

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Readings for Sunday, September 22:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16–4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.

**Readings for Sunday, September 29:** Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.



**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>
23 Sept. MON. 9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia	Gray Family
24 Sept. TUE. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Bob & Diane Morgan
25 Sept. WED. 9:00 AM	Mary Nickle	Mariann & John Willemssen
26 Sept. THU. 9:00 AM	60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Jack & Lori Carr	
28 Sept. SAT. 4:00 PM	Steven M. Slaby	Mom & Dad
29 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.



**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.



**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
on Monday, September 23 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



**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 PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:**  
Monday, September 23 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and all day Thursday, September 26.

LOST WEEK

# Collections at PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2024..... \$3,372**  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$43,818

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**  
610-326-1510

**MASS ATTENDANCE for September 14/15:**

4:00 PM Mass - 125  
9:00 AM Mass - 119  
Total Attendance - 244



**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](mailto: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

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on October 7 and 21 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.



This weekend we begin our **PREP** program for this year. We recognize the work of our catechists and aides, who volunteer their time to teach children about the

faith. Special thank you to: Mrs. Mara Tamaro, Mrs. Debbie Huster, Mrs. Sherry Durante, Mrs. Nicole Griffin, Mrs. Judie Perlstein, Mr. Simon Nagel and Mrs. Maria Boyer, DRE.

**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](http://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 9 - #709 - unsold
- September 10 - #346 - Marie Yonkovitch - \$50.00
- September 11 - #688 - unsold
- September 12 - #466 - unsold
- September 13 - #739 - unsold
- September 14 - #845 - unsold
- September 15 - #200 - unsold

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 28/29

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Francis

Greeter - Carr



**APPLE DUMPLING & CHICKEN POT PIE PICK-UP** on Saturday, September 28 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Social Hall for those who placed orders.



### **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 includes m o t o r c o a c h

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](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org). Make plans now to attend!

### *The Corner*

**"I will make you fishers of men."** —Matthew 4:19

This is one of the best one-liners in Scripture. Notice the first part: "I will make you..." In today's culture, everyone wants to invent and define their own reality. But Jesus puts this lie to bed. We learn from Him that it's God who acts, and if we give ourselves over to His creative power, He will make us into something far better than we could ever imagine.

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

PHYLLIS VILLANO from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer; Pete & Lori LaRosa; Loretta & John Gauger; Jack Buccigaglia; Yvonne & William Stamm; Weekend Golfing Friends of Kevin

ANGELINA DE MARIO from Pete & Lori LaRosa; Jack Buccigaglia; Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer; Vivie Fitch; Rebecca & Mark Herb

LEO SUGG from Miller & Boyce Families.

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their OCTOBER issue at the Parish Office.

### **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).

Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, October 6 from 1:00 PM to ? Food and Drinks. \$200.00 - 1<sup>st</sup> place team prize; \$100.00 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place team prize. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Register at [www.caseyservice.org](http://www.caseyservice.org).



**ROSES FOR LIFE** - The Knights of Columbus will be at the church entrances on October 5 and 6 asking for donations for the Roses for Life.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** sponsored by St. Aloysius Church on Wednesday, October 9 in the Gathering Center from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. To sign up to donate, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.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 Efrén V. Esmilla, Celebrant. 8:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession. Flame of Love materials will be available.

**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. There is no cost to attend, and no registration is necessary. Movie plays whether one child or one hundred children show up! Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Enjoy complimentary treats from our movie snack cart. For more details, contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**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](mailto:askang12178@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Next Program will be held the weekend of October 4-6 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230. All inquires are strictly confidential.

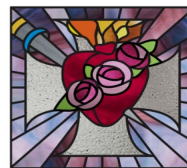
**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome! Next program is on October 11-13 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org) or contact Al & Mary Liz ([Applications@wwme-philly.org](mailto:Applications@wwme-philly.org) or call 610-449-1859).

**BINGO** on Friday, September 27 at Visitation BVM Parish, Trooper in the school gym. Doors open at 5:30 PM; First Game at 6:30 PM. \$25.00 for twenty games. Food, soda, water, coffee and tea available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Visitation BVM School; sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Steve Morse ([steve@mbharbor.com](mailto:steve@mbharbor.com)) or Mike Connolly ([mjc1270@gmail.com](mailto:mjc1270@gmail.com)).

## 2024 Catholic Women's Conference

# The Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



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

### Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy  
Emily Wilson

**Full details & registration:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary cordially invites the faithful to its Lower Gwynedd campus for an

## Open House

**Sunday, October 13**  
**1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002**

Tours begin at noon, with the last seminarian-led tour leaving at 2:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"

Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely," He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. "These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further, "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly." she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching TV or online right now, if you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected drop-in conversion with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

God love you and give you His peace.

### **Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

The wicked, in this case apostate Jews, want to make power the norm of goodness. This to allow them to persecute the just man, because his lifestyle is a silent reproach to theirs.

### **Reading II: James 3:16-4:3**

The author provides the qualities of true wisdom, and then the causes of war and strife among peoples.

### **The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus foretells His coming passion and death. Meanwhile, His disciples discuss a completely unrelated matter that needs Jesus' input.