 95
9:00 AM Mass - 121
Total Attendance - 216



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 16 - #405 - unsold
October 17 - #840 - unsold
October 18 - #291 - unsold
October 19 - #687 - unsold
October 20 - #713 - Tom Reilly - \$50.00
October 21 - #860 - unsold
October 22 - #624 - Cathy Salkowski - \$100.00



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

The Corner

A reflection as we observe the Feastdays of All Saints and All Souls this week:

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."
— St. Thomas More

APPAREL ALERT! We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel: T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10; Hoodies - (small logo on upper left) - \$25; 1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) - \$35; Men's & Women's Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25. Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Mary Ann Horan and Diana Gulotta. We hope by now you have noticed the new additions to our main altar, specifically, the new beautiful banners. We have also refurbished and polished all candle holders and vases, placed live plants, and added seasonal colored flower rings on the candle holders on the sides of the main altar. Additionally, we framed an old painting of Madonna of the Street. She was painted by a longtime parishioner, Evelyn Segnere, now deceased. The Madonna of the Street is now hanging in the front lobby with the standing Blessed Mother. Stop by to see this painting, it's beautiful. We wanted everyone to know some of the things your Women's Society is doing. These things cannot be done without your support. Every apple dumpling or ticket of chance you buy helps us to continue this work. By continuing to support us, we can continue to do great things. Thank you all very much.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to remember parishioners and parishioner's loved ones who have died, especially those who have passed away this year. All are invited to gather for Mass to pray for our departed loved ones.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 4/5

4:00 PM Mass
Lector - Vitacco
Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Nester & Bracaglia; Choir, George
Altar Server - Holmes
Greeter - Wade
9:00 AM Mass
Lector - Iannozzi
Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & C. Bucciaglia
Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin
Greeter - Carr



They were strewn everywhere, clumped together, and lining the four walls. I should have known why, but had forgotten.



I mean – it's been a long time. *It has* been quite a while since I last attended a Homecoming Dance. My association now with our nearby Catholic high school changed that. Recently, it was Homecoming Weekend. The football team did in fact win their big game that afternoon and then the evening arrived with a most winsome celebration and dance. In my role as chaplain, I stood near where the students entered. In our 21st century, students no longer present tickets physically held in hand, but rather digitally stored on cell phones. Those same cell phones then serve as cameras to capture the moment while taking selfies and texting friends standing right next to me. Oh, how times have changed!

However, some things apparently are eternal. All the students were wearing their dance attire. Boys wore collared shirts (white shirts seemed to dominate), ties (often red or navy blue), and quite a number had a formal jacket as well. Many of the boys, surprisingly, wore their school-uniform black shoes as part of the attire. It's nice to know that those shoes are



so versatile for the guys. Money well spent for sure. The girls, on the other hand, wore quite an array of colorful skirts and dresses. There were all kinds of shades of red, pink, green, white, beige, blue...you name it. Naturally, no two were alike because no two can be. This is a rule unwritten, but known by all of the female persuasion. Although many of the boys wore their school shoes, perish such a thought for *any* of the girls. Death itself might be a better option. No – girls wear high heels...now, not all girls, but most. They wear them to the dance, but not for the dance. They are dancing shoes not. When it is said to put on your

dancing shoes, high heels are a no, no. The four walls of the gym were lined with shoes that night. I figure someone had to lose a shoe or two that night. Shoes would come off as the dancing would begin. Actually, shoes came off immediately – even for just walking around and hanging with friends. High heels, apparently, are not very conducive for dancing, but I suppose neither are sandals. One can just



picture the hall at the Wedding Feast of Cana. Sandals belonging to both the girls *and* the boys would be lining the walls with a sweaty Jesus and His Boys on the dance floor in the mosh – barefoot. Jesus and His Disciples most certainly danced at the Cana wedding that day, because everyone danced – especially the men. It was part of the ritual and part of the celebration – a Homecoming of sorts. In the Old Testament before the Burning Bush, Moses was told to remove his sandals because where he stood was holy ground. He wasn't dancing then, but he would be dancing later at his own Homecoming after a bush burning set his own heart aflame. This is a Homecoming Dance to which we are all invited. Our Heavenly Homecoming can be likened to a high school Homecoming. It is celebration and dance. It is gathering with close friends and classmates both old and new. It is the heavenly Wedding Feast and it is our True Homecoming! So get ready, get dressed, and put on your dancing shoes! Just make sure that they're not high heels!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson