

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 AUGUST 2025

Readings for Sunday, August 10: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48.

The author of Wisdom speaks of “that night” of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith.

Readings for Sunday, August 17: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.



**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>
11 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Helen & George Koren	Son & Daughter
12 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
13 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	John, Eileen & John Jr. Spotts	Anne Chizauskie
14 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Karen Burke	Husband, Len
14 Aug. THU. 7:00 PM	Dominic Gentile	Miller Family
15 Aug. FRI. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
16 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Nikki Nailon	M/M Matthew Cappelletti
17 Aug. 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 Devotions.



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.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY, AUGUST 15 IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.

Mass Schedule:
St. Gabriel Church
 Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 PM
 Mass on Friday, August 15 at 9:00 AM

St. Aloysius Church
 Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 at 5:00 PM
 Mass on Friday, August 15 at 12:00 Noon.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 3, 2025..... \$5,263
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$19,717

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 16 AND 17

will be the Missionary Cooperation Plan Collection. The collection will be for the Carmelite Missions who help God's poor people in many mission lands throughout the world. Many wonderful people have made it possible for them to be of assistance to the poor throughout Asia, Africa and Central/South America - people who are less fortunate materially than ourselves. With your prayerful and financial support of the Carmelite Missions they can be the compassion and caring of God, the hands and heart of Jesus, to the fragile, forgotten and forsaken.

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



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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: **ELIZABETH SKOKOWSKI** from Holly & James Mangam, Yanchocik Family (Don, Linda, Heather & Ryan).

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 2/3:

4:00 PM Mass - 128
9:00 AM Mass - 104
Total Attendance - 232

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

MEMORIES 'N' MORE

610-326-1911



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

July 28 - #852 - unsold
July 29 - #331 - unsold
July 30 - #994 - unsold
July 31 - #701 - unsold
JULY FIGURES: 239 Tickets sold - \$1195.00. Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for July - \$595.00.
August 1 - #953 - unsold
August 2 - #787 - unsold
August 3 - #361 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on August 18 and September 2 and 15 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 16/17

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server -

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Servers - Morris & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS - We have low gluten hosts for those who need gluten free. Please see Father before Mass to let him know you require the low gluten host.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates continue to be sold. Certificates are available at the Parish Office. Pick them up for the summer.

MAGNIFICAT



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost is \$39.00 for one year. Subscription begins with the NOVEMBER 2025 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office. Deadline to sign up is Monday, August 25.

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

From the Finance Council



Several parish members have expressed an interest in learning more about the various projects at Saint Gabriel Church. Well, sit back and enjoy the many accomplishments listed below as well as additional projects being worked on. These projects have been accomplished in the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025: Performed Power Washing and caulking to the façade of the Church; New sidewalks and steps around the Church; New toilet and sink in the men's bathroom in the Church; Striped and waxed the Church floors; New air conditioning in the school (Daycare is our Tenant); Replaced and repaired some of the stained glass in the Church; and put a new floor and lighting in the PREP Building. All of these projects were completed at a cost of \$53,762.88. Father Wilson in conjunction with your Finance Council, is working diligently to continue this effort.

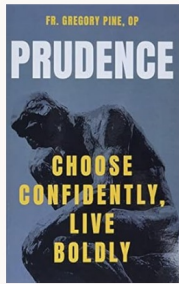
Our goal for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 are the following: Replace the sound system in the Church; Replace the control panel which operated the Church bells; Upgrade the lighting in the front of the Church; and Paint the interior of the Church. The total cost to complete these projects is approximately \$56,000. All these projects and others are being considered; however, we need funding in order to complete these projects. Saint Gabriel Church has always been blessed with generous people, both members and non-members. If you are interested in helping to keep these updates going, please feel free to speak with Father Wilson or you may drop an envelope in the weekly collection basket marked Church Projects or also feel free to stop by the Parish Office to drop your donation off. We look forward to your help in completing these much-needed projects.

The Corner

Contemplate this image of Mary being crowned with roses as she is welcomed into heaven by the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while you attend Mass on Friday for the **Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



ST. ALOYSIUS' ADULT FAITH FORMATION
SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION



Life presents us with so many decisions! How can we confidently make choices that bring us true happiness?

**Prudence:
 Choose
 Confidently,
 Live Boldly**



by Fr. Gregory Pine, OP

When: Mondays 11:30 a.m.
 July 28, August 4, 11, 18

Where: St. Aloysius Parish
 Lower Level of Gathering Center

Participants will need to purchase their own book.

