

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, September 8: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

Readings for Sunday, September 15: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.



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>
9 Sept.	MON.	9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia
10 Sept.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon
11 Sept.	WED.	9:00 AM	Donna Otto
12 Sept.	THU.	9:00 AM	Melissa Oister
14 Sept.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Alfred Dori
15 Sept.	SUN.	9:00 AM	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.
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.



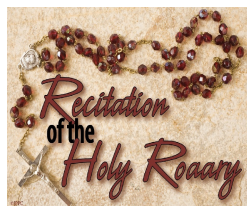
NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



Flowers on the Main Altar are in memory of the DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MIKLUSAK FAMILY requested by the Grandchildren of Wendel &

Elizabeth Miklusak.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in honor of the Birthday of the Blessed Mother requested by the Grandchildren of Wendel & Elizabeth Miklusak.



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.



We welcome DEE ANN LAVERTY and KEVIN & ERIN PHILLIPS AND FAMILY who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

Collections THANK YOU

DEPOSIT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024..... \$3,494
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$36,150

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, will be the 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

AUGUST DRAWING - David Slaby - \$249.00.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE
 610-326-4137

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 31/September 1:

4:00 PM Mass - 100

9:00 AM Mass - 107

Total Attendance - 207



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).



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



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 26 - #806 - unsold

August 27 - #269 - unsold

August 28 - #725 - Anna Baldasano - \$50.00

August 29 - #162 - unsold

August 30 - #389 - unsold

August 31 - #048 - unsold

AUGUST FIGURES: 232 Tickets sold - \$1160.00. Payout to winners - \$250.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for August - \$810.00

September 1 - #297 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on September 16 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.



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. Make plans now to attend!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 14/15

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



ST. GABRIEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY

MEETING on Thursday, September

12 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Hostesses: Lori LaRosa and Sylvia

Marcheskie. Patrick Cornely will be

at the meeting to speak about The Flame Of Love. Bring your Rosary for prayer. New members always welcome!

The Corner

On Saturday we observe the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We venerate and exalt and love the Cross of Christ, for by the suffering and death of God's only Son, on the Cross, we have new life.

"We adore You O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." —

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

PHYLLIS VILLANO from Dave & Janet Slaby, Rick & Diane Francis, Kathy Bernhard.

EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY

Day of Peace, Prayer, and Remembrance with Bishop Joseph Coffey on Wednesday, September 11. Rosary at 11:30 AM. Mass with Bishop Coffey at 12:00 PM followed by Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. Lunch and free time for Museum and Gift Shop at 1:00 PM. Presentation by Bishop Coffey at 2:00 PM. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM. There is no cost to attend; however, this is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking the event calendar for September 11. Bring your own lunch.

ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE APPLE DUMPLINGS AND CHICKEN POT PIES



Due to lack of freezer space, pick up on

Saturday, September 28

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 15.

Even with price increases, our price remains the same as last year. Please support this popular sale.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY is always accepting new members. To join, you need to be at least 18 years old and Catholic. New meetings will begin in September at the Knights of Columbus Lodge, Stowe. If interested, contact Lori LaRosa (610-326-6030).



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION

SESSION - Discover your vocation. Are you being called to serve? Join us for an informative evening exploring the Permanent Diaconate on Thursday,

September 19 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1400 Evans Rd., Amber. This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) ages 29 to 55. Engage with a panel of clergy and learn about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and the School for Diaconal Formation program. Learn more at www.archphila.org/deacon or www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation.

CAR & TRUCK SHOW at St. Gabriel Lodge on Sunday, September 15. Registration ends at Noon. Entry Fee \$15.00 per vehicle. Raffles, DJ, Trophies, Bar and Kitchen open all day. Pre-registration ends September 1. For additional information call or text Bill Strock at 610-310-6164.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST at Knights of Columbus Casey Service Club on Sunday, September 22 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!



*Come as you are.
You are welcome here.*





walking with purpose

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
beginning September 18, 2024
Cost: \$48

Please register here: 

Or Contact Sophie Schneible
Sschneible@saintalloysius.net
610-326-5877 ext. 426



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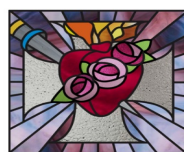
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2024 Catholic Women's Conference

The Joys of Womanhood

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Saturday, October 19
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

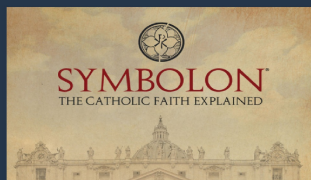
Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy
Emily Wilson

Full details & registration:

catholicwomensconference.org

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THURSDAY NIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 12
AT 7:00-8:30
LOWER LEVEL OF GATHERING CENTER

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:
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ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland, PA. Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15. For more details, visit www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com. Groups are welcome! Call 215-357-5720.

FAMILY LIFE AND THE EUCHARIST WITH SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN on Saturday, September 14 from 7:15 AM to 3:10 PM at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lansdale. Cost: \$25 for Students and Seniors; \$35 for Adults. Registration is being handled by the St. Paul Center at www.StPaulCenter.com/Lansdale2024/.

September 8, 2024 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

“God is in the details.” That’s a thought attributed to the minimalist German architect Mies van der Rohe. He was referring to the attributes of his many creations. While it might at first seem to be too great a stretch to connect architecture with Holy Scripture, there is much about God’s words and actions in the Bible that feature details we should notice. They can be profitable for our prayer and reflection. Heretofore hidden meanings emerge. The divine presence lies just below the surface. Not immediately obvious.

Case in point: this weekend’s beautiful passage about the encounter of Jesus with a deaf mute. Note first how the crowd already knew where to go and whom to see if they wanted a person to be helped. Jesus. His reputation preceded Him. This “herd,” if you will, was attracted to the possibility of a miracle in their midst. On the surface, they seemed not to care much for the sick man’s feelings.

It gives me pause to think that sometimes that we have just wanted to “use” Jesus’ power and might for our own needs to be met. We forget that He is a Person, not a machine. A divine person no less, who took on our human nature to save us from hell. Not a dispenser of wish fulfillment.

We note the detail that Jesus leads the deaf man away from the crowd. Away from the raucous voices with mixed up ideas about God. Or the cheering cries of people that just want to make noise and enjoy mayhem. The Lord wants the man to have some well-deserved privacy. To look the Lord in the face and express with hand gestures his longing to be normal, even if he cannot yet voice it.

In a world filled with what are called “social media,” users are allotted an outlet to express themselves, however crude or misinformed they may be about a given issue. They can do it anonymously with their privacy intact. But they have no qualms invading ours.

Do we ever go so far as to prohibit God from entering our so-called “private space?” That place where we decide what to do no matter what the Commandments and the Beatitudes? That’s a detail in our story.

After touching the man’s ears and tongue, we note that Jesus “looked up to heaven” and “groaned.” In His prayer to the Father, Jesus took on the needy man’s pain and deprivation. Just as He takes on our own troubles every time, we request His help. A major detail in our lives: “We never walk alone.”

Lastly, there’s that detail wherein Jesus tells the crowd to keep quiet about what He did. St. Mark wants his readers to wait until the Passion and Resurrection story to learn Jesus’ full identity. Sometimes we must wait for God to answer our prayers. We must admit that we can either be deaf to His responses or mute in our thanks.

Let me quote the great Christian apologist C. S. Lewis for my closing thought today: “On the whole, God’s love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for Him.”

God love you and give you His peace.