

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 AUGUST 2024

Readings for Sunday, August 11: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30–5:2; John 6:41-51.

To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

Readings for Sunday, August 18: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.



**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.**



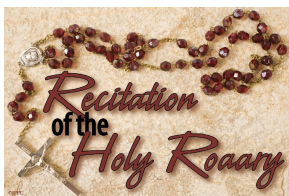
<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
12 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Gregor & Rose Ferenz	Granddaughter, Bonnie
13 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Gacura	Jack & Lori Carr
14 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Bonnie Stankunas
14 Aug. WED. 7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
15 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Stanley Weglos	Shirley Kovach
17 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Carole Waber	Claude & Angela Shelton
18 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 Devotion.



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



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, August 15, is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass Schedule: Wednesday, August 14 - Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM; Thursday, August 15 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

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LOST WEEK

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DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 4, 2024..... \$6,083
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections \$21,446



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Cost for one year is \$39.00. Subscription begins with NOVEMBER 2024 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, August 19.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, August 17 and 18, will be for donations to purchase items needed for baskets for the 17th Annual Parish Golf Outing. Your generosity is appreciated!

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for August 3/4:

4:00 PM Mass - 116
9:00 AM Mass - 115
Total Attendance - 231



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).

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 29 - #516 - Jack Buccigliata - \$50.00
July 30 - #948 - unsold
July 31 - #301 - unsold
August 1 - #194 - unsold
August 2 - #945 - unsold
August 3 - #599 - unsold
August 4 - #500 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on August 19 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! Come give blood in August and get a \$20 Amazon.com gift card by email. 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.” More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to attend!



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

The Corner

On Thursday we celebrate **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Pope Pius XII defined it as one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church in 1950, expressing hope that the belief in the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven “will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.”

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 17/18

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Harbach & Harbach

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Carr & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Griffin & Miller

Greeter - Hildebrand

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, August 25 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection.

Our next dinner adventure will take you to Poland. Held on Friday, August 16 at the Knights of Columbus, Stowe. Menu: Barszcz (Polish Borscht), Golabki (Polish Stuffed Cabbage Rolls), Placki Ziemniaczane (Polish Potato Pancakes), Authentic Polish Beef Goulash, Kremowka Papiaska (Polish Cream Papal Cake). Cost is \$20.00. Served from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Reserve your spot at www.caseyservice.net or by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

2nd Corn Hole Tournament of the year on August 11 at 1:00 PM. Anyone can play. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Food, Beverages and Fun! Register online at Scorehollo or www.Caseyservice.net.

Casey Service 200 Club - Ticket raffle - \$120.00 per ticket, 200 tickets total. Drawing on first Saturday of September at 4:00 PM at Casey Services Pavilion, Stowe. Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets in the vestibule of Church.

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).

COMMUNION OF SAINTS - FAMILY LIFE AND THE EUCHARIST Saturday, September 14 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lansdale. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and dive into the riches of the faith! Scott & Kimberly Hahn. 7:15 AM Mass, 8:15 AM Event Registration, 3:10 PM Conclusion. For more information visit www.stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests; worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



“Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God’s people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church.”

Pope St. John Paul II
Address to Seminarians
St. Martin’s Chapel
October 3, 1979

EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY

Relic Exposition on Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Veneration of over 150 relics of saints and martyrs during special expositions. This is a free exposition and no registration is necessary. For more information email angela@padrepio.org or visit www.padrepio.org.



