

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 6 OCTOBER 2024

**Readings for Sunday, October 6:** 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 13:** 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>
7 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon
8 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Husband, Charles
9 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Ron & Carol Fry
10 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Nagel Family
12 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Ann Discher
13 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
			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.



**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

### *The Corner*

Tomorrow we observe the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. Let's all recite the oldest known prayer to Mary----

"We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O Ever Glorious and Blessed Virgin." — *Sub Tuum Praesidium, Circa 250 AD*



**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 welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2024..... \$3,664**  
**2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$52,245**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 12 AND 13** will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for September 28/29:**

4:00 PM Mass - 117

9:00 AM Mass - 124

Total Attendance - 241



**APPAREL ALERT!** Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 -

color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. 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](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)).



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



## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

on October 7 and 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. As Hurricane Helene has brought widespread, life-threatening storm surges, flooding and high winds throughout the Southeast,

dozens of American Red Cross blood drives have been canceled, impacting nearly 1,000 blood and platelet donations. We are working to ensure help is available when and where people need it most. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org).

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

## **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST**  
610-323-0450

**THE 2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL** is over halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services – such as food, shelter, medical care, and more – to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support! To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please scan the code or visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org).



**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 fundraiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

## **LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

September 23 - #082 - unsold  
September 24 - #619 - Mark Roberts - \$50.00  
September 25 - #753 - unsold  
September 26 - #314 - unsold  
September 27 - #480 - unsold  
September 28 - #626 - Joyce Moliken - \$50.00  
September 29 - #665 - unsold

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 12/13

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - DiMarco

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Holmes & Miller

Greeter - Carr



### SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see "Noah." Cost: \$170.00 which includes motorcoach

transportation, lunch, tax & gratuity for lunch, show and tip for the bus driver. Leave from Church at 10:30 AM; Family-style lunch at Hometown Kitchen at 11:45 AM; Show at 3:00 PM; Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM. Reservations and payment due by February 17, 2025. For more details or reservations, contact Kathy at 610-326-5127 or [contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org). Make plans now to attend!

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: **CARL BADMAN** from Mariann Horan & John Willemsen.



**ROSES FOR LIFE** - The Knights of Columbus will be at the church entrances on October 5 and 6 asking for donations for the Roses for Life.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** at Knights of Columbus Casey Service Club on Sunday, October 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection. All are welcome!

**Corn Hole Tournament** on Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 PM to ? Food and Drinks. \$200.00 - 1<sup>st</sup> place team prize; \$100.00 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place team prize. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Register at [www.caseyservice.org](http://www.caseyservice.org).

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** sponsored by St. Aloysius Church on Wednesday, October 9 in the Gathering Center from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. To sign up to donate, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## St. Aloysius Parish School Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair



St. Aloysius Parish School  
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### THE JOY OF THE FLAME OF LOVE

on Wednesday, October 9 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Schwenksville. 5:00 PM - Rosary, Adoration, Confession. 6:00 PM - Talk and Investiture with the Miraculous Medal and the Brown Scapular - Fr. John Kettelberger, CM. 7:00 PM - Mass - Bishop Efren V. Esmilla, Celebrant. 8:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession. Flame of Love materials will be available.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Next programs on October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org) or contact Al & Mary Liz ([Applications@wwme-philly.org](mailto:Applications@wwme-philly.org) or call 610-449-1859).

**RESTORE: A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT** - Held Thursday, October 31 to Sunday, November 3 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. We invite you to join us if you are seeking Christ-centered healing from the emotional and spiritual effects of trauma and past wounding. Visit [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com) to learn more or to register.

**CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974** is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on October 19 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information email [alumni@cohs.com](mailto:alumni@cohs.com).

