

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 AUGUST 2025

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

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Readings for Sunday, September 7: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.



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>
1 Sept.	MON. 9:00 AM	Anthony Sandone, Sr.	Lombardi Family
2 Sept.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Louis Ferranti	Laverne Bowen
3 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	Karen Burke	Husband, Len
4 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Jonathan Raymond	John & Elaine Norman
6 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
7 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.



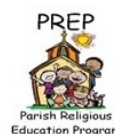
NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotions.



Flowers on the Main Altar are in memory of VICTOR D'EMILIO requested by wife, Lucy and family.



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 ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 24, 2025..... \$4,327
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$31,939

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7 will be for donations to purchase items needed for baskets for our 18th Annual Parish Golf Outing.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

STOWE OIL COMPANY
610-327-3744

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 23/24:

4:00 PM Mass - 122
9:00 AM Mass - 147
Total Attendance - 269



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 18 - #992 - unsold
- August 19 - #032 - Tony Vitacco - \$50.00
- August 20 - #747 - unsold
- August 21 - #163 - unsold
- August 22 - #965 - unsold
- August 23 - #702 - unsold
- August 24 - #493 - 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

Women's Society Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 11** at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. **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 Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day Holiday.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: **TERESA COCCI** from Jim & Anna Baldasano.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 6/7

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Griffin & Morris

Greeter - Neiman

The Corner



As we celebrate Labor Day, let's invoke the patronage of Saint Joseph. In the Litany of Saint Joseph, one of his titles is "Model of Workmen." Ask his intercession for all laborers and workers, especially those in service to our Lord Jesus Christ.



ST. GABRIEL CHOIR 2025-2026 SEASON

- If you enjoy church music and singing, please consider checking out St. Gabriel Choir. We sing for the 4 PM Vigil Mass on the weekends, and for Holy Day Vigil Masses. We meet on Tuesdays, September to June, from 7-8 PM in the choir loft (enter by the solid steel door on the street side of the church). Our season begins on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM. Adults are welcome to visit a rehearsal and see what we do. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kulp at Kkulp49@gmail.com.

**ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE
APPLE DUMPLINGS, CHICKEN POT PIE
AND CHOCOLATE WHOOPIE PIES**



Due to lack of freezer space, pick up Saturday, October 4



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 _____

Chocolate Whoopie Pies (6 pack) - \$10.00

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 21.

Prices same as last year.



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.



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



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.

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.

AUGUST 31, 2025 - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It was a relatively minor event that took place on the afternoon of Sunday, June 1. Pope Leo XIV, who had just finished celebrating a Mass for 70,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the jubilee of Families, from children to grandparents. But now it was time for him to relax and have a scheduled lunch with friends for a special occasion. It was the 70th birthday party of an old friend, the head of the Augustinian Order, a post the pope himself had once held. It was at their world headquarters only a block away.

Security demanded the pope ride an SUV, and it arrived with no fanfare. His Augustinian hosts greeted Leo; and then with a quick wave to the video photographer, the pope entered the building. Nobody else was around. But I noted Pope Leo's humility in that brief incident. No ceremony with a squad of Monsignors in tow. It was one man joining his longtime friend at the friend's home.

It may not always be obvious where humility ranks among the virtues. Suffice it to say it is tops with the Trinity, holy as they are. All the holy people we know, beginning with our Blessed Mother Mary, had it as part of their nature.

In today's Gospel, humility is being talked about, out loud and clear in the lesson Our Lord teaches the guests at another dinner party in another house long ago.

Let's be clear. Humility is not denial of the obvious. Often such denial takes place when we're complimented for some reason or another. Do you recall a scene in many old Hollywood westerns? The hero gets praise from the pretty girl for his skill at riding the bucking bronco. Then he shyly replies, "Aw shucks, Ma'am, 'twerent nuttin.'" Actually our young cowboy is wrong. What he did was something; something done well.

You see, humility is truth. The root of the word itself is "humus," or "dirt." We are nothing more than dust but created from it by a loving God. That's the great lesson for us on Ash Wednesday.

Besides Our Lady of Good Counsel, another of Pope Leo XIV's models is St. Augustine, the guide of the Augustinian community of which he is a member. Here is one of that saint's appropriate insights from a long-ago conversation.

A certain public speaker asked the saint one day what was the chief rule of eloquence? Augustine replied, "Delivery." "Ah, but what is the second rule? Again, the saint replied "Delivery." "Then what is the third?" "Delivery," came the reply. But then Augustine changed the subject. He said, "Sir, were you to ask me concerning the precepts of the Christian religion, first, second, third and always, I would only answer this one way: Humility, humility, humility."

God love you and give you His peace.

Volunteers Needed



Make a difference in the lives of women and babies!

Birthright of Pottstown



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.

610-327-2626



For More Information birthright.org/pottstown birthrightpottstown@gmail.com