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

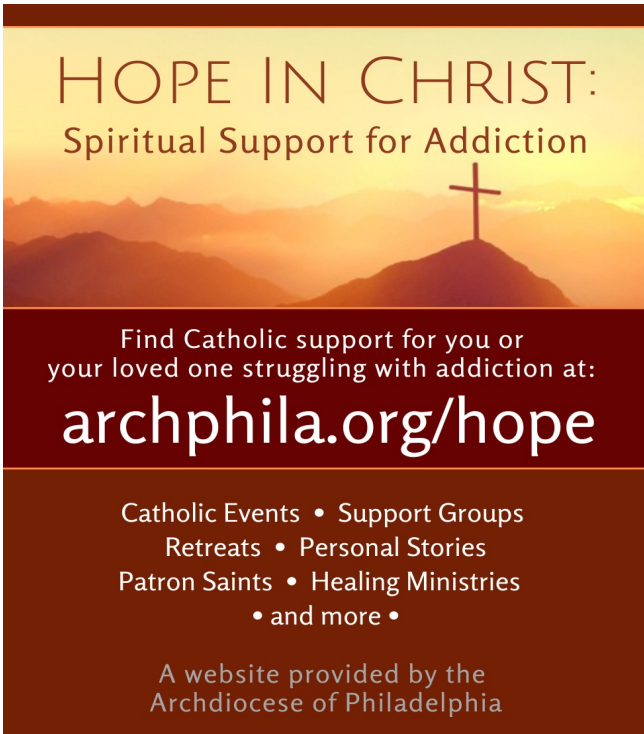


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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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




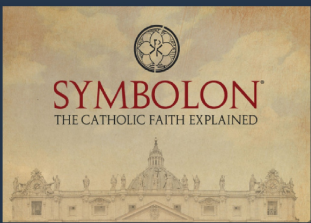
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**THURSDAY NIGHTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 12
AT 7:00-8:30
LOWER LEVEL OF GATHERING CENTER**

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:
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*A Message
From The
Pastor*

Helmsdorf is the name of the town. It was supposed to take place in *Dietelskirchen*, but the church there is under renovation. Hence, the nearby *Helmsdorf Filialkirche*, named for *Stephanus, the First Martyr*, hosted the baptisms. Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of baptizing two children there. Johanna and Alexander are the children of dear friends. I baptized Johanna's older sister and



was a close friend of her father, who died tragically at a young age. It was her father that some time ago introduced me to the father of Alexander. We first met during a football game...well, playing a football game actually...in snow and mud. It was great fun despite my being just a bit sore afterwards. At least I didn't break any bones or get the wind knocked out of me like one guy. He couldn't breathe momentarily and we were all in a panic. That panic passed as the guy soon stood on the sideline catching a smoke. Then, of course, we continued the game. With this in our background, Alexander's father



really wanted yours truly to baptize his second son. That Sunday afternoon was beautiful and there was a large gathering of family and friends for the children's reception of their first sacrament. I had actually checked out the church ahead of time. I had never been inside and wanted to get a "lay of the land."



Fortunately, the church was unlocked and the sacristan was there. It had been a little while since there had been a baptism. The sacristan would set-up for the baptisms and he would be there throughout. He told me that he was a little nervous. He wanted to get everything "just

right." His nervousness peaked as I noticed the "high pulpit" in the quaint little country church. I simply had to climb it, even though it was no longer used. I ambled up the steps as the sacristan frantically urged caution. Looking down from above, I knew in that moment, that I had my baptismal homily. On Sunday afternoon, the church was full and festive. There were parents and grandparents. There were young and old. After the Gospel, all eyes were on me



as I ascended the high pulpit. From above, I looked down upon all as they looked up upon me. The sacristan was even more nervous now hoping that I didn't trip and tumble on my



lengthy cassock. *This is Baptism, I said, God looking down lovingly upon all of us and our looking up to Him longingly. God so loves us that He chose not to remain apart. Since we couldn't ascend to Him, He chose to descend to us and raise our dignity to Him. In Baptism, Our God comes to us.* I then, very gingerly descended from the heights of the high pulpit and stood among the people. I stood in the midst of Johanna and Alexander and prepared to baptize them;



transform them, and welcome them as God's children raising their dignity that day to the Heights of Heaven. Though they can't yet ascend the steps of the high pulpit themselves, one day they will be able. In the meantime, it is God Himself Who carries them. The day of their Baptism was simply their first step – as it was for you and for me. Now, please just be careful on the steps! I'd hate to see you tumble getting the wind knocked out of you and merely standing on the sidelines of the Heavenly Heights catching a smoke!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson