

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Readings for Sunday, September 10: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20.

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our sister and brother for the wrong they may be doing.

Readings for Sunday, September 17: Sirach 27:30–28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.



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>
11 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Dorothy Levanovitch
12 Sept.	TUE.	9:00 AM	St. Gabriel Women's Society
13 Sept.	WED.	9:00 AM	Sharon McCarthy
14 Sept.	THU.	9:00 AM	Joe Harbach
16 Sept.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Jack & Lori Carr
17 Sept.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
		Glenn Galloway	Nagel Family



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 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.



The Corner

On Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St. John Chrysostom, a renowned preacher and one of the four Great Fathers of the East and a Doctor of the Church.

"The believer ought to shine forth not only by what he has received from God, but also by what he has contributed himself. He should be distinguishable by everything — by his walk, by his look, by his clothes, by his voice. And I say this not because we should make a fine display, but because we should always be thinking of the benefit of those who see us." —from his Homily on Matthew 14

Fun fact... Chrysostom means "Golden Mouth"

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 \$3,537
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$38,911
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$39,777

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, September 16 and 17 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 MONTHLY ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:
AUGUST DRAWING - Joseph Harbach - \$260.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 2/3:

4:00 PM Mass - 110
9:00 AM Mass - 114
Total Attendance - 224



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 28 - #629 - unsold
August 29 - #600 - unsold
August 30 - #819 - James Bracaglia - \$50.00
August 31 - #823 - unsold
AUGUST FIGURES: 230 tickets sold - \$1150.00. Payout to winners - \$400.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for August - \$650.00.
September 1 - #894 - unsold
September 2 - #140 - Tony Vitacco - \$50.00
September 3 - #471 - unsold

THANK YOU - The family of Fr. Gregory J. Hickey extends their thanks for prayers and presence at their brother's funeral as well as for the Mass Card from the Parish.

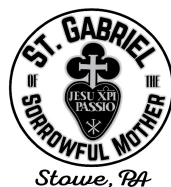


APPAREL ALERT! We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel:

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.

**ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE
APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES**



Due to lack of freezer space, pick up only

Saturday, September 30

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 17.

Even with price increases, we are trying to keep our prices low. Please support this popular sale.

OUR PARISH 16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, September 22 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville - held rain or shine!



Cost: \$95.00 per golfer (includes golf fees, hot dog/sauerkraut lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes.

SPONSORSHIPS:

Family Sponsor - \$25.00

Prize Sponsor - \$50.00

Course Refreshment Sponsor - \$75.00

Hole Sponsor - \$100.00

Food Sponsor - \$250.00

Event Sponsor - \$300.00

Come join us for a day of fun - ask your friends to join you! To register or to sign up for a Sponsorship, please contact Kathy at the Parish Office (610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 16/17

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Server - Griffin

Greeter -Hildebrand

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192

2023 FAMILY PICNIC on Sunday, September 17 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Picnic Grove, Stowe. Cost: Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda and Water. Cash Bar for Beer and Mixed Drinks. Music & Fun for all ages - raffles, games, 50/50 chances. If you are not a Knight, come bring your family and see what we are about. Contact Franco Vella-Gatt (484-433-9160 or francovg51@outlook.com) for more details.

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Inspiring words from Father Cregan, Benediction and more.

NOVENA & FEAST DAY MASSES IN HONOR OF PIO OF

PIETRELCINA - Thursday, September 14 to Sunday, September 24 at the National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto. Join us as we honor Padre Pio with devotion and prayer and seek his powerful intercession on nine consecutive days. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

2023 EUCHARIST CONGRESS "The Gift of Finest Wheat:

This is My Body Given Up for You - Held on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Although the in-person event is sold out, you can participate virtually by registering to access the livestream. Cost for virtual participation is \$20 per household. Go to www.secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v to register.

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on September 18 and October 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

A Message From The Pastor

A horse is a horse, of course, of course, and no one can talk to a horse of course, that is, of course, unless the horse is the famous Mr. Ed....or perhaps one named "Pancake." This is a horse story, but it's not a tall tale.



Many parishioners are aware that a certain Saint Gabriel sacristan and his wife recently became proud equestrians. Tony and Theresa might better be described as hippophiles, because they sure love Pancake. I'm told that Pancake is a Nevadan by birth and came to Pennsylvania through the Bureau of Land Management's managing of the herd in that western state. Being a horse owner is no small endeavor.



Prior to his arrival, the yard had to be fenced and a small stable erected. A horse owning neighbor (and Pancake's original owner) was helpful in providing a list and offering some lessons in equine care. The local priest was tasked with offering a blessing. I was honored. As a priest, I've blessed many of folks and many of things. I've blessed cars, boats, and homes as well. I've even consecrated a new cemetery. Not too many priests can say that they have blessed a cemetery. Of course, I've blessed an assortment of animals also, especially on the Feast

Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Usually those animals were cats and dogs, but there have been some birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and hermit crabs over the years. I've even blessed the stuffed animal pets of various pre-school classes. However, I had never blessed a horse. Pancake's story put me in mind of my own tall tale equestrian in nature. Every little

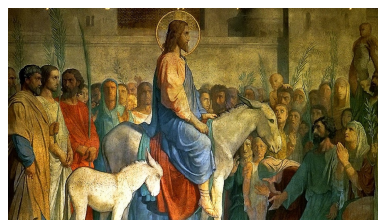


kid at some point seems to want a horse. I was no different. I wanted to be the Lone Ranger or Zorro...and I wanted a horse. Well, I really did get a horse. Of course, of course, he

wasn't kept in the little backyard of the city row house in which I lived (although that would have been interesting to say the least), but stabled at a farm out in Bucks County. My beloved parents paid a boarding fee and I was able to don a mask and cape on weekends for about two years. *Hi ho, Silver!* My claim to fame as a young squire was holding on tightly to the reins and remaining mounted when the horse reared in a panic caused by a bonfire ablaze



nearby. *Hi ho, Silver, indeed!* Our Lord, too, had some riding skills, though He was more familiar with that lowly beast of burden known as a donkey. Horses in His day were more often the military vehicles moving battling legions into bloody confrontation. Peace arrived upon a slow moving, but sturdy mule. Perhaps, it still does today. I did some research prior to offering a blessing to Pancake. I watched an old black and white TV show. There were Ed and Wilbur having a conversation. After a little excursion and exercise, it seems that Mr. Ed was wryly suggesting some weight



loss for his owner as he dismounted. The episode was about a new boy in the neighborhood. He was small and shy and the other boys didn't take to him. They made fun of him. Mr. Ed would have none of it. He would help the boy gain confidence and the respect of the others. Call it "horse-sense" if you will. This happened as the new boy became the only one whom Ed would allow near and the only one whom the talking horse would allow to mount him. With this everything changed. New boys gained confidence and bullies became friends. I would suggest that Pancake speaks too, but without words. The day that I blessed him, he most definitely showed his thanks posing for a picture and chomping down the carrots which I offered. *A horse is a horse, of course, of course, and no one can talk to a horse of course...or can they?* So, now I've blessed a horse and I'll definitely be back to visit, especially when I might need some confidence and seek some input on an important matter. It is then that I will listen for some "horse-sense" that only a horse can give.



Peace!

Fr. Wilson