

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 3 OCTOBER 2021

**Readings for Sunday, October 3:** Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.

Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

**Readings for Sunday, October 10:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.



**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>
4 Oct.	MON. 9:00 AM	David Guadagno	Jack & Lori Carr
5 Oct.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Ronald & David Scandle	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
6 Oct.	WED. 9:00 AM	Simon Nagel III	Nagel Family
7 Oct.	THU. 9:00 AM	Michael J. Ondo, Jr.	Barbara & Michael Hipszer
9 Oct.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
10 Oct.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Joseph Discher	Ann Discher



**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.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** on Thursday, October 7 and 6:30 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Mara Tamaro and Chris Gerasimowicz.

**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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, October 4.



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** on Sunday, October 3 at 10:15 AM in the church parking lot.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:  
ROGER HENDRICKS, SR. from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

There will be, I'm sure, quite the assortment of costumed superheroes roaming the streets of Stowe come the end of the month. Personally, I've always had a thing for superheroes and their superpowers. Although it might seem to be especially a "boy" thing, I bet that there's been quite a number of girls, too, that secretly wanted to be a Supergirl or Wonder Woman. Ultra Man was always a favorite of mine. As a wee tyke, with my father's purchase of our first color TV, I can remember my delight and fascination at discovering what color Ultra Man was. This silver and red superhero of my youth was always helping out the Science Patrol saving all of Japan from various monsters and destructive creatures from elsewhere in the universe. Just like Hayata, I too, would use the Beta Capsule to transform into said hero and save my neighborhood from the destructive ilk of invading space monsters. I followed the likes of the Space Giants and Johnny Sokko and His Flying Robot as well; then, there were the standards of Superman, Spider Man, and, of course, the Caped Crusader. A bit later however, I was especially taken up with the Fantastic Four and, in particular, the Human Torch. Whenever my friends and I would play "superheroes," I **always** had to be the Human Torch.



One time, a friend who usually was some kind of "lightening man" wanted to play Torch. I said in response, "**No! I'm Fire!**" Then, I set him ablaze. Torch could fly through the sky and shoot flame at the "bad guys" just like a flame-throwing battle tank. Friends and I spent countless hours after school defending our turf with our superpowers. I think that there is an innate desire in each one of us for superpowers. Deep down, everyone longs to be a superhero. We see this on TV, in movies that we watch, and this can be seen in kids today as well as ever. My young friend, Simon was recently tearing around on the church lawn after PREP. Arms straight back, I thought that he was pretending to be a fighter jet. Silly me! He was either Sonic the Hedgehog

going at full clip or some character from Pokemon. I'm really not quite sure, but he was some superhero having at it protecting our beautiful church from alien invaders unseen. Dad was just happy to see him burning off all that post-prep energy. Recently I saw a movie about superheroes. Those with superpowers were viewed suspiciously by authorities and potentially threatening. Hence, the title "Freaks." Their superpowers therefore had to be contained. They were individuals living sort of half-lives not knowing who they truly were and not quite fitting into society. From the youngest age, the authorities after having become aware of an innocent child's superpower, kept them subdued and in-check by keeping them under a "doctor's" care and plying them with certain blue pills that served to suppress their powers and keep them as merely catatonic functioning members of society. One day, the truth got out. Some started to forgo taking the pills. They became aware of their various powers such as superhuman strength, an ability to be electricity, or immortality despite ordinarily mortal injuries. Those in charge went after them with renewed vigor and sought anew to contain them. The movie ends with escape noting that there are superheroes all around us and among us – all of us, in fact, have superpowers that have yet to be discovered. How true, I thought. There certainly is a power that seeks to contain and subdue us taking away our freedom and our life so that we never know who we truly are. The only thing to counter this power is one which is super. By virtue of our Baptism, all of us have a share in the Superpower of Christ. This is not the stuff of comic books or video games, but this is the Truth of our Faith. The early disciples were indeed seen by the authorities as "freaks" to be subdued, arrested, contained, and ultimately killed. They were seen as a threat. They were seen this way, because Jesus, Himself, was seen this way. As Christ Himself could not be "contained" neither by death nor tomb, so too today, it is a fool's errand to seek to contain the Truth that is Christ. As the superheroes that were the Apostles proclaimed it then, so too, the superheroes that are Christians proclaim it today. Discover your superpower! Discover who you truly are in Christ as we band together with Him in order to save the world! *Flame on!*

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021. ....	\$3,523
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,358
Parish Giving -	\$165
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,477)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$65,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$49,108
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,778
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$15,892)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,222)

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

Deposit. ....	\$3,102
2020-2021 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$15,898)
Difference from previous year.....	\$6



**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. OCTOBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- September 20 - #462 - St. Gabriel Church - \$50.00
- September 21 - #244 - unsold
- September 22 - #882 - unsold
- September 23 - #783 - unsold
- September 24 - #140 - unsold
- September 25 - #599 - unsold
- September 26 - #789 - unsold

**MASS ATTENDANCE for September 25/26:**

4:00 PM Mass - 113  
9:00 AM Mass - 107  
Total Attendance - 220

**WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE**

**DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
SEPTEMBER DRAWING - M/M Mark Flynn - \$266.00.

**"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**MEMORIES 'N' MORE**  
610-326-1911

**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.

**The Corner**

"This is what the Church means by saying that the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, acts *in persona Christ Capitis*:

It is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person His minister truly represents. Now that minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is truly made like to the High Priest and possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church #1548

**ITALIAN NIGHT AT ST. GABRIEL LODGE** on Saturday, October 9. Antipasto, Italian buffet, Red and white wine, special dessert, cash bar. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door. Entertainment by Nicola Desiderio. Doors open at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. Call Bill Strock (610-310-6164) for tickets.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 2/3

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 9/10

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman



### **OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!**

The first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. 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.

**IMPORTANT CEMETERY INFORMATION** - St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Fall Clean Up process on Friday, October 15. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, October 10. Everything remaining will be removed on Friday, October 15 by our cemetery crew. Thank You.

**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](http://www.pottstownlift.org/upcoming-events/golf).

**PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT WEBINAR** on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM. We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for a live webinar with a panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. For more information or to take the next step and to register for the upcoming virtual Permanent Diaconate Information Night visit <https://archphila.org/deacon>.

**EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO:**  
Monday, October 4 - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Rosary at 11:30 AM; Mass at 12:00 PM; Veneration of Relic following Mass; Movie following Veneration. If you plan on attending the movie, contact [Angela@PadrePio.org](mailto:Angela@PadrePio.org). For more information visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

Thursday, October 7 - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Rosary a 11:30 AM; Mass at 12:00 PM. Following Mass enjoy a cupcake from our "Cupcake Rosary" display. For more information visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

**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 and what kind of powers he has. Cost is \$225 per person. A commuter rate is available for those who live nearby. Register at [www.catholicinstitute.org](http://www.catholicinstitute.org).