

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 OCTOBER 2023

Readings for Sunday, October 8: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

Readings for Sunday, October 15: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14.



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>
9 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Joseph Discher
10 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Wife, Anna
11 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Hercules & Nora Cimorelli
12 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Theresa Vitacco
14 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Carole Della Penna
15 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
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			Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			John & Mary Louise Schwenk
			Daughter, Kathy



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.



PARISH FALL SOCIAL on Saturday, November 4 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. BYOB!

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



DONATIONS are always accepted for the on-going work at our Blessed Mother Prayer Garden. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office.



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DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023..... \$4,756
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$53,897
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$54,515

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

SEPTEMBER DRAWING - Rita Ferraro - \$296.00.



To date, our Parish has raised 52% of our goal of \$12,000 for the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal. Thank you to all who have supported the CCA.

Please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org if you would like to make a gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal.



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

September 25 - #183 - unsold
 September 26 - #910 - unsold
 September 27 - #141 - unsold
 September 28 - #364 - unsold
 September 29 - #727 - unsold
 September 30 - #412 - unsold
 SEPTEMBER FIGURES: 231 Tickets sold - \$1155.00.
 Payout to winners - \$200.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.
 Profit for September - \$885.00.
 October 1 - #515 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 30/October 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 103

9:00 AM Mass - 131

Total Attendance - 234

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE

610-326-4137



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!!!** Contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org) or complete the order form in the vestibule of church and return to the parish office along with payment.



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



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(Continued from last week...) Airlines now try to save money by charging extra for almost everything. I'm surprised that



they don't yet have pay toilets bearing a credit card only sign. If saving money is the key, then at least, it would be nice to have a BYOB airline (tip for all you entrepreneurs). Imagine the ads: *Fly BYOB Air on your next getaway - and bring enough to share!* The transatlantic flight itself was okay. The food was minimal and blasé, but the Muslim woman from Algeria next to me was rather pleasant. Upon landing the adventure continued at the airport. I had to find Terminal



"A." I saw every letter of the alphabet except "A." I even saw my Muslim friend from Algeria who gave a friendly wave. I went one direction for a bit, then the other. Finally, I spotted it. The sign was about the size of a match book cover, but nevertheless, I saw it: *Terminal "A"...this direction.* The Wilcox Farms corn maze over in Boyertown is nothing compared to finding Terminal "A." Down the steps,



to the right, then left, more steps, and one had to pass through customs besides! What fun! At least I wasn't groped this time. The USA TSA official had been a serious looking young man who looked like he was all of 19. He explained rather quickly, albeit nervously, that he would be placing his hands in my nether regions. I passed on the offer of a private screening. That's all I need. *No thanks*, I said.



Just go for it, dude! The mysterious and aloof Terminal "A" still awaited me. The top secret location could only be reached by shuttle craft. The two hundred or so people hoping to get there however would have to wait just a bit as the shuttle craft captains, otherwise known as bus drivers, were arguing with one another over who had the right-of-way. At the same time, airport personnel were arguing with frustrated travelers. Finally arriving at Terminal "A" on the outer reaches of the galaxy, I immediately headed to the service desk to rebook my missed flight. As one would think, the service desk was quite prominent and rather busy that day. An obviously overworked woman with a scowl told me curtly: *Wait here!* Then she left. I thought she quit. A man then appeared - a Caribbean of a sort - and he calmly and happily said: *Hey, mon - I take care of 'dat.* And after a few minutes, he did. *Thanks mon*, I said! I



arrived at my destination several hours late and found my suitcase despite my luggage being placed on the wrong baggage carousel (No, I did not just arrive from Amsterdam!). I exited the airport with my cousin who, needless to say, had been waiting for some time. After paying the exorbitant parking fee and finding the car, we than circled the parking area two and a half times before finding the elusive *ausgang* to civilization. Navigating through the construction zone at the airport along with a roundabout or two, we finally made it



onto the *autobahn* and the final leg of my long and arduous journey. If getting there is half the fun then my glass seemed completely empty - maybe even broken. However, it *is* all about the journey. Our Journey of Faith is very much like my travel turmoil. There are a plethora of twists and turns. Desired flights are sometimes cancelled. The food may be rather bland to the palate, but at least, there is always wine available at no extra charge. Our Dear Lord has already foot the bill. The Journey of Faith is all in all quite the adventure indeed. Finally arriving home and enjoying that *Franziskaner Weissbier* with family and friends makes it all worth the while in the end. Heavenly for sure! Enjoy the Journey! Enjoy your Journey of Faith! And know for sure that getting there *is* half the fun!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

The Corner

Tomorrow is the feast of St. John Henry Newman, a great 19th century theologian who was ordained first as an Anglican priest before his conversion to Catholicism. He was then ordained a Catholic priest, named a cardinal, and canonized as a saint in 2019. Do you wonder if you have a mission in life? Read a few of his words...

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission – I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next...He has not created me for naught...He does nothing in vain; He knows what He is about."

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

THOMAS PALLALDINO from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia, Sylvia Marcheskie, Adi, Sheryl, Sue & Skylar, Circle of Friends, Charles & Linda Palladino, Jean Sweeney, Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Vivie Fitch, Helen Chieffo, Dennis Arms;

REV. GREGORY J. HICKEY from Curt J. High, Sylvia Marcheskie.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 14/15

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Servers - Donnelly & Nagel

Greeter - Scheidt

SPOOKY TRIVIA NIGHT at St. Aloysius Parish on Friday, October 13. Doors open at 6:00 PM with trivia beginning at 7:00 PM. \$25 per person to play. Cash prizes. Friends 21 years old and older are welcome to attend. For more details or to reserve a spot, contact Cathy Remick (610-326-5877, ext. 427) or visit the website at www.saintalloysius.net.

Prayer for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome October 4-29, 2023

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of faith
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen*

OKTOBERFEST at Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford on October 21 from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM in the Fellowship Café. Full buffet of authentic German food, beer, wine and other beverages included. Dance to DJ Entertainment, play trivia and win prizes. Raffle baskets, 50/50 and much more. Cost: \$40 - adults; \$20 - kids. Visit www.sacredheartroyersford.org/oktoberfest or call 610-948-5915 to purchase tickets.

ST. ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLLEGEVILLE is searching for a Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. St. Eleanor serves over 13k Parishioners in suburban Montgomery County. For inquiries and interest please email Linda Coyne (lcoyne@steleanor.com) or call Linda (610-489-1647, ext. 11) for full job description.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on Monday, October 16 at the State Capital in Harrisburg beginning at 11:00 AM. As our state is now responsible for laws that can protect pre-born children it is important that pro-life people gather to show our Governor and legislators that every life is precious and worthy of protection. Information is available at www.prolifeunion.org. You can also call the Pro-Life Union Office (215-885-8150).