

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 AUGUST 2025

Readings for Sunday, August 3: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, “grow rich in the sight of the Lord.”

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



**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>
4 Aug. MON. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Bill, Jeanette & Jeanille Gatta
5 Aug. TUE. 9:00 AM	Steven Yarmush	Kathy Bernhard
6 Aug. WED. 9:00 AM	Louis Ferranti	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
7 Aug. THU. 9:00 AM	Jonathan Jake Raymond	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
9 Aug. SAT. 4:00 PM	Regina Tucker	The Family
10 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.



M A G N I F I C A T
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.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 27, 2025. \$3,760
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$14,454

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 9 AND 10 will be the Collection for the Catholic University of America.

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
JULY DRAWING - Catherine Salkowski - \$292.00.

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 Philomena & John Bracaglia, Helen Chieffo, Kathy Pennypacker, Dave & Janet Slaby, Bonnie Stankunas, Lipp Family (Robert, Diane, Jan, Matthew); **DOMINIC GENTILE** from Dave & Janet Slaby.

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 109
9:00 AM Mass - 128
Total Attendance - 237

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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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 21 - #811 - unsold
- July 22 - #607 - unsold
- July 23 - #126 - unsold
- July 24 - #036 - unsold
- July 25 - #372 - unsold
- July 26 - #508 - unsold
- July 27 - #564 - Sherry Durante - \$100.00



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on August 4 and 18 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 9/10

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Tran

Greeter - Hildebrand



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

on August 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice. We serve Pancakes,

French Toast, Sausage, Bacon, Scrapple, Eggs your way, a variety of Omelets and different types of Breakfast Bowls. All are welcome!

EVENTS AT NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO, BARTO

Living a Fruitful Life in the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, August 6. Fr. Christopher Walsh will offer us practical ways to cultivate the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation so that they may become transfigured as the "fruits of the Holy Spirit" in our words, actions, and attitudes. Confession from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM; Welcome, Opening Prayer and Conference #1 at 9:30 AM; Mass at 10:30 AM; Confessions following Mass until 12:15 PM; Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Mass; Lunch with Free time at 12:00 PM; Conference #2 at 1:30 PM; Break at 2:30 PM; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM. No cost to attend this retreat; however it is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org. Bring your own packed lunch.



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.

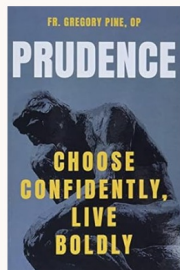
The Corner

"...Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."
---Matthew 17:1-2



WOW, just imagine that for a moment! We won't see the transfigured Christ until the day we meet Him face-to-face. But in the meantime, we can see His glory through His holy sacraments. So let us pray, "Dear Jesus, open my eyes and help me to see your glory today!"

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

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

August 3, 2025 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We can all easily see that scene from books, plays, or movies called “The Reading of the Will.” A group of people are gathered in a lawyer’s office to hear him read out the terms of what a deceased supposedly “loved one” has decided for his inheritors to receive. We picture the expressions on the faces. Some are tearful. Some are dry-eyed and intense.

As the narration progresses, the expressions change. One thing for sure: any scowls among them mean we’re in for some rough scenes ahead. Some mayhem; maybe even murder. And it’s all about m-o-n-e-y.

The theme of today’s Scriptures is all about the foolishness of making much ado about financial wealth. In a culture like our own, complete with the “haves” and the “have nots,” we know that for many people money matters are the only “matters” that matter! Therefore, it’s almost “un-American” to agree with Christ’s perspective, which He makes clear in the parable He tells us today.

So, the cultural question becomes “Who is right?” Do we rush to extremes to justify our own outlook, whatever that may be? Proffer such lame excuse as “I work hard for my money and I can keep it all if I want to,” permitting one to hold back from donating any of it? Or “the Church is always asking for money and that’s not right for any religious group”? This, even when the need the Church is trying to meet, is to help fellow human beings in dire straits?

In other words, we are adept at finding reasons to keep a tight grip on our wallets and purses. Sometimes our observations are on target when truths emerge about funds deliberately mishandled by so-called charitable organizations like Churches. But it all comes down to the cold fact that we can’t take it with us. As the late Billy Graham put it, “You never see an armored car behind a hearse.”

Another less obvious but certifiable fact: we all have a scheduled appointment with our Maker that we cannot cancel or avoid. He is the one who preached the parable we hear today, and He will be running the meeting.

One of God’s many characteristics is that of generosity. He made us all from nothing and gives us everything our eyes can see, and our brains imagine. So, there’s no doubt about His generosity. What about yours and mine? Here’s a helpful little ditty that can make you smile and decide:

“Do your givin’
While you’re livin’;
Then you’re knowin’
Where it’s goin’.”

God love you and give you His generous Heart.

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

“Vanity of vanities” means “the utmost vanity.” It applies to all the things that make up our life and labor in this world. We only fool ourselves if we rate them higher than they deserve.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

St. Paul acknowledges the faith of the community. He also prays that they live “worthy of the Lord.” That means setting one’s heart on what lasts forever.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

How is one to grow “rich” in God’s sight is the question we must answer. Just when you decide on the answer, then to “eat, drink, and be merry” God might call you home. Then what?