

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 SEPTEMBER 2020

Readings for Sunday, September 13: Sirach 27:30–28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.

As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

Readings for Sunday, September 20: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
14 Sept.	MON. 9:00 AM	Guy Arthur Vizian	Deacon & Mrs. Michael Murtha
16 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Uncle Joe
17 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Joseph Spiccioli	Jack & Lori Carr
18 Sept.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Albert R. Krepps Family	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
19 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
20 Sept.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Mary & John Voychik	Barbara & Michael

Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.



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 PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN! However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email (contact@sgsm62.org).

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 in these special Marian Devotions.

HELP NEEDED for the Parish Golf Outing on September 25. If interested in volunteering, please call the parish office.



DO YOU HAVE ANY GIFT CARDS YOU DON'T INTEND TO USE? The gift cards can be from any restaurant, grocery store, or department store (WalMart, Target, Boscov's, etc.). We could use them for the Golf Outing. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Depending on when you read this, our PREP families either will be about to have or will have had their beginning of the year meeting, which this year includes a picnic on the lawn after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday. A few weeks ago, Maria Boyer and I met to discuss PREP matters, and I suggested instead of a typical parent meeting, let's try to shake it up and add something fun and social but socially distant. She liked the idea, and even better, she ran with it and did what she had to do to make it happen. Of course she isn't doing it single-handedly. Maria promptly reached out to the ladies in the Saint Gabriel's Women's Society, who offered to lend a hand and support this effort. Thank you, ladies (and any husbands who get dragged along), for your help!

While they've been doing all the prep work, my job has been to pray for good weather, and, as I write this, the forecast looks good. Whew! That reminds me, I hope everyone is praying for good weather for the golf outing coming up in two weeks. There's another event that takes a team of dedicated volunteers to pull off if it's going to be a success. Thankfully, we have people willing to make it happen, but a few additional volunteers are always welcome.

That's a reality of parish life, isn't it? Most things that a parish does can only happen if people are willing to step up and offer their time and talent to make them happen. That even impacts the celebration of Holy Mass. Sure, you can celebrate Mass with the priest by himself at the altar, but there is a greater beauty and richness when you have a choir, organist, lectors, and a full team of altar servers. It makes for a more solemn and beautiful celebration.

One challenge we face as a parish is that, right now, we don't have enough children and teens to serve at the altar. Given the small number of children in the parish, there isn't a large pool to draw from. There's nothing that says only children can serve at the altar, however. So I'll put the word out that if any adults or children are interested in assisting at the altar, please let me know. We'll get you trained and would be happy for the help. Likewise, if you'd like to serve in another liturgical ministry, please let me know.

This can be extended to all areas of parish life. New blood is always welcome in any parish group or organization. If you have an idea for some new group, ministry, or organization, please let me know. My first question back to you will be to ask if you're willing to coordinate the effort, but if you are, we can explore anything reasonable and see if we can't get things off the ground. Consider this an open invitation. We need more people to join the ranks of parishioners dedicated to helping make this parish a great community of believers. Are you willing to step up and be one of them?

JUST A FEW REMINDERS! The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. Please stay home if you are sick. Mass is available via live-stream from the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Mass is broadcast on TV on Sundays: 6ABC at 5:30 AM; ME TV at 7:00 AM; EWTN at 8:00 AM.

Please wear a mask or face covering when you enter Church and keep it on during Mass, only removing it when you receive Holy Communion.

Entrance to church using the main front doors and elevator door only.

Exit the church using the side doors and elevator door only. Please do not congregate inside of church after Mass.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020.	\$3,741
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,616
Parish Giving -	\$125
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,259)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$50,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$39,098
Average per week Collection	\$3,910
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$10,902)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,090)

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Deposit.	\$3,081
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$12,700)
Difference from previous year.....	\$1,798

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 77
 9:00 AM Mass - 96
 Total Attendance - 173

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, September 19 and 20, will be the 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE on Saturday, September 19

from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the

church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.

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based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number **Raffle Drawing** 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. SEPTEMBER LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS. WE ARE NOT SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASSES AT THIS TIME.**

LOTTERY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- September 1 - #609 - unsold
- September 2 - #981 - unsold
- September 3 - #014 - unsold
- September 4 - #676 - unsold
- September 5 - #106 - unsold
- September 6 - #834 - unsold

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

- K. JOAN BIRMINGHAM from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;
- C. RONALD YOST, JR. from Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Helen Chieffo, Bob & Vivie Fitch, Ron & Kathy Bernhard, Tom & Carol Palladino, Bonnie Stankunas, Paula & Dennis Bolonski, Phyllis Villano, Marie Geist, Tom & Sylvia Marcheskie, Jim & Helynn Mich, Jack & Marge Bucciaglia, Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;
- EDWARD LANDIS from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
- ANN GRIM from Tony Vitacco.