

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Readings for Sunday, September 26: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism, or wisdom. Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others.

Readings for Sunday, October 3: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.



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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| 27 Sept. MON. 9:00 AM | Peter Pinder Sr. Family | Frances Czeiner Family |
| 28 Sept. TUE. 9:00 AM | Benedick & Helen Bernas | Ron Bernas |
| 29 Sept. WED. 9:00 AM | Rev. Francis Suchanek | |
| 30 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, especially KATHRYN AXSMITH and RITA O'CONNOR.
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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, September 27 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

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 for these special Marian Devotions.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, September 29 from 12:00-3:00 PM and Thursday, September 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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

A Message From The Pastor

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Halloween comes at its end, but at its beginning comes the day on which we celebrate the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary (the 7th). October is the month of the Rosary. Our Marian Shrine outside of church might be a quiet place to offer up a decade. Our Mary does need a little freshening up – in fact, more than just a little! She will most likely have to be replaced and our wonderful Women’s Committee members and friends in the K of C are looking into this. This put me in



mind of a Marian story of my own – and of a statue needing repair. It was spring and the second semester of my first year of theological studies at the seminary. I had already completed a year of pre-theological studies on the “lower side” as well as the Spirituality Year, which took place, at the time, at Mary Immaculate Seminary outside of Allentown. Theological studies occurred on the “upper side” of the seminary. Although the “upper side” was the older building on the Overbrook campus of Saint Charles dating to about 1871, my room was in the “new” wing of Vianney Hall built in the 1970’s. My room was comfortable with a vanity sink, shared toilet/shower (“potty partners as we used to say), a hotel-like heating unit/blower that kept me toasty in the winter, and of course, the requisite seventies’ drop ceiling. I had heard stories of “universal” keys possessed by certain dear brother seminarians enabling them to sometimes play the occasional little prank upon the innocent. Supposedly, these keys were solemnly passed on to future generations of pranksters. One of the more amusing pranks was that of the ice sculpture. Left behind after a formal seminary dinner affair, it found its way to being propped up in an innocent brother’s commode. Funny, but he wasn’t amused! Returning to my room one day, I found my window open and some papers on the floor. I hadn’t opened it. Someone was in my room. “Universal key,” I thought. Then, I looked up. The ceiling panel had been moved as well. Darn it! Now, I have to find a ladder or try to stand tip-toe on a chair to fix it. I closed the window, picked up the papers, took off my shoes, and stood barefoot on the chair doing a balancing act. With the tip of my fingers, I slowly began to edge the panel back into place. Suddenly, I stopped. There was something in the ceiling. Someone was staring back at me. I turned the room light



brighter and saw a woman staring at me. It was Mary! In my room above the ceiling, there was a statue of the Blessed Mother. She must have been there throughout the whole year unbeknownst to me. She was watching over me. The end of the previous semester had been rough – very rough. My father died over the holiday break. I was hurting just a bit. However, now I knew that Mary was there with me – and she was hurting too. She needed just a little help. Bringing the statue down, I saw that her hands were broken off, but they were intact and carefully wrapped in plastic at the statue’s base. I would seek her repair and a classmate of mine, Michael, was quite willing to help. He had done some statue work in the past. A short time later, Mary’s hands extended forth once again and this statue of Mary Immaculate received a prominent place on my bookshelf. She has been with me ever since. Oh, and what of the prank? I came to discover that it was a divine one. No brother

seminarian with a “universal key” had been in my room. That particular day, there had been some brief gusty winds of spring. Apparently, I hadn’t tightly closed my window the previous day. A gust blew open the window a bit and then another gust blew into the room in such a way that it caused the ceiling panel to become ajar. We say that the Spirit blows where it will – and so it does. Mary wanted to be found and in that moment, I needed to find her. Now, she wants to be found by you! Be aware though, she can be quite the prankster!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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| WEEKLY BUDGET..... | \$5,000 |
| DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021. | \$2,740 |
| Regular Sunday Collection - | \$2,625 |
| Parish Giving - | \$115 |
| WEEKLY DEFICIT. | (\$2,260) |
| Year to Date Budget..... | \$60,000 |
| Year to Date Collections..... | \$45,585 |
| Average per week Collection..... | \$3,799 |
| Year to Date Deficit. | (\$14,415) |
| Average per week Deficit..... | (\$1,201) |
| <i>SEPTEMBER 20, 2020</i> | |
| Deposit. | \$3,240 |
| 2020-2021 Deficit to Date. | (\$14,000) |
| Difference from previous year..... | (\$415) |



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Raffle Drawing 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 NOW ON SALE.**

LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

- September 13 - #471 - unsold
- September 14 - #612 - Doris Yarmush - \$50.00
- September 15 - #028 - unsold
- September 16 - #769 - unsold
- September 17 - #070 - unsold
- September 18 - #547 - Dan Grim - \$50.00
- September 19 - #625 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass - 89
9:00 AM Mass - 121
Total Attendance - 210

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 25/26

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

ITALIAN NIGHT AT ST. GABRIEL LODGE on Saturday, October 9. Antipasto, Italian buffet, Red and white wine, special dessert, cash bar. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door. Entertainment by Nicola Desiderio. Doors open at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. Call Bill Strock (610-310-6164) for tickets.

The Corner

Thursday is the feast of St. Jerome, Scripture scholar and a Doctor of the Church. He says: *“To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ.”*

So did you know....

“The Catholic Church encourages her members to devoutly read the Scriptures and generously grants a plenary indulgence to any person who does so for at least thirty minutes on any given day”

—“1001 Reasons Why It’s Great to be Catholic” by Robert M. Haddad