

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 25 AUGUST 2024

**Readings for Sunday, August 25:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave himself up for us all.

**Readings for Sunday, September 1:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.



**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.**



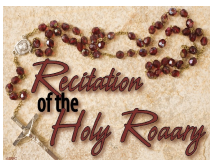
<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
26 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Margaret Bucciaglia	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
27 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
28 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Thomas Palladino	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
29 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	Joseph Appolonia	Ann Discher
31 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother	
1 Sept.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



**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 are

welcome to join in these Marian Devotions.

### *The Corner*

Tuesday is the feast day of **St. Monica**. She is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. It took many years and many tears to bring her son back to the Catholic faith. We know her son, **St. Augustine**, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is tomorrow! Never stop praying for those who have gone astray.

LOST WEEK

# Collections at PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 18, 2024** . . . . . \$4,397  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$29,273

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

### “ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**ON THE THIRD DAY**  
610-705-0130

### MASS ATTENDANCE for August 17/18:

4:00 PM Mass - 95  
9:00 AM Mass - 121  
Total Attendance - 216

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



**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](mailto: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 12 - #435 - unsold
- August 13 - #401 - unsold
- August 14 - #920 - unsold
- August 15 - #487 - unsold
- August 16 - #067 - unsold
- August 17 - #151 - unsold
- August 18 - #527 - Patricia Warsheski - \$100.00



### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

on September 3 and 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! 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.” 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](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org). Make plans now to attend!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Holmes

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.

**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).

**EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY**

**Catholic Cinema Sundays for Children** - Sunday, September 8 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. *Brother Francis: The Story of Mary*. Presented on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Center. There is no cost to attend, no registration is necessary. We will celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday with cake at 12:30 PM. For more details contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.archphila.org/deacon) or [www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation](http://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192**

**FAMILY PICNIC** on Sunday, September 15 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Picnic Grove. Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Free hamburgers/Hot dogs/Soda/Water. For more details contact Franco (484-433-9160 or [francovg51@outlook.com](mailto:francovg51@outlook.com)).

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The cause of our disappointment can be anything from a car to a carnival; a rest stop or a restaurant; a movie or a meeting. The frustration with whatever letdown happened ultimately makes us say, at least to ourselves, "I'm never going to buy, or buy into, that item again."

Something akin to that decision must have formed in the minds and hearts of many of Our Lord's early followers on that fateful day when He announced the Eucharist. It was altogether "too much" for them to accept what He said. Time to walk away, back to their former way of life.

In the wake of their shuffling sandals and their overheard murmurs, the Apostles were stunned into silence and confused by the mystery. Then Jesus asked: "Do you also want to leave?" For a few moments, there was a "loud silence," if you get my meaning. The birds still chirped overhead; the breeze still tousled their hair; images still troubled their thoughts. Eating flesh and drinking blood broke every law of Moses they knew.

But in the nick of time, our bold, brash, and impetuous first pope St. Peter broke the silence and asked the same question we sometimes ask, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Indeed, He did and still does forever.

Yet, here was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to ease their minds and say: "My people, I was only speaking figuratively!" Or "I mean for the bread and wine to be symbols. Not my actual body and blood!" But He never did. In fact, that mistaken understanding is the very one that anchors every non-Catholic Christian church up to today. With due respect for the goodness in those churches, their founders exemplify what happens when hearers of the truth don't like what they hear.

The Bible stands strong here, when human weakness finds this teaching of Jesus unacceptable. How ironic that fundamentalists, who prefer to take literally what they read in Scripture, will not do so with words that Jesus said on Holy Thursday night.

At any rate, here is a powerful quote from the talk that Pope St. John Paul II gave at Phoenix Park during his three-day visit to Ireland in the Fall of 1979. He unknowingly but prophetically describes the situation we find right now in our own country.

"When the moral fiber of a nation is weakened, when the sense of personal responsibility is diminished, then the door is open for the justification of injustices, for violence in all its forms and for the manipulation of the many by the few. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery. And so, it becomes all the more urgent to steep ourselves in the truth that comes from Christ...It is especially in the Eucharist that the power and the love of the Lord are given to us."

Thank you, St. John Paul, for pointing out the focus of true Love.



*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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**JOIN THE JOURNEY AT ST. ALOYSIUS**

## SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Open to all adults: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or anyone already a member

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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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