**TASTE AND SEE**  
*the goodness of the Lord*

**MISSION LOVE AND LIFE YOUTH GROUP**

6:00-8:00 PM  
MONDAYS  
THE MALVERN  
RETREAT HOUSE  
ST. JOSEPH'S  
BUILDING

6:00-8:00 PM  
FRIDAYS  
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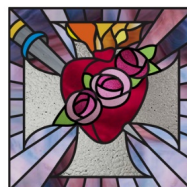
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7:30-8:00

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## 2024 Catholic Women's Conference

# The Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



**Saturday, October 19**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
Czestochowa Shrine  
Doylestown

### Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy  
Emily Wilson

**Full details & registration:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary cordially invites the faithful to its Lower Gwynedd campus for an

*Open House*

**Sunday, October 13**  
**1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002**

Tours begin at noon, with the last seminarian-led tour leaving at 2:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE** - Raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861 or at [raffle@stmarypolish.org](mailto:raffle@stmarypolish.org)).



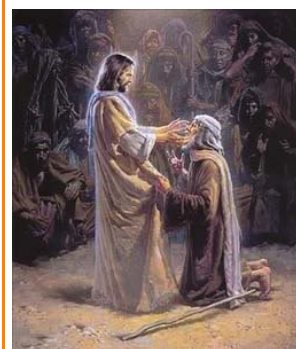
Godzilla is **the man**! Or...Godzilla is the beast, I suppose. I was always fascinated with the campy, Japanese monster and his films of wreaking havoc upon Tokyo and its environs. My fondness for Godzilla probably stems from my early childhood days when my father would read to me at bedtime. (Tip: Parents, read to your young children at bedtime! The only regret you will have is never having done so!) It was the book on dinosaurs that I remember. I would groggily ask my father to show me the pictures. *Tyrannosaurus rex* was a fearsome creature with massive jaw and razor sharp teeth. He looked funny with his teeny-wienie "hands." My father would make a roaring dinosaur sound while pawing gently upon my face. I would fall asleep dreaming of being a caveman in the days of the prehistoric beasts discovering only later in my education that these mysterious creatures existed and became extinct well before the



earliest man or woman walked the earth. My father was **the man** too, for taking the time to read to me. I wonder if he then ever fell asleep dreaming of dinosaur exploits together with his young "cave son." I'm sure that he slept more soundly knowing that his son soundly slept despite all those dinosaurs roaming about in his head. All of us could use a more sound sleep. Usually, it is the many "monsters" of our daily lives that keep us awake. They stomp about like Godzilla trampling



everything underfoot. In the Godzilla movies of old, the beast was sometimes the villain, but more often than not, the ole boy was the hero saving Tokyo from some other menacing creature. The populace would be grateful as Godzilla wandered off to his lair to await the next call to duty. Monsters becoming heroes in film is a



screenwriter/producer's prerogative. In the reality of everyday life, such prerogative is God's and we need to encourage and assist Him in His work. Jesus came especially for those afflicted by "monsters." A child once wanted to know why there were no dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible. The short answer is that the Bible is not a book on the science of paleontology. It **is** a book on the "science" of God and, in fact, there are many "monsters" contained therein. The various persecutions of God's Chosen People in the Old Testament and the persecutions of the early Christians in the New were monstrous. Disobedience before God is even more so. Perhaps the path to sainthood is allowing God to "tame the wild beast" transforming afflictions into cures. It was the *Leviathan* of the Cross with its

suffering that became the crowbar prying back the door of the tomb from which our Risen Lord emerged. The same will be true for us. Though *T-Rex* may not appear in the Bible because he was prehistoric, my old friend was not *a priori* to creation. This means that the *Tyrannosaurus* of my youthful dreams was part of God's plan.



There was a rather unique stained-glass window in a former parish church of mine that illuminated this. Behind the image of Adam and Eve, albeit rather small, there stood a dinosaur (*a brontosaurus*). The pre-historic monster **is** small in comparison with the greatness that is the wonder of God's creation of man and woman made in His very image and likeness. We are "bigger" than our "beasts." Asking and allowing God to transform them will help all of us to sleep more soundly beginning this very night. Stop by the cave later. I'll introduce you to my friend, *T-Rex*. He's a "big" Godzilla fan too!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Parish's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Due to your generosity, we realized a profit of \$5,817.19. Thank you to the following sponsors who supported the Golf Outing.

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