

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Readings for Sunday, September 3:** Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

**Readings for Sunday, September 10:** Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20.



**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>
4 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti
5 Sept.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
6 Sept.	WED.	9:00 AM	McHugh & Mundy Families
7 Sept.	THU.	9:00 AM	Bucciaglia Family
9 Sept.	SAT.	4:00 PM	John & Allen
10 Sept.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Gregor & Rose Ferenz
			Granddaughter, Bonnie
			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, especially HEYLNNE MICH.

**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** will be closed on Monday, September 4.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY** Rosary and Meeting on Thursday, September 7. Rosary at the Grotto weather permitting at 6:30 PM followed by the Meeting in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Maria DiMarco and Linda Neiman.



### **PREP FAMILY PICNIC/OPEN HOUSE**

on Saturday, September 9 following the 4:00 PM Mass. Come meet with Father Wilson and our catechists and have a picnic on the front lawn of

PREP with food and drinks provided by the parish. Following dinner, we will discuss opening of PREP and answer any questions you have and address any concerns. Please bring along complete registration form and payment. We will give out the family handbook, sign the acknowledgment page, and have sign-up sheets for snack duty and offertory. New families please come out, tour our building, and register your children. Please RSVP to Mrs. Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 by September 5, so we know how much food to order.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 27, 2023..... \$3,798**  
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$35,374  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$36,007

## MASS ATTENDANCE for August 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 101  
 9:00 AM Mass - 123  
 Total Attendance - 224

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**MEMORIES 'N' MORE**  
 610-326-1911

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



**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

August 21 - #052 - unsold  
 August 22 - #889 - unsold  
 August 23 - #880 - unsold  
 August 24 - #562 - unsold  
 August 25 - #156- unsold  
 August 26 - #831 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00  
 August 27 - #433 - unsold



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD**  
**DRIVES** on September 5 and 18 from  
 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall.  
 Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make  
 an appointment.



**APPAREL ALERT!** We are launching  
 our apparel this month:  
 T-shirt (full front logo) - \$10  
 T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10  
 Hoodies - (full front logo) - \$25  
 1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) -  
 \$35

Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25  
 Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow  
 (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL -  
 larger sizes are available just add \$2 and we have youth  
 sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Contact Maria  
 Boyer ([mboyer@sgsm62.org](mailto:mboyer@sgsm62.org)) or complete the order form  
 in the vestibule of church and return to the parish office.



**CHURCH MAGNETS** are available at the  
 Parish Office. They can be placed on  
 your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00  
 each.

## ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES



**Due to lack of freezer  
 space, pick up only  
 Saturday, September 30  
 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ONLY**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Apple Dumplings (large enough to share) - \$5.00  
 Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

6" Chicken Pot Pie (12 oz.) - \$6.00  
 Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

9" Chicken Pot Pie (32 oz.) - \$11.50  
 Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Order \_\_\_\_\_  
 All items are delivered frozen.

Checks payable to: St. Gabriel Women's Society  
**Last Day to order is September 17.**

Even with price increases, we are trying to keep our  
 prices low. Please support this popular sale.

**OUR PARISH 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** will be held on Friday, September 22 beginning at 11:00 AM at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville - held rain or shine!



Cost: \$95.00 per golfer (includes golf fees, hot dog/sauerkraut lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes.

**SPONSORSHIPS:**

Family Sponsor - \$25.00

Prize Sponsor - \$50.00

Course Refreshment Sponsor - \$75.00

Hole Sponsor - \$100.00

Food Sponsor - \$250.00

Event Sponsor - \$300.00

Come join us for a day of fun - ask your friends to join you! To register or to sign up for a Sponsorship, please contact Kathy at the Parish Office (610-326-5127 or [contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)).

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 9/10**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Donnelly & Nagel

Greeter - Carr

***The Corner***

This week marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Corner," so let's revisit the very first reflection from September 1, 2019.

**"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?"** –Romans 10:13-15

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192**  
**2023 FAMILY PICNIC** on Sunday, September 17 from 1:00

PM to 6:00 PM at the Picnic Grove, Stowe. Cost: Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda and Water. Cash Bar for Beer and Mixed Drinks. Music & Fun for all ages - raffles, games, 50/50 chances. If you are not a Knight, come bring your family and see what we are about. Contact Franco Vella-Gatt (484-433-9160 or [francovg51@outlook.com](mailto:francovg51@outlook.com)) for more details.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT** on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Inspiring words from Father Cregan, Benediction and more.

