

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to both those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

Readings for Sunday, September 27: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32.

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>
21 Sept. MON. 9:00 AM	C. Ronald Yost, Jr.	Joseph Harbach
23 Sept. WED. 9:00 AM	John J. Zissa, Jr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
24 Sept. THU. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, Mary
25 Sept. FRI. 9:00 AM	Francis J. Czeiner, Sr. Family	Francis J. Czeiner, Jr. Family
26 Sept. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
27 Sept. SUN. 9:00 AM	John & Cay Francis	Jane Perkins

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).



Flowers on the altar are in memory of **MELISSA OISTER** requested by Aunt Lugi, Chrissy, Gene and Domenic.



CONFIRMATION - Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be here on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM to confirm five of our PREP students. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

I suppose it was bound to happen, but I didn't think it'd happen this quickly. Last week a parishioner received a suspicious text message, allegedly from me, saying I needed her help with something. Fortunately, she recognized it as fake and didn't follow the instructions given, but rather let me know about it.

Unfortunately, these kinds of scams have been increasing quite a bit, and they have been hitting many parishes around the area. The scammer sends an e-mail or text message pretending to be the parish priest. The message says the priest needs help urgently or that the parish needs money for something quickly. Sometimes the potential victim will be asked to buy/send gift cards from a fake source or to a fake address. Other times, there may be a link to send money electronically — which of course will never actually get to the parish and opens up the opportunity for them to drain your account later on. Usually, you can spot something strange or nonsensical about the request. For example, if Father really is stranded alongside the highway, why would he be asking for an electronic gift card to Amazon? But the scammers are getting craftier so it's harder and harder to tell, and they must have enough success that it's worth it to keep trying. That just makes it more difficult for honest, good-natured people to avoid being taken.

The reality of parish life is that we do have to have fundraisers and capital campaigns. There are times when we may do "extra" collections for unexpected expenses or for a specific charitable purpose. But those sorts of things will be announced in the bulletin, communicated through the mail, and/or spoken about from the pulpit. We won't just send you some random message.

So, to be clear, **if you get an e-mail or a text message from me or the parish that seems at all suspicious, delete it. It's almost certainly fake.** It's really sad that we have to be so vigilant and the people are abusing technology this way, but it seems we can't do much about it except to be careful.

Meanwhile, note to self: if the car breaks down and you're stranded along the highway, you might be stuck, since you just warned everyone your plea for help could be fake. Make sure you paid your AAA bill.

Have a wonderful week. Hope to see some of you at the golf outing Friday!

— Fr. Kiernan

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 13, 2020.	\$3,662
Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,357	
Parish Giving - \$305	
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,338)
Year to Date Budget.	\$55,000
Year to Date Collections.	\$42,760
Average per week Collection	\$3,887
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$12,240)
Average per week Deficit	(\$1,113)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Deposit.	\$4,213
2019-2020 Deficit to Date.	(\$13,487)
Difference from previous year.	\$1,247

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 12/13:

4:00 PM Mass - 86
 9:00 AM Mass - 80
 Total Attendance - 166

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - This weekend, you heard two representatives from our Catholic community speak on behalf of the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal about the impact it has on the most needy in our Greater Philadelphia Area. Because of your generosity, special education students are given the tools to succeed, the homeless are given a safe place to eat, sleep, and get back on their feet, students in rough neighborhoods are given a safe place to learn, and retired priests who have spent their lives caring for others receive medical attention they need in their final years. Please show your support of the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal and join in the mission of the Archdiocese. Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your gift.

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.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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 610-327-2600



Raffle Drawing

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.** **OCTOBER 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 7 - #323 - unsold
 September 8 - #006 - unsold
 September 9 - #884 - unsold
 September 10 - #961 - unsold
 September 11 - #666 - unsold
 September 12 - #880 - unsold
 September 13 - #208 - Cristin Bucciaglia - \$100.00

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

FR. MARK A. PASIK from John Nester;
PATRICIA CHILLOT from Anna & John Nester;
C. RONALD YOST, JR. from Anna & John Nester.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS: Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their OCTOBER issue at the parish office. Please call before coming for your book.