

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed. They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than to money, we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need, especially the poor whom the Lord will raise up.

**Readings for Sunday, September 25:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.



**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>                  |
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| 19 Sept.    | MON. 9:00 AM | Esther G. Wise                                             | Tony & Theresa Vitacco               |
| 20 Sept.    | TUE. 9:00 AM | Peter & Elizabeth Lenhardt                                 | Mary Lenhardt                        |
| 21 Sept.    | WED. 9:00 AM | Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families                 |                                      |
| 22 Sept.    | THU. 9:00 AM | Stanley & Philomena Weil                                   | Great-Grandchildren, Madison & Tyler |
| 24 Sept.    | SAT. 4:00 PM | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish |                                      |
| 25 Sept.    | SUN. 9:00 AM | Edwin G. Pennypacker                                       | Pacanowski Family                    |



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, especially JEANNINE FERRANTE.

**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!



**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.



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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday, September 23.

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2022..... \$3,260**  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. .... \$43,037  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. .... \$42,845



The Catholic Charities Appeal's overall goal of \$12.5 million is vital to the efforts of the human service programs in the five-county Philadelphia area. Currently, the Appeal is struggling to keep up with the growing need while facing the same challenging issues that we all are experiencing: the effects of the pandemic, inflation and much more. The second collection next weekend, September 24 and 25, will be to help the CCA reach its goal.

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**

610-326-1510

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

## MASS ATTENDANCE for September 10/11:

4:00 PM Mass - 124

9:00 AM Mass - 105

Total Attendance - 229

### *The Corner*

We celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew on Wednesday. His Gospel is so rich, let's reflect on just one inspiration there:

Jesus promises **"Tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."** (Matthew 6:34)

Today, try to catch yourself when you're worrying about something that may or may not happen. Imagine yourself like the bird in Jesus' Gospel, flying free from all the earthly fears trying to pull you to the ground. Think about how birds just go about their business without worrying about the future. God takes care of them, and He'll take care of you.



Pick up Apple Dumpling and Chicken Pot Pie Orders next weekend, September 24 and 25 after Masses.

**MAGNIFICAT** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their OCTOBER issue at the parish office.



## **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

September 5 - #906 - James Bracaglia - \$100.00

September 6 - #393 - unsold

September 7 - #033 - unsold

September 8 - #905 - unsold

September 9 - #738 - unsold

September 10 - #028 - unsold

September 11 - #639 - unsold

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 24/25**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server -Holmes

Greeter - Di Marco

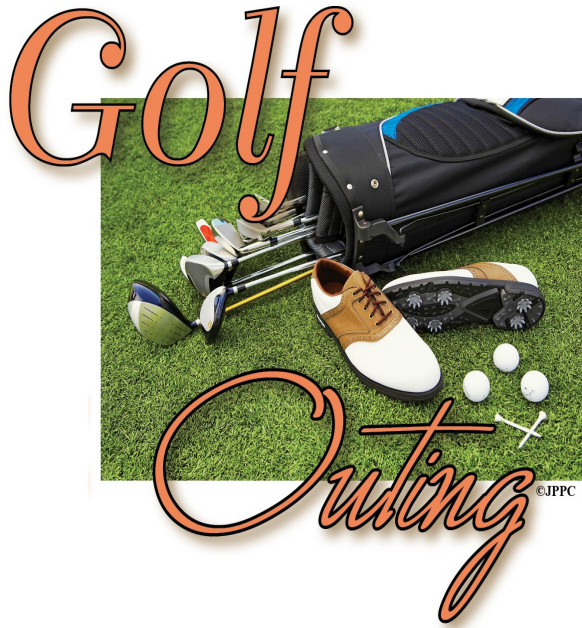
9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Neiman



**OUR PARISH 15<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This year, Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on September 25. Honor the priests in your life by praying for them, offering a Spiritual Bouquet or sending a thank you note or card.

**CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN** at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, October 2 - *My Secret Friend: A Guardian Angel Story* beginning at 12:00 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. For more information, contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**OKTOBERFEEST 2022** at Sacred Heart Church, Royersford in the Gym on October 1 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. For more details call 610-948-5915. You can also visit [www.sacredheartroyersford.org/oktoberfest](http://www.sacredheartroyersford.org/oktoberfest).



## A Message From The Pastor

Father Joseph will soon be returning to his home Diocese of Byumba in Rwanda. It's been a pleasure having him here at Saint Gabe's and I believe that all of us have been enriched by his presence. He'll also be returning to his students and



the start of a new school year. I can't imagine what it must be like to be the principal of a five hundred plus student **boarding** school! At the end of a long, very hot, central Africa day, it's not a matter of sending the students home. They **are** home! I'll be praying for you, Father! As Father Joseph has brought just a little bit of Africa to us here in Stowe, I hope that when he returns home, that he is able to bring just a little bit of Stowe to Byumba – aside from the vestments that we're giving him! One of the many things that I've enjoyed in my priesthood over the years is having had opportunities to meet brother priests from other dioceses and other parts of the world. I've certainly met many Vietnamese priests, including a visiting bishop. This all began with my having Vietnamese friends in the seminary. Although a little hesitant at first with this friendly

"foreigner," they wound up taking me into their inner circle, giving me a Vietnamese nickname, and always inviting me to their "illegal" dorm room "noodle parties." This is where I first encountered the Vietnamese food that I love. Over the years,



there have been plenty of missionary priest visitors that were present for a weekend. One missionary priest was a bishop. It was a wonderful couple of days spent with the former Philadelphia priest and then bishop of the Virgin Islands, Herbert Bevard. He had oh so many stories to tell. One year, I took part in an international priests' retreat. I was the lone priest representing the Archdiocese. I roomed with priests from the Archdiocese of New York and an Anglican British cleric who, rather interestingly, was also on the retreat. I recall going to Confession to a French priest that spoke English. It took place in the middle of a beautiful field on a brilliantly sunny day in Southern France. I'll never forget his kindness. Then, there was the time that I was on retreat in a Benedictine monastery in Germany. It was from

this monastery that the first Benedictine monks came to America arriving at Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 1832. While on retreat, I met a retired archbishop that was living there. He insisted on sitting next to me at table during the times that we were permitted to talk and offered great words of encouragement. It was the Abbot, Wolfgang Maria Hagl, OSB, that served as my retreat director at the time and he too, was a blessing for me with his words and hospitality. Just today, I was sent a picture of my little nephew, Erich, beginning his first day of school. The first year students customarily receive a special blessing at church. Giving the blessing is the priest friend whose church I celebrate Mass in when I'm vacationing. I'm grateful for his long time hospitality. I miss the delightful meals and conversations had with him and his now deceased mother. There have been priests of other nations and nationalities that I have met as well. The priestly journey, if nothing else, is one of friendship and fraternity.



Jesus said to His disciples, *I have called you friends*. All of us are called to this by virtue of our Baptism, but priests are called to this in a special way by virtue of their Ordination. I'm happy to be able to call Father Joseph a brother priest and friend. He should know that he always has a room in my house and he has already told me that I always have a room in his for when (not **if**) I come to Byumba. I just hope that he doesn't leave me in charge of his students that **never** go home! Safe travels, Father! Thank you for bringing just a little bit of Africa to us!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson