

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in this way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

Readings for Sunday, October 2: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10.



**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>
26 Sept.	MON. 9:00 AM	Mary & Michael Nickle	Mariann Horan & John Willemsen
27 Sept.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Special Intentions - Ted & Lynn Von Mechow on their 63 rd Wedding Anniversary	Porter Family
28 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	Steven Michael Slaby	Mom & Dad
29 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Nancy Barbalace	Bruce & Patti Pollock
1 Oct.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Oct.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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 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!



We welcome BRIAN, SARAH & MORGAN DIEROLF who recently joined our Parish!



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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

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

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DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2022..... \$3,636
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$46,673
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$45,585

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, October 1 and 2, will be the Parish Property Maintenance and Repair Collection.

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MASS ATTENDANCE for September 17/18:

4:00 PM Mass - 79
 9:00 AM Mass - 119
 Total Attendance - 198

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

THANK YOU to all who supported the Zook's sale. We had the best sale yet to date. Word is getting out about their delicious products!

A few weeks ago, a group from our Women's Society cleaned out the altar workroom. In doing so, we found many, many older and unused vestments. Instead of discarding them, it was suggested we ask Father Joseph if his diocese could use them. He was very excited to take them off our hands. This, then, became a Women's Society project to ensure their passage to Rwanda. We were very happy to fund this project for Father Joseph and his fellow priests. We pray Father Joseph and the vestments have safe travel!



Blessing of animals will take place next Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 AM. Bring your pets to the church parking lot for Fr. Wilson and Deacon Ray to bless them!



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 12 - #428 - unsold
 September 13 - #823 - unsold
 September 14 - #446 - unsold
 September 15 - #056 - unsold
 September 16 - #677 - unsold
 September 17 - #906 - James Bracaglia - \$50.00
 September 18 - #751 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on 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.



ITALIAN NIGHT at St. Gabriel

Lodge on Saturday, October 8. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. Antipasto, Italian Buffet, Red & White Wine, Special Dessert, Cash Bar. \$45.00 per person. Entertainment by Nick

Desiderio. For reservations contact Bill Strock (610-310-6164 or 610-326-4137).

BASKET RAFFLE sponsored by Women's Group of St.

Joseph Church, Spring City on October 2 at VFW Post #6341 in Royersford. Doors open at 12:00 PM. Raffle begins at 2:00 PM. \$20 admission includes 25 basket tickets, coffee, tea, and water. Bring your own snacks. For more information email herbert611@aol.com.



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One visiting priest returns home, while another “priest” arrives. Father Joseph, of course, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Byumba in the country of Rwanda. Felix is a member of what the Church calls “the priesthood of the laity” and I am very proud to have “ordained” him when he was just a little baby in his home town of Vilsbiburg in Germany in the sacrament that we know as “Baptism.” Now twenty-one, Felix has come to the United States for about three weeks. He visited a friend attending Hofstra University on Long Island and then spent some time in the Big Apple. He even got a chance to attend an Eric Clapton concert there. I’m jealous! While vacationing and visiting family as a newly ordained priest, I met his parents. They had a request. Would I be able to baptize their newborn son? I was honored to have been asked. I have stayed in touch with Felix and his family ever since. I was present for his Confirmation



in the same church in which he was baptized and I met him and his family one time

on the West Coast when they were visiting San Francisco and Sonoma Wine country. I’ve been over their house countless times and his father and I even ran a half marathon together. They are good friends and my adopted family for sure. Felix always said one day, when he was a little older, that he would come and visit me. That day has finally arrived! Felix, himself, attends the University of Regensburg. He is studying dentistry just like his father and his older brother and sister as well. He is also very talented musically and participates in a band at home. I remember attending one of his concerts. All

of this is just another insight to the wonders and joys of ordained priesthood. I think of all the wonderful people, many of whom are like family, that I’ve gotten to know over the years and I look forward to the wonderful people that I have yet to meet. Priesthood is most certainly a calling from God. In other words, if the Big Guy isn’t calling you, in the end, it’s not going to work. However, knowing all the joys of priesthood, even in the midst of some challenges at times, can and should serve as a prompt for men young and not so young to at least consider the question: *Is God calling me?* I’ve been blessed in my priesthood and continue to be blessed. There certainly have been some unexpected twists and turns along the way, but I really wouldn’t pass it up for anything. I’m so happy that Felix is here to visit for just a bit! I look forward to catching up with him and I’m very proud to say that, as a priest, I’m the one that welcomed him into the Church and the “priesthood of the laity!”



Peace!

Fr. Wilson