

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

Readings for Sunday, September 12: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

Readings for Sunday, September 19: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.



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>
13 Sept. MON. 9:00 AM	Annette Hall	Jack & Lori Carr
14 Sept. TUE. 9:00 AM	Kenneth Reemler	Jack & Lori Carr
15 Sept. WED. 9:00 AM	Anthony Fontana	Al & Tracy Mazzagatti
16 Sept. THU. 9:00 AM	Glenn Galloway	Nagel Family
18 Sept. SAT. 4:00 PM	Walter & Roseanne Nodolski	John & Trish Nodoloski
19 Sept. SUN. 9:00 AM	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.

ST. GABRIEL SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING on Tuesday, September 14 at 1:30 PM in the social hall.

THE ROSARY is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

COPIES OF THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF "THE WORD AMONG US" are available at the church entrances. Please take a copy with you - there is no charge for the books.

NOVENA FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH on Sunday, September 19 after the 9:00 AM Mass. Join us for the Novena as we honor St. Joseph and ask his intercession.

RING! RING! Just a reminder - please silence your cell phones when entering church. Thank you for your cooperation.



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



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Our annual pilgrimage was around this time of year. It was my mother that made it obligatory for us in my elementary school years. My mother oh so looked forward to it year in and year out. She, herself, made preparation weeks in advance. Her spirit grew noticeably calmer and yet, she couldn't quite contain her childlike excitement as the big day approached. My father, though not quite the pilgrimage type of guy, very wisely and prudently said little to nothing as the great day got nearer. That was not the case for me. I always made my protests rather clear: *I don't wanna go! Can't I just stay home? I can stay over Joey's!* He was my friend next door. My objections were to no avail. My mother would have none of it. *You're going! Period!* My father offered nothing when I pleaded with him except for an almost imperceptible little smirk. *Mom, pleaseeeeeee!* There was parental silence broken only by my father who, for some strange reason, would suddenly head to the basement where he would begin to give his saxophone a little workout. The day finally arrived. Over the years, I tried feigning sickness, pretended to be overly tired (*I couldn't sleep at all last night, Mom!*), or would simply drag my feet getting out of bed and dressed in the morning. I even tried the excuse of a toothache one year. *We're leaving at nine. You'd better be ready.* Mother had spoken. Father just had that tiniest of smirks once again. The ride from my home was kind of long especially for a kid. This is when I did some of my best praying: *Jesus, please help me!* After what seemed like forever having just a little hope that my prayer of our getting lost along the way was indeed answered, we arrived. My mother beamed as my father parked the car in the large lot. We would offer our worship today at the shrine otherwise known as the famed Reading Outlets. *Aaaaaargh!* My father and mother conspired in hushed tones while glancing at their watches and then, dad started to wander off in the direction of the Black & Decker outlet. *Dad, dad, dad!* My mother grabbed me by the hand. *You're coming with me. Don't fight with me! We have school clothes to buy.* I felt like I tried on over two dozen pairs of



pants, not to mention shirts, jackets, and sweaters. There was always a crowd in the clothing outlet and there was a constant jostling. Clothes were literally all over the place. Everyone in Pennsylvania must have been on pilgrimage doing their back to school bargain basement shopping. I hated the dressing rooms. These clothing confessionals were lined up right there in the aisle. They were covered with a sheer, see-through cloth that would constantly blow open as people passed by. There was no bearing of one's soul here, but only the baring of one's bottom! My mother would grab, pull, and tug with each pair of pants. *Mom, stop!* Have you no shame,

Woman? The ordeal would at length mercifully come to an end. A prayer finally answered. Eventually, we would meet up with my father again and partake of a late lunch before making our return trip. A certain retreat-like cleansing had indeed taken place and even I was now prepared to formally begin and engage in a new school year of learning. September brings with it the start of a new school year. Many memories will be made and certain family traditions, such as shopping for school clothes, will continue. Pray for our young people! Pray for all of our students that they might learn well that most important lesson of Faith and family. It is one that at the end of our pilgrimage, leads not to Reading, but rather to the greatest Success both in this life – and the next!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021.	\$3,233
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,098
Parish Giving -	\$135
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,767)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$50,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$39,365
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,937
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$10,635)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,063)

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Deposit.	\$3,741
2020-2021 Deficit to Date.	(\$10,902)
Difference from previous year.....	\$267

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 4/5:

4:00 PM Mass - 103
 9:00 AM Mass - 109
 Total Attendance - 212

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, September 10 and 11, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME
 610-323-4440

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

MARK C. SMITH from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
BARBARA BUCCIAGLIA from Jack & Marge Bucciaglia
 and family;
RON GUMBARGE from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
MICHAEL F. CONROY from Tony Vitacco;
ROBERT LEE MECHERLY from Tony & Theresa
 Vitacco.



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

Raffle Drawing 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. OCTOBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES ON THE WEEKENDS.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

August 30 - #953 - unsold
 August 31 - #214 - Mary Louise Schwenk - \$100.00
 AUGUST FIGURES: 219 tickets sold - \$1,095.00.
 Payout to winners - \$750.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for August - \$245.00.
 September 1 - #414 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00
 September 2 - #197 - Catherine Sands - \$50.00
 September 3 - #670 - unsold
 September 4 - #191 - unsold
 September 5 - #026 - unsold

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

AUGUST DRAWING - Alice Kurtas - \$322.00.

The Corner

As we celebrate the feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross this week, let's reflect on the words of this beautiful hymn.

*“Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ where
 the earth and heaven unite;
 God has wed creation on the tree of hope where the
 darkness becomes our light.
 Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth, give
 thanks for the goodness of God.”*

—from the Hymn “Glory in the Cross”

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

**Pick up after Mass
Saturday, October 2
Sunday, October 3**

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Apple Dumplings - \$4.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

6" Chicken Pie - \$6.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

9" Chicken Pie - \$11.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

Total Cost of order _____

Checks payable to: St. Gabriel Women's Society.

All items will be delivered frozen.

Last day to order is September 18.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 11/12

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 18/19

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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


Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

ITALIAN NIGHT AT ST. GABRIEL LODGE on Saturday, October 9. Antipasto, Italian buffet, Red and white wine, special dessert, cash bar. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door. Entertainment by Nicola Desiderio. Doors open at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. Call Bill Strock (610-310-6164) for tickets.

NINE DAY NOVENA TO SAINT PIO at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto from Tuesday, September 14 to Thursday, September 23. Mass daily. Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each Mass. Novena Prayer will be recited after each Mass. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

MARRIED COUPLES - Give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next date: September 17-19 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Visit www.wwmephillly.org for more details.

 **The first annual Pennsylvania March for Life will be held on Monday, September 27 in Harrisburg.** At 11:00 AM, marchers will rally at the steps of the state capital to call on legislators to protect unborn children, followed by the March at noon. Visit www.Marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania-March-for-Life for more details.

SIXTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland on September 18 and 19. Plenty of free parking will be available. For more details call 215-357-5720 or visit www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.