

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Readings for Sunday, September 11: Exodus 32:7-11; 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32.

Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant. The Lord delights not in sin, but in our turning back to him, for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn. He sent his Son into the world not to condemn sinners, but to save them.

Readings for Sunday, September 18: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13.



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>
12 Sept.	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary Okuniewski	Jim & Helynn Mich
13 Sept.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Marie Dellaquila	Husband & family
14 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	Alfred Dori	Son, John & family
15 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Glenn Galloway	Nagel Family
17 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
18 Sept.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Simon Nagel II	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.



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!

FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all age groups.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on September 19 and October 3 and 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
 AUGUST DRAWING - M/M William Gatta - \$263.00.

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DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2022..... \$3,770
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$39,777
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$39,365

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, September 17 and 18, will be the Monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE
 610-326-4137

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 3/4:
 4:00 PM Mass - 102
 9:00 AM Mass - 90
 Total Attendance - 192

The Corner

Wednesday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We have such a rich history in our Catholic faith!

Did you know....

The feast was observed in Rome before the end of the 7th century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, king of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629.

But more than anything else, it is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: His salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to heaven opened.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
 MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:**
JO ANN R. DURKIN from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
MARY A. LEVENGOOD from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.



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.**

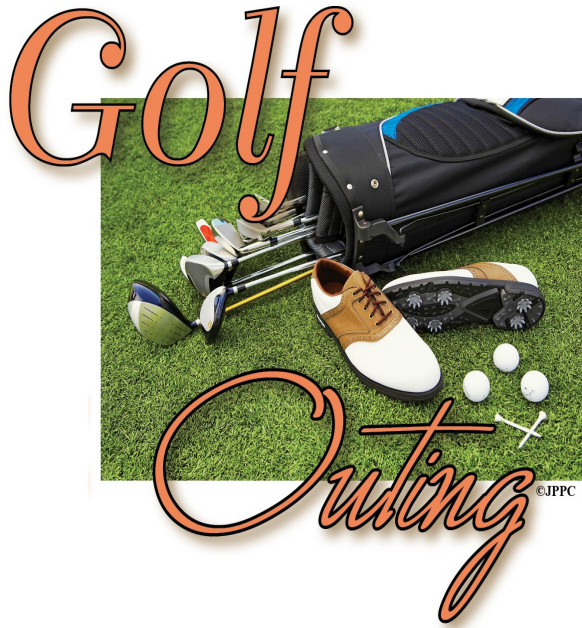
LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

August 29 - #408 - unsold
 August 30 - #125 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
 August 31 - #768 - unsold
 AUGUST FIGURES: 257 Tickets sold - \$1285.00. Payout to winners - \$650.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. August Profit - \$535.00. THANK YOU for your support!
 September 1 - #874 - Jack Carr - \$50.00
 September 2 - #897 - Bob Zomolsky - \$50.00
 September 3 - #740 - unsold
 September 4 - #738 - unsold



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 17/18

4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Mich
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Bracaglia; Choir - Durante
 Altar Server -Nester
 Greeter - Gambino
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Nester
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Templin & George
 Altar Server - Donnelly
 Greeter - Neiman



OUR PARISH 15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be held on Friday, September 23 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).



God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests: worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO EVENTS

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB at the National Center for Padre Pio, Barto. Thursday, September 15 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Book: *The Pandemic of Padre Pio: Disciple of Our Lady of Sorrows*. For more details or to register contact angela@padrepio.org.

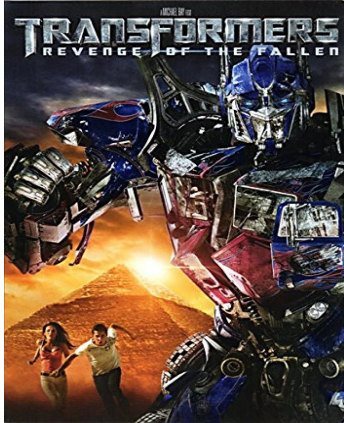
NINE DAY NOVENA TO SAINT PIO AND FEAST DAY WEEKEND at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. September 14 to September 17 - Mass at 10:30 AM. September 18 - Mass at 12:00 PM. September 19 to September 22 - Mass at 10:30 AM. September 23 - Feast of Saint Pio - Mass with Procession at 10:30 AM; Mass at 2:30 PM. September 24 - Mass with Procession at 10:30 AM; Mass at 2:30 PM. September 25 - Mass at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. For more details visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE on September 19 in Harrisburg. Rally - 11:00 AM; March - 12:00 PM. Join us on the steps of the State Capital Building. Hear from pro-life leaders about how to build a culture of life.



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Perhaps you've heard? Recently it has come to light, that a relatively young Hollywood actor has joined the Catholic Church. I remember Shia LaBeouf from the film, *Transformers* and its follow-up, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. Prior to that, he had been a young star in a Disney series. Apparently, the now thirty-six year old actor's career had taken a nose dive. He had run-ins with the law, issues with alcohol, involvement in an abusive relationship, and very low self-esteem. He was now a fallen star and essentially *persona non grata* in Hollywood circles. No one wanted him. His own mother wouldn't speak with him. He had thoughts of ending it all. At the end of his ropes, he took the part of playing some *Padre Pio* guy in an upcoming film about the mystic's life. The actor thought that this relatively low budget, minor production company film role might be his last opportunity to recover his "brand" in the hope of gaining more lucrative future Hollywood film offers. In studying for his role, learning about the Catholic Church, and discovering just who this priest named Pio was, little did he expect to be overcome by it all. Something was drawing him into the Catholic Church;



something he couldn't resist. He related his story of conversion in a lengthy interview with Bishop Robert Barron. It's available on YouTube and worth a look. Mr. LaBeouf's story is certainly a bit of good news for us today in a world filled with so much of the opposite. Indeed, it is Good News! I hope and pray that he continues to grow in his new found Faith. The day after I read the headline story about his conversion, I read another story concerning him. The second story was controversial. The second story and its controversy didn't involve him so much as Her. The Church, Herself, was the controversy. Mr. LaBeouf revealed it was in learning about the Mass Padre Pio celebrated that especially affected him and drew him in. Padre Pio celebrated Mass under the old form; hence, the controversy. The actor was "deeply affected" by the Latin Mass. For many in the Church today, with the preeminence and norm of the *Novus Ordo*, this is a sore point. The actor spoke of feelings aroused as he witnessed the "old" Mass and learned how the saint would celebrate it. Mass in the vernacular did not have the same affect for him. In fact sometimes, it had the opposite effect. Without digging into controversies, I would simply suggest concerning "old" versus "new," that it's not a matter of either/or, but both/and. Ideally, our feelings and our intellects should be aroused whenever we attend Mass. Perhaps, it's a matter of very intentionally



allowing ourselves to be "drawn" into the Mass through what the Church calls an "active participation." Our own particular dispositions on any given day certainly factor into it. I'll share an example of what I have in mind. I was at an amusement park one day while I was away recently. It was a lovely day and the park was crowded. As the two of us stood in line for the boat ride on the little lake next to the King Ludwig castle, my six year old "nephew" took my hand in his. He held it tightly as we waited. A feeling surged over me. I hadn't seen little Erich for three years. Now, I noticed how big he had gotten since I last saw him. My eyes welled up just a bit and a thought entered my head and my heart: *I love this little guy!* I'm not sure if Mr. LaBeouf had such a feeling and thought in his

conversion experience, but it's an experience for which all of us pray and hope as we allow the Lord to "draw us in" taking our hand in His as we wait "in line" and experience our own conversion anew each and every day.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson