

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 AUGUST 2025

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

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive rights to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

Readings for Sunday, August 31: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.



**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>
25 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Helynne Mich	The Family
26 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Jack & Lori Carr
27 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Karen Hunt	Jack & Lori Carr
28 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Joseph Appolonia	Daughter, Ann Discher
30 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
31 Aug. SUN. 9:00 AM	Vittorio D'Emilio	Wife, Lucy & family



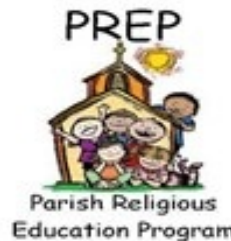
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



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.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) 2025-2026: New Families with school age children Pre-K to Grade 8, are encouraged to register their children for PREP. **Registration for new students is taking place now.**

Please contact Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org to register.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 17, 2025..... \$4,387
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$27,612

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 30 AND 31 is the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
610-326-7880

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 16/17:

4:00 PM Mass - 121
9:00 AM Mass - 132
Total Attendance - 253



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 11 - #830 - Sue Commale - \$50.00
- August 12 - #411 - unsold
- August 13 - #068 - Tony Vitacco - \$50.00
- August 14 - #209 - Kay Stoudt - \$50.00
- August 15 - #173 - Lori Carr - \$100.00
- August 16 - #830 - Sue Commale - \$50.00
- August 17 - #043 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on September 2 and 15 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Emergency Alert: Type O donors needed now! 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.



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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

ELIZABETH SKOKWOSKI from Kathy Artley, Anna Marie Piazza, Robert & Elaine Lipp.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 30/31

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Miller

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.

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. Keim Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
Please See Registration Page for more
Contact Matt Greger - matthewgreger@yahoo.com to Pre-Register

The Corner

"...Do not be weakhearted or afraid, alarmed or frightened by them. For it is the Lord, your God, who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies and give you victory."
---Deuteronomy 20:3-4

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

HOSTED BY

MARCH FOR LIFE

PENNSYLVANIA Family Institute

keep marching for life in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!

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



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

on September 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Serving pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets and different types of breakfast bowls. Breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice.

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@saintalloysius.net

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@saintalloysius.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.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO

First Friday Mass on September 5 is celebrated at 10:30 AM in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre of the National Centre of Padre Pio. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus following Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.

First Saturday Devotions on September 6 consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30 AM, Mass at 10:30 AM, the blessing of religious articles, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, Rosary and veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. For more information visit www.padrepio.org.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ambler. This session is intended for Catholic men between the ages of 29 and 55, both married or single, who feel called to serve the Church through the unique vocation of the Permanent Diaconate. Wives of married men are strongly encouraged to attend, as the journey of discernment and formation is one shared in family life. For more information or to register visit SECLERGY@archphila.org or call 215-587-4532.

THE 2025 CARDINALS' FORUM, a discussion on UNITY IN

THE CHURCH will be held on August 26 at 7:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ambler. Speakers: Brendan Towell, Dr. John Haas and Dr. Nathan Knutson. Free and open to the public.



AUGUST 24, 2025 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I risk dating myself when I refer to a song from the 60's called "It's My Party." But that teenage pouting came to my mind when I pondered the theme of today's gospel, which is the inclusiveness of God's plan. No one is left out.

The song itself is all about a teenage girl's heartbreak at her 16th birthday party, when her boyfriend Johnny disappears for a while, only to return with another girl named Judy, who boldly wears Johnny's ring. Her lament: "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to."

Allow me to zero in on the young singer's typical faulty reaction to events. Why? Because so many times even we mature Christians ought to know from all that Jesus taught, we are not fully in charge of our lives and our world. No matter how frequently life gives us reminders, we keep finding ourselves foolishly clinging to that delusion. We even start to pout even in our prayer time tell God that He is so unfair. After all, this life is "my party and I'll cry if I want to."

If we never learned from our teen-aged years the fact that life here on earth is going to take unexpected turns for the worse, then we better self-educate as fast as we can.

Even for believers the lesson is a tough one, and we can all get frustrated from time to time. Even for saints.

If we were to picture a medieval cloistered nun, we would probably think of a woman kneeling in a church, head bowed, and hands folded in prayer. Someone with a great sense of humor would not quickly come to mind.

That is why it is delightfully refreshing to hear about the good humor of the 16th century saint and Doctor of the Church Teresa of Avila, sometimes called "Big Teresa" to distinguish here from Therese the Little Flower.

A famous story perfectly sums up her spiritual character. As St. Teresa...made her way to her convent during a fierce rainstorm, she slipped down an embankment and fell squarely into the mud. The irrepressible nun looked up and admonished her Maker, "If this is how You treat Your friends, no wonder You have so few of them!"

God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord will gather all the nations to Mount Zion, and He will reveal His glory to them. This glad event is expected to happen in stages.

Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Without divine wisdom, one might mistake the trials of life for signs of God's anger. But, like an athletic coach, imagined by the author as encouraging his runners, He summons our energies, and we easily head to the finish line.

The Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Our salvation depends first and foremost on God's grace. It then comes about by our cooperation and obedience. Christ invites His family from the four corners of the compass, both Jews and Gentiles, to celebrate with Him and the patriarchs of the Faith.