

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.

Readings for Sunday, October 4: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43.

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> |
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| 28 Sept. MON. 9:00 AM | Timothy Reilly | Mom & Dad |
| 29 Sept. TUE. 7:00 PM | CONFIRMATION | |
| 30 Sept. WED. 9:00 AM | Nancy Barbalace | Bruce & Patti Pollock |
| 1 Oct. THU. 9:00 AM | Rev. Francis Suchanek | |
| 2 Oct. FRI. 9:00 AM | Timothy Reilly | Jack Reilly |
| 3 Oct. SAT. 4:00 PM | People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish | |
| 4 Oct. SUN. 9:00 AM | Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund | |

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).

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 28 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

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.

PREP: Welcome back all PREP Students and Staff. Classes begin September 27 in the PREP Building. Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We are looking forward to a great year!



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! Please pray for our Confirmandi: Mackenzie, Michael, Karrigan, Ava and Savannah.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

It's a busy few days around here!

On Friday, we had our 13th Annual Golf Outing, which helps benefit scholarships for Catholic Education in our parish. A big thank you to Kathy Bernhard, Mary Lenhardt, Jim Bucciaglia and Gary Huster for their behind-the-scenes work over the past few weeks to organize and prepare for the event. It wouldn't have happened without them. I have to admit, at first, I was worried that the golf outing would be much smaller than usual this year thanks to the pandemic. As I write this, however, there is a chance that we could have one of the highest number of golfers ever, and our sponsorships are "on par" (haha) with last year as well. That is excellent news. Again, many thanks to all those who helped make the day a success. We will be publishing a list of sponsors of the event, and I hope you will support the local businesses that support us. (That also applies to the businesses that advertise in our bulletin, by the way.)

PREP begins Sunday morning. We have some changes to the program this year thanks to the pandemic, but it looks to be a great year ahead. We are blessed to have some dedicated catechists and assistants to help run this program.

On Saturday, our five students preparing for Confirmation had a retreat day, visiting the Padre Pio Center and making final preparations for Confirmation. Please keep these students in your prayers, that the grace of the sacrament will touch their lives and help them be witnesses for the faith.

We are honored to welcome Archbishop Pérez on Tuesday, September 29, for the celebration of Confirmation at 7:00 pm. Everyone from the parish is welcome to attend, and I hope you'll consider joining us for this important celebration. Can I be a bit more shameless in pushing for people to attend? It'd really be nice to have more than just five kids and their families in the church for such an important celebration. Besides, how often does the Archbishop of Philadelphia come to visit Stowe? Do you really want to miss the opportunity? All kidding aside, I'm sure the students being confirmed would appreciate the support you'd show by being in attendance, so please consider joining us for the Mass with Archbishop Pérez on Tuesday at 7pm.

Have a great week. Does anyone else find it hard to believe it's almost October?

– 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 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 14 - #557 - unsold
- September 15 - #822 - unsold
- September 16 - #820 - unsold
- September 17 - #501 - unsold
- September 18 - #851 - unsold
- September 19 - #031 - unsold
- September 20 - #095 - unsold

SAVE THE DATE! Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council Family Picnic on Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 675 Constitution Ave., Stowe. FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and water. Raffles, games, egg hunt, 50/50. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information contact Franco Vella-Gott (484-433-9160) or Chris Owens (484-347-0756).

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL is looking for Substitute Teachers. If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please send a cover letter, resume, updated clearances and references to Principal Anita M. Dixon at principal@stteresacalcutta.com.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL is looking for an Honors Math Teacher. This is a part-time position teaching students in 5th to 8th grade. Please send a cover letter, resume, updated clearances and references to Principal Anita M. Dixon at principal@stteresacalcutta.com.

Parish Support

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| WEEKLY BUDGET..... | \$5,000 |
| DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2020. | \$3,240 |
| Regular Sunday Collection - | \$3,135 |
| Parish Giving - | \$105 |
| WEEKLY DEFICIT. | (\$1,760) |
| Year to Date Budget..... | \$60,000 |
| Year to Date Collections..... | \$46,000 |
| Average per week Collection | \$3,833 |
| Year to Date Deficit. | (\$14,000) |
| Average per week Deficit | (\$1,167) |

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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| Deposit. | \$3,428 |
| 2019-2020 Deficit to Date. | (\$15,059) |
| Difference from previous year..... | \$1,059 |

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 3 and 4 is for Parish Property and Maintenance Repair.

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
SEPTEMBER DRAWING - Barbara Hipszer - \$279.10.

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 19/20:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 85
- 9:00 AM Mass - 91
- Total Attendance - 176

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MORGAN BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
610-696-0100

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

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