**NOVENA & FEAST DAY MASSES IN HONOR OF PIO OF PIETRELCINA** - Thursday, September 14 to Sunday, September 24 at the National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto. For more information visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.



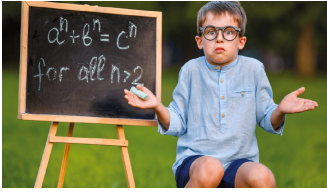
**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

**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.

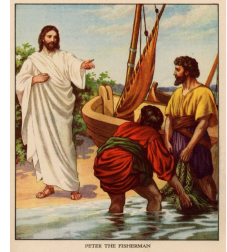


## A Message From The Pastor

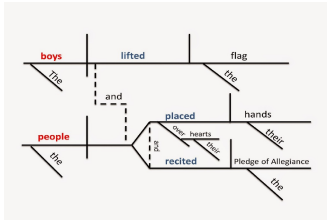
Math is not my forte. I shared that from the pulpit recently. Whereas Saint Peter was probably pretty decent at



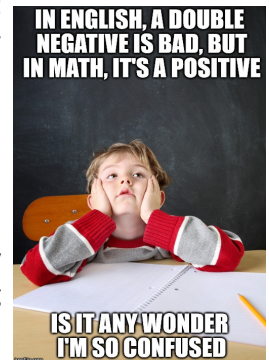
arithmetic as an angler running a lucrative fishing business, my mathematical acumen in grade school was bleeding red and headed for bankruptcy. I blame it on the “new way” of learning math that was introduced at the time – as if the “old way” wasn’t good enough. “IPI” stood for “individually prescribed instruction.” The idea was that everyone learns at a different pace in general and so with IPI, students can learn mathematical concepts at their own pace in



particular. Some would advance more quickly and others – like me – would need a little more time...except that time would eventually run out. It became apparent that quite a number of students were lagging in their math skills and in my eighth grade year, we had a “cram course” of some three years worth of math and its concepts. I was spooked to say the least. It had to be some Ivy League wunderkind that came up with IPI or, at least, some person not actually involved in teaching math to young minds in grade school. I don’t really blame the school administration. Innovation is supposed to be good, right? Often it’s been noted tongue-in-cheek that if you were taught by “Mac” nuns (IHM’s) in elementary school, boy did you learn your math and if you were taught by “the Josies,” (SSJ’s) then you had grammar and writing skills par excellence. I can skillfully diagram a sentence to this day. Just don’t ask me to figure out a square root. I shared my plight



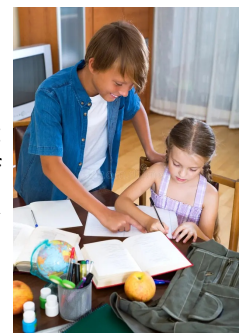
the other day with someone that I hadn’t seen for a while. She well understood, retired math teacher that she is. She recalled that many of her students either were or became fearful of math. They felt that they simply couldn’t grasp the concepts. This is a fundamental mistake, she said. She helped her students not only to grasp concepts, but to actually enjoy math. This is something that eludes me to this day...unless I’m writing about it. This



former math teacher’s role was actually more one of simple encouragement...and when the “light bulb went on” in the student’s head, any darkness concerning math vanished rather quickly. Her story made me call to mind another “math story” of my own. I was in high school at the time still struggling and trying to grasp many of the mathematical concepts. I was still “spooked” by math. I was very surprised then, when I was asked to tutor someone in math. *Me? You’re kidding, right?* A co-worker of my father had a daughter in grade school that was really struggling with math. He wanted to know if perhaps I could give her a little tutoring. He would even offer a little remuneration. I gave it my best shot. The little girl was very sweet and attentive. I would ask a little about her school day and she would always offer me some of the candy that was her after-school snack. I felt that my efforts were rather futile. For the most part, I simply helped her complete her homework and offered her encouragement saying that if I could figure out the equation, anybody could. Sometimes I helped her with her other homework as well. That school year ended and I was happy to hear that she passed her end-of-the-year math exam. In fact, she passed all of her exams. She wouldn’t have to repeat a grade. That sweet little



girl grew into a fine young lady that excelled in math. She would major in it at college and wind up being a leader in the field of pharmaceutical science. I take just a little pride in the small part that I played in her success. All it took was a little encouragement from a guy who didn’t feel very encouraged concerning his own math prowess. Encouragement is the key. All of us are called to be tutors, especially when it comes to our Faith. When we encourage one another, we grow in courage too even if, at times, we’ve failed to grasp some of “the concepts” in the past ourselves.



Peace!

Fr. Wilson