

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 AUGUST 2025

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

The Lord came to the aid of Jeremiah whose preaching brought upon him rejection and ill treatment. For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected. Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle to proclaim and live the truth.

Readings for Sunday, August 24: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30.



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>
18 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Donald Hutt	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
19 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Ric Hackett, Jr.	Jack & Lori Carr
20 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Linda Williams	Jack & Lori Carr
21 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	George Gotcha	Tony Vitacco
23 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	C. Ronald Yost	Wife, Theresa
24 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.



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.



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 SEPTEMBER issue at the Parish Office.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 10, 2025..... \$3,508
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$23,225

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 23 AND 24 will be for donations to purchase items needed for baskets for our 18th Annual Parish Golf Outing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

O’DONNELL, WEISS & MATTEI, P.C.
610-323-2800

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 9/10:

4:00 PM Mass - 122
9:00 AM Mass - 130
Total Attendance - 252



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 4 - #635 - unsold
- August 5 - #689 - unsold
- August 6 - #442 - unsold
- August 7 - #649 - unsold
- August 8 - #304 - unsold
- August 9 - #770 - unsold
- August 10 - #004 - Ken & Helen George - \$100.00



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.

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.



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, August 22.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 23/24

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Logaivau & Logaivau

Greeter - Carr




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.

The Corner




"Jesus is honey on the lips, melody in the ear, joy in the heart."
---St. Bernard of Clairvaux

We observe the **Memorial of St. Bernard** on Wednesday. He is known as "The Mellifluous Doctor" (the honey-sweet doctor) because of his eloquence in teaching and preaching, and is the last-named of the Church Fathers. Read the story of his life to be amazed at his accomplishments. He was an abbot and bishop, founding the order of The Cistercians. He died in 1153.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Boys and Girls - 9 to 14 Years Old
Youth Will Complete in a Penalty Kick Competition
Demonstrating Skills on Particular Area of the Goal

Boy and Girl Winner of Each Age Group Will Move on to next round of Challenge in a few weeks.

Located on St. Aloysius Parish School - On the Soccer Field
Address: 844 N. Kelm Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
Please See Registration Page for more
Contact Matt Greger - matthewgreger@yahoo.com to Pre-Register

Volunteers Needed



Birthright of Pottstown

Make a difference in the lives of women and babies!



Do you have a couple hours each week to support women in our community? We need caring volunteers to show love to women and babies! No special skills required and all training is provided.

For More Information: birthright.org/pottstown | birthrightpottstown@gmail.com | 610-327-2626




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Monday, Sept 22nd
Rally 11 a.m. | March 12 p.m.



Endow

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women
Women's Study Group for
Humanae Vitae (Of Human Life),
Pope Paul VI's prophetic encyclical of the beauty of human life and nature of human relationships.

Scan QR to learn more about Endow and the upcoming Study



St. Aloysius Church,
Lower Level of
Gathering Center

Thursdays 7:00 pm
October 2 to November 20

To Register and for info on purchasing book 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: Sophie Schneible 610-326-5877 ext. 426 Sschneible@saintaloyusius.net



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

2025

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

ACTIVITIES:

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

 St. Teresa of Calcutta Community Festival

 256 Swamp Pike Schwenksville, PA 19468



walking with purpose

Women's Bible Study

Touching the Divine: A Study of the Gospel of John

Thursdays 9:30-11:00a.m. beginning September 25, 2025

Cost: \$50 For more info or to register, scan here:



St. Aloysius Church, Lower Level of Gathering Center

Questions? Sophie Schneible Sschneible@saintaloyusius.net 610-326-5877 ext. 426

DIVINE DANUBE: A CLASSICAL CRUISE WITH FOUR SPIRITED FATHERS - Join Fr. Jeff Rott, Fr. Jim DeGrassa, Fr. Matt Tralies and Fr. Zachary Navit for an unforgettable 8-day, 7-night luxury experience aboard the Amadeus Nova, sailing the scenic Danube River from April 22-30, 2026. Discover the spiritual and cultural treasures of Passau, Linz, Melk, Vienna, Bratislava, Esztergom and Budapest with daily Mass and guided tours included. You can also extend the fun with an optional pre-cruise stay in Prague, April 20-23, featuring a visit to the renowned Infant of Prague. Join us for an Information Session on Thursday, October 2 at 6 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Education Center/School in the Art Room or Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM at St. Mary Center, Lansdale (enter through the main entrance behind the statue of Mary in the circle). For more information, including the brochure and online registration go to www.cloverdaletravel.org or contact Michael at Cloverdale Travel (215-469-1505) or info@cloverdaletravel.org.



SAVE THE DATE!
ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, October 28.

The Pilgrimage will include: Availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; celebration of Holy Mass, Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. As a Sacred Jubilee Site, the National Shrine offers an opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence. More information will follow. Plan now on joining this wonderful Jubilee event of the Church of Philadelphia.



AUGUST 17, 2025 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

When anyone in a crowded space suddenly shouts “Fire!” there is a mass exit that could be dangerous. But when Our Lord says that He came to start a fire, nobody moves because we want Him to explain. And so, He does by way of the Holy Spirit’s help. The “fire” Our Lord refers to is the presence of God, embracing both His love and His judgement.

Some background: For the past few weeks in our Sunday Gospel readings, Our Lord has been instructing His chosen Apostles. You may recall Him warning them (and us) to be prepared for our eventual demise. We are not going to be here on earth forever.

Then last weekend we pondered what Jesus said about the good and faithful servant: who is he and what is he like. That amounts to a portrait of success for a Christian believer.

Today, one can almost hear Our Savior’s frustration. Why? Because He wants His chosen Twelve to understand His mission and bring it to its fulfillment. He is almost weary of the time delay, although, as always, He accepts the Father’s will. He wants to let the Apostles know that the Father’s presence is genuine and loving, but that if they’re unresponsive, there will be judgment and a necessary purification. (Read “purgatory”) He stresses that loyalty to Him is more important than family unity.

All of this should bring to our attention not only the imperative He felt about His mission, but also that the same should motivate us as His followers, as we go about fulfilling our Baptismal obligation to spread the Good News.

The threat of non-acceptance is always there, so we go forth with eyes wide open. Christ always threatens the comfortable. Anticipating the message centuries before, note how scary things came for poor Jeremiah, as the “powers-that-be” had him tossed in a deep cistern. Only the fervor of a true believer got him rescued.

Jeremiah did not give in to discouragement, nor should we. Yes, we live in an apathetic world that only yawns at our fervor, but heaven is with us to cheer us on, if only we would listen. That is the blessing of God.

When you think about God’s blessings, remember one child’s description of an elevator: “I got in this little room and the upstairs came down.”

God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah angered the princes and so he is thrown into a cistern as punishment for his preaching. His speeches were hampering soldiers in their duty and people in their daily lives. But the king’s servant led a rescue effort and Jeremiah was freed.

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

The author imagines the faithful to be runners in a stadium race, watched by the heroes of biblical history. They must look to Jesus and not grow faint-hearted as they race to the ultimate victory.

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus wants to “cast a fire,” meaning not only to bring forth God’s presence and love into the world, but also His judgment of sinners and divine purification. Loyalty to Him He says is more important than family unity. True peace only comes if we embrace Him in faith.