TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **15 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Readings for Sunday, September 15: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

Discipleship entails denying our very selves and following the way of the Lord, a way of suffering and service. In professing our faith in him, we can rely on the Lord for strength and salvation.

Readings for Sunday, September 22: 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 Eucharistic Adoration PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>			<u>Intention</u>	Requested By
16 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Carolyn von Mechow	St. Gabriel Women's Society
17 Sept.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia	St. Gabriel PREP Students
18 Sept.	WED.	9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Tony Vitacco
19 Sept.	THU.	9:00 AM	Stanley & Philomena Weil	Patti & Bruce
21 Sept.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Benedict & Anna Modica	The Family
22 Sept.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

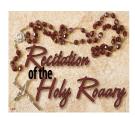


ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, ANGELINA DE MARIO.

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

"He no longer has God for his Father who does not have the Church for his mother." —St. Cyprian, from his treatise "On the Unity of the Catholic Church"

St. Cyprian is a Doctor of the Church, and was the first Bishop in Africa to obtain the crown of martyrdom. We observe his Feast Day tomorrow September 16.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their OCTOBER issue at the Parish Office. 085 St. Gabriel, page 1



DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2024..... \$4,296

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$40,446

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for September 7/7:

4:00 PM Mass - 103 9:00 AM Mass - 142 Total Attendance - 245



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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on September 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.



THE 2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL is over halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services – such

as food, shelter, medical care, and more — to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support! To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please scan the code or visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal. org.





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

September 2 - #983 - unsold

September 3 - #347 - Cliff & Barbara Keller - \$50.00

September 4 - #046 - unsold

September 5 - #645 - unsold

September 6 - #526 - Marie Hildebrand - \$50.00

September 7 - #268 - unsold

September 8 - #264 - unsold

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 21/22

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - La Rosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Bucciaglia & Carr

Altar Servers - Tran and Holmes

Greeter - Hildebrand



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
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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!

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: PHYLLIS VILLANO from Barbara & Michael Hipszer; Emily March; Sylvia Marcheskie & children Todd, Lori, Craig & Lisa; Chris, Gene & Dom Gerasimowicz & Lucy D'Emilio; Nikki Gambino; Lew & Beth Chillot

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

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

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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

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, October 6 - Brother Francis: A Special Way to Pray - The Rosary. 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. For more details, contact angela@padrepio.org.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast at Knights of Columbus Casey Service Club on Sunday, September 22 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection. All are welcome!

Switzerland Dinner on Friday, September 27 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Meal includes: Soupe de Chalet (Swiss cheese & potato soup); Alplermagronen (Swiss alpine macaroni & cheese); Zurcher Geschnetzeltes (traditionally prepared with veal, white wine, cream, meat broth and mushrooms) with Rosti (Swiss potato cake); Blechkauchen (a type of cake baked in a large baking sheet, like a sheet cake). Cost is \$20.00. Sign up by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

<u>Corn Hole Tournament</u> on Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 PM to ? Food, Drinks and Prizes. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Register at www.caseyservice.org.

THE JOY OF THE FLAME OF LOVE on Wednesday, October 9 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Schwenksville. 5:00 PM - Rosary, Adoration, Confession. 6:00 PM - Talk and Investiture with the Miraculous Medal and the Brown Scapular - Fr. John Kettelberger, CM. 7:00 PM - Mass - Bishop Efren V. Esmilla, Celebrant. 8:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession. Flame of Love materials will be available.

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT at Visitation BVM School Gym, Trooper on Thursday, October 3 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. High School Night is a wonderful way for parents and students to have an opportunity to speak to various Directors of Catholic high school admissions and student representatives. Event is Free and open to the public - all area middle school students and parents are invited. Contact Angela Zampogna (610-212-1002 or askang12178@gmail.com if you have any questions.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Next program is on October 11-13 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (Applications@wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859).

2024 Catholic Women's Conference





Saturday, October 19 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Czestochowa Shrine Doylestown

Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy Emily Wilson

Full details & registration: catholicwomensconference.org



The topic sounded interesting. So the other day, I attended a seminar held at the new location of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Lower Gwynedd. Well actually, I attended the webinar. Of course, attending virtually



was rather appropriate, I suppose, since the forum was entitled, "The Pastoral Impact of Artificial Intelligence." AI, algorithms, and pastoral ministry - how 21st Century! Fr. Neo and I are ready to take on the *Matrix*! Today, we are surrounded by and immersed in, what we call, "artificial intelligence." We live in a world with GPS, smart homes, self-check-outs, curated music lists, and curated advertising. We're told that AI is expanding exponentially since computers compute much faster and therefore "learn" much faster than we can. AI is already impacting the Church. One can pull up the Scripture readings on a cell at Mass and today's seminarians can pray

the Liturgy of the Hours in a similar way in the new chapel at the new Overbrook. Most parishes have their bulletins available online and some parishes have done away with paper bulletins altogether. I'm not aware of a parish that has Al compose its bulletin yet, but it's probably in the works. The first speaker at the seminary forum pointed out



immediately that some take issue with the term "artificial" intelligence, since it is usually understood that intelligence involves a rational being able to reason. Basically, I suppose that

it comes down to the fact that human beings have thoughts and feelings (not to mention, souls), whereas machines do not. Machines can analyze data rather well, but they can't emote. In a pastoral setting, AI could help one make a moral decision (think of a palliative



care situation), but only a human being with mind, body, and soul could make the final decision. Otherwise, it is simply a statistical analysis which in a situation past would lead One to forgoing Cross and Crucifixion. All is here to stay and it can certainly be very helpful – but it does have

its limitations. GPS is a great tool without doubt, yet it seems that there was a greater sense of accomplishment having



found one's way after making use of the crinkled paper map stored in the glove compartment. Jesus already knew the limitations of AI. Maybe that's why He came

among us when He did some two thousand years before its advent. Algorithms are the key to Al, but algorithms can be confused. Again, Jesus knew this long before there was such a term in our modern sense. He loved to throw off the "algorithms" of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Often enough times, He throws off ours as well. Crucifixion and death are a



statistical "dead end" for our modern day GPS algorithms of intelligence artificial tasked with finding the "best route" to our destination – unless One happens to be the very Son

of God! The seminary seminar was rather interesting, but the discussion of the interaction of human intelligence (authentic) with machine intelligence (artificial) and its pastoral applications will continue well into the future. Just know that as such discussions continue Jesus is the definitive Way always showing us the best possible "route."

Peace!

Fr. Wilson