For more information contact Sophie Schneible: 610-326-5877 ext. 426
 SSchneible@saintaloyusius.net

SAINT ALOYSIUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

**GET TO
 KNOW
 THE
 CHURCH'S
 NEWEST
 SAINT!**



CARLO ACUTIS

CARLO ACUTIS WILL BE CANONIZED ON SEPTEMBER 7. COME LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE OF THIS MILLENNIAL SAINT AND ALSO ABOUT THE CANONIZATION PROCESS

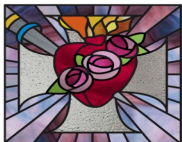
**SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH
 LOWER LEVEL OF
 GATHERING CENTER**

**SEPTEMBER 9
 7:00-8:30PM**

FOR MORE INFO:
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2025 Catholic Women's Conference

Women on Mission
 The Feminine Genius
 in the New Apostolic Age



**Saturday, October 18
 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**
 Czestochowa Shrine
 Doylestown

Keynotes:

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig
 Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

Full details & registration:
 catholicwomensconference.org

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP on Saturday, August 16 at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Begins with Confessions at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10:30 AM. Spiritual Talk following Mass. Rosary with Benediction following Spiritual Talk. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio after Benediction. Prayer Group concludes by approximately 12:00 PM. Spiritual Director is Fr. John Frink. Contact angela@padrepio.org if you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER - Catholics are asked to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month.

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

2025

August 22nd 6pm - close.
 August 23rd 2pm - close.

ACTIVITIES:

- Musical Entertainment
- Games for all ages
- Children's Inflatables
- Big Prize Bingo
- Wheelbarrow of Cheer
- Bake Sale
- Delicious Food
- Crafter Expo
- Beer Garden
- 50/50 Raffle

SJT C
 St. Teresa of Calcutta Community Festival

256 Swamp Pike
 Schwenksville, PA 19468

AUGUST 10, 2025 - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This weekend's Scriptures led me to do some research about a modern health problem we live with in present day America. Call it "heart disease." The results I found online were gruesome, to say the least.

First, heart disease is a major health concern in our beloved country, with about 1 in 5 deaths attributed to it. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) affects nearly half of American adults.

Overall, 77.5% of men and 75.4% of women ages 60 to 79 have some form of CVD as found in a 2021 report. Approximately 6.7 million Americans over 20 years of age have heart failure, and that number is expected to rise to 8.7 million by the year 2030.

Enough with the numbers. Certainly, they indicate that we have a heart problem in our land. This blood pump that we nickname a "ticker," is a crucial organ and no amount of Valentine wistfulness will lessen the threats to it.

May I suggest, as a preacher and not a cardiologist, that we Catholic Christian believers could have a similar problem with our spiritual hearts? Unfortunately, with our desire as Catholics to "fit in" with the prevalent culture, we've absorbed its values all too well, to the point that we don't look much different from everybody else. The ultimate danger is that we could forget our real destination in life and not be ready for it. St. Luke, who composed today's Gospel with its account of a parable Jesus talked about readiness, was also a doctor. Of course, not a cardiologist. No such specialization existed in his time.

Still, as an early Christian believer, asked to diagnose one of our main problems thinking and acting like Christ, I believe that Luke would certainly be able to suggest a cure. It would begin with our owning up to whatever it is that is our real heart's desire. He would remind us of one of Our Lord's most perceptive observations: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." That reminder would set us up for a Christian cure for all the consumerism and lack of genuine detachment and authentic chastity all around us. So, ask yourself: "What do I treasure most in my life? Does it conflict with my friendship with Christ? Or would He smile at my wise choice?"

Some people's "treasure" winds up being funny. Here's an example from an ad placed in a Nebraska newspaper: "Farmer with 160 irrigated acres seeks marriage-minded woman with tractor. When replying, please show photograph of tractor."

God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9

"That night" is the Passover, the night of Israel's release from slavery in Egypt. It had been foretold to Abraham and Jacob years beforehand. The Lord's prior covenants with the Patriarchs had prepared for it. The miracles worked throughout showed God's wrath and His redemption.

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Faith is here defined as assurance, and not opinion. It adheres to things not seen, and not science. Faith is directed toward things hoped for, so it is not wishful thinking.

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Jesus' parable is all about leadership and responsibility. The Apostles are compared to domestic servants, who have tasks that must be completed before Christ's sudden return at an unknown time.