

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

Readings for September 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Through observance of the Lord's commands, we shall experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts.

Readings for Sunday, September 8: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.



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>
2 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Josephine Battista
3 Sept.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Robert Woratyla
4 Sept.	WED.	9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti
5 Sept.	THU.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
7 Sept.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother
8 Sept.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Deceased of Miklusak Family The Family



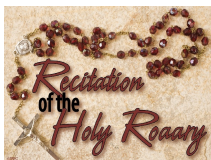
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially PHYLLIS VILLANO.

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 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.

The Corner

"You say you don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, 'Lord I don't know how to pray!' rest assured that you have begun to do so." —St. Josemaria Escriva

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day Holiday!

LOST WEEK

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 25, 2024..... \$3,383
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$32,656

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, will be the Collection for the Black and Indian Missions.

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for August 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 104

9:00 AM Mass - 117

Total Attendance - 221



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).



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



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

August 19 - #187 - unsold

August 20 - #449 - unsold

August 21 - #660 - unsold

August 22 - #666 - unsold

August 23 - #947 - unsold

August 24 - #003 - unsold

August 25 - #477 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on September 3 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The Red Cross blood supply is rapidly dropping as hospital needs are outpacing donations coming in. You can help overcome the shortage! Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.



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. Make plans now to attend!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Tran

Greeter - Carr

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY is always accepting new members. To join, you need to be at least 18 years old and Catholic. New meetings will begin in September at the Knights of Columbus Lodge, Stowe. If interested, contact Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192

FAMILY PICNIC on Sunday, September 15 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Picnic Grove. Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free hamburgers/Hot dogs/Soda/Water. Cash Bar for beer/mixed drinks. Music and fun for all ages! For more details contact Franco (484-433-9160 or francovg51@outlook.com).

EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY

Catholic Cinema Sundays for Children - Sunday, September 8 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. *Brother Francis: The Story of Mary*. Presented on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Center. There is no cost to attend, no registration is necessary. We will celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday with cake at 12:30 PM. For more details contact angela@padrepio.org.

Day of Peace, Prayer, and Remembrance with Bishop Joseph Coffey on Wednesday, September 11. Rosary at 11:30 AM. Mass with Bishop Coffey at 12:00 PM followed by Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. Lunch and free time for Museum and Gift Shop at 1:00 PM. Presentation by Bishop Coffey at 2:00 PM. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM. There is no cost to attend; however, this is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking the event calendar for September 11. Bring your own lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$17.00 for a boxed lunch - Deadline to order lunch is September 4.

ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES



Due to lack of freezer
space, pick up on

Saturday, September 28

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ONLY



NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Apple Dumplings (large enough to share) - \$5.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

6" Chicken Pot Pie (12 oz.) - \$6.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

9" Chicken Pot Pie (32 oz.) - \$11.50

Quantity _____ Cost _____

Total Cost of Order _____

All items are delivered frozen.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.

Last day to order is September 15.

Even with price increases, our price remains the same as last year. Please support this popular sale.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION -

Discover your vocation. Are you being called to serve? Join us for an informative evening exploring the Permanent Diaconate on Thursday, September 19 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1400 Evans Rd., Amber. This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) ages 29 to 55. Engage with a panel of clergy and learn about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and the School for Diaconal Formation program. Learn more at www.archphila.org/deacon or www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:
THOMAS L. LEVENGOOD from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
PHYLLIS VILLANO from Jack & Lori Carr, Richard & Diane Saylor.

CAR & TRUCK SHOW at St. Gabriel Lodge on Sunday, September 15. Registration ends at Noon. Entry Fee \$15.00 per vehicle. Raffles, DJ, Trophies, Bar and Kitchen open all day. Pre-registration ends September 1. For additional information call or text Bill Strock at 610-310-6164.

FAMILY LIFE AND THE EUCHARIST WITH SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN on Saturday, September 14 from 7:15 AM to 3:10 PM at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lansdale. Cost: \$25 for Students and Seniors; \$35 for Adults. Registration is being handled by the St. Paul Center at www.StPaulCenter.com/Lansdale2024/.

