

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Readings for Sunday, September 29:** 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 6:** 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>
30 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Nancy Barbalace
1 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Patti & Bruce Pollock
2 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
3 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Rev. Francis Suchanek
5 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Bob & Alice Cress
6 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	The Family
			Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			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.



**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.



**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Nikki Gambino and Mariann Horan.



**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.

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

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: ANGELINA DE MARIO from Anne Chizauskie.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2024..... \$4,763**  
**2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$48,581**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 5 AND 6** will be the Parish Property Maintenance & Repair Collection.

**WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:**

SEPTEMBER DRAWING - Maria DiMarco - \$261.00.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for September 21/22:**

4:00 PM Mass - 115

9:00 AM Mass - 126

Total Attendance - 241



**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.

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

**"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER**  
610-323-4440

**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 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 16 - #242 - unsold  
September 17 - #749 - unsold  
September 18 - #445 - unsold  
September 19 - #632 - unsold  
September 20 - #550 - unsold  
September 21 - #441 - unsold  
September 22 - #667 - unsold

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 5/6

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Bracaglia

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Vitacco & Carr

Altar Servers - Griffin & Nagel

Greeter - Neiman



### 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 motorcoach

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!



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** on Sunday, October 6 at 11:30 AM at the BVM Grotto. Bring your pets to have them blessed by Father.

### The Corner

**"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few"**  
—Matthew 9:37 and Luke 10:2

Will you join a church ministry as a laborer in the harvest?



**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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** at Knights of Columbus Casey Service Club on Sunday, October 27 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!

**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).

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAYS WITH CARLO**  
At the Malvern Retreat House  
October 5th  
9am-11am  
Blessed Carlos Acutis Shrine and Center for Eucharistic Encounter

We would love for you to join us for all or part of the morning!

**9:15**—Adoration and Confession  
**10:00**—Mass  
**10:45**—Rosary

Families Welcome!

For more info contact [info@missionloveandlife.org](mailto:info@missionloveandlife.org)



**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 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

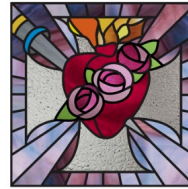
**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome! Next programs on October 11-13 and November 15-17 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).

**RESTORE: A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT** - Held Thursday, October 31 to Sunday, November 3 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. We invite you to join us if you are seeking Christ-centered healing from the emotional and spiritual effects of trauma and past wounding. Come...and let Him Restore you! To learn more or to register visit [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.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)

**CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974** is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on October 19 at Llanerch Country Club. For tickets go to [www.events.hunanitix.com/cohs1974reunion](http://www.events.hunanitix.com/cohs1974reunion). For more information email [alumni@cohs.com](mailto:alumni@cohs.com).



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 29, 2024 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

We don't usually think this way, but the shelves of your favorite supermarket are an example of tolerance. Just check out the cereal section, for example, the next time you're there and notice the wide variety of types and brands competing for your attention. The colorful boxes almost shout: "Pick me!" But it is the store manager's job to make sure all the makers get the chance to do it. Otherwise, a manufacturer's rep might well protest.

Just so, God the Holy Spirit has abundant gifts and favors to extend to the world, but He will breathe where He wills and not just where we will Him to do so. Jesus makes that clear in the passage we are focusing on this weekend. The only condition He places is that whoever does the good work does it in His name.

You see, even among us faithful Catholics there is always the possibility that we will become exclusive in our thinking and acting. Truth be told, we have no right to tell God what to do, much less how to do it and for whom. After all, we are only His creatures.

This means that the non-Catholic Church down the street from a Catholic Church just might form a Pro-life group in advance of the Catholic one, and whose prayers and protest lead to the closing of an abortion mill in the neighborhood. Praised be to God! A good work has been accomplished in Jesus' name!

The warning posed by Jesus to His chosen Twelve is in no way a diminution of His choice of them to found a Church. It was to expand their minds and enlarge their hearts to embrace other believers in other faiths for their particular goodness. We call that "ecumenism" in our time. We can at least smile at our differences and learn from each other.

Once upon a time there was an unprecedented spiritual event at which every imaginable denomination was in attendance. During one well-attended meeting, a secretary suddenly rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire! The building is on fire! At which point:

The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Quakers praised God for the blessings fire brings.

The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out.

The Christian Scientists concluded that there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson to appoint a committee to look into the matter and make a written report.

Meanwhile, the secretary grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the fire.

God love you and give you His peace.

### **Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29**

The fact that Eldad and Medad are equal prophets to those prior confirmed by Joshua tells us that the gifts of the Spirit exclude nobody. They go to whomever the Spirit chooses.

### **Reading II: James 5:1-6**

The rich will be condemned if their wealth blinds them to the needs of the poor and needy among them.

### **The Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

The true believer must always be tolerant of those whom the Spirit blesses outside his/her group. The Twelve are taught this by Jesus Himself when they expressed dismay when an "outsider" performed an exorcism for a possessed person.