THE CARDINALS' FORUM - An annual gathering that advances the academic formation of seminarians and provides continuing education for the lay faithful about a topic of contemporary concern. **"The Pastoral Impact of Artificial Intelligence"** - Pope Francis has called Artificial Intelligence "an exciting and fearsome tool" that should be "at the service of humanity." What exactly does that look like? As the world rushes headlong into the future - powered by promises of faster, better, more - how do we put Artificial Intelligence at the service of Almighty Omniscience? Join us for a panel discussion with the faculty holders of the Seminary's endowed chairs. September 9 at 7:00 PM at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1400 Evans Rd., Ambler. 7:00 PM - Welcome by Bishop Keith Chylinski, Rector; Intro to the topic by moderator Msgr. Michael Magee, Vice President for Academic Affairs. 7:15 PM - Viewpoints on the topic by Dr. John Haas, Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology; Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS, Cardinal Krol Chair of Homelitics & Social Communications; Dr. Nathan Knutson, Lucille Francesco Chair in Sacred Music. 7:45 PM - Audience discussion. 8:30 PM - Concluding remarks by Msgr. Michael Magee. Free and open to the public. Visit www.scs.edu/cardinals-forum for directions and streaming information.



*Come as you are.
You are welcome here.*

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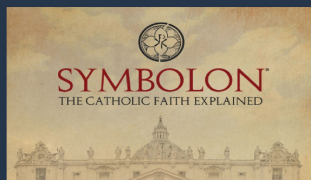
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
beginning September 18, 2024
Cost: \$48

Please register here: 

Or Contact Sophie Schneible
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THURSDAY NIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 12
AT 7:00-8:30

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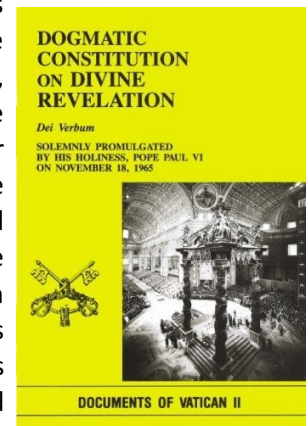
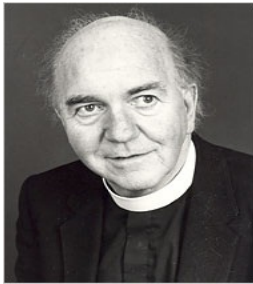
Maggie is the youngest of five siblings - all girls. *Aye yai yai!* She's also my "niece." The very first picture that was taken with my first-ever, newfangled smart phone was a picture of the two of us at her First Communion.



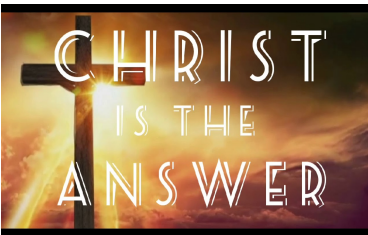
It's rather touching and kind of cool when the youngest one goes off to college. I suppose it's kind of cool also to have an "uncle" that's a priest, especially when the college newly attended happens to be a Catholic one. The text message (always a text message) arrived just the other day with the pre-Labor Day start of the semester. *Hey Uncle Gene! It's Maggie! I am taking a Catholic Theology course and I have some work to do for it...If I need help can I call you later hahaha...* By "call" she meant "text." *Of course! And Good Luck at school!* I'm such a wonderful priest and uncle. Besides, I too need to do some penance. Soon enough, the texts and questions began. *What is the connection or relationship between Dei Verbum's understanding of revelation and Macquarrie's*



presentation of theology? It was actually quite the pleasant distraction and I was immediately transported back to my seminary days. This type of question – and there were several like it – cause college students and seminarians as well quite a bit of angst. However, as a priest with a bit of experience under my belt, I dove right in. The theologian in me began to parse the questions and seek the answer making use of the technology that's right at our finger tips. The teacher in me knew enough not to simply give an answer, but to lead her to one so that she might begin to discover the answer – the greater Answer – for herself. *Dei Verbum* is the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on Divine Revelation. It recognized Christ as the Sole Mediator between God and Man – and that He is the fullness of God's revelation of Himself. The document also recognized Sacred Scripture and Tradition as originating in that Divine Revelation through the Sole Mediator.



Wow! Heavy stuff! Macquarrie, it seems, was an Anglican priest and theologian who threw some shade on the "sole" mediator thing. Apparently, he was open to others – though JC was number one for him. Ah...no. There is but One Sole Mediator and "revealer" of God. I conveyed this to Maggie (yes, via text) in the hope that not only would she be able to hand in a paper and get an "A" – but again, that she would be able to "connect the dots" and begin to see and know the answer herself – to know the One Who is the Answer to all questions. This is what Jesus Himself did. Countless times the disciples and others came to Jesus with questions. They just wanted an answer so that they could hand in their assignment. What Jesus gave was insight. Often He told parables or gave answers opposite of what everyone thought that the answer should be. Of course,



then why ask the question to begin with unless one is trying to trick and trap and otherwise cause one to fail the course? Jesus wanted His followers to discover that He is the Answer. He wants us to discover that too. And that's what I want Maggie to discover as well, because such a discovery results in an eternal degree that's Summa Cum Laude – and pretty darn cool as well!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson