

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 AUGUST 2024

Readings for Sunday, August 4: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

Readings for Sunday, August 11: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30–5:2; John 6:41-51.



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.



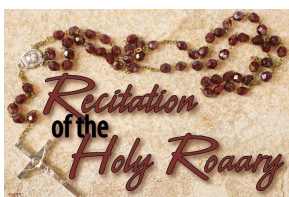
<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
5 Aug.	MON. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
6 Aug.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Gacura	Patti & Bruce Pollock
7 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Margaret Nasta	Kathy Bernhard
8 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	George & Helen Koren	Son & Daughter
10 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Rev. Gregory J. Hickey	Fr. Wilson & Parishioners of the Parish
11 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 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.



M A G N I F I C A T
SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Cost for one year is \$39.00. Subscription begins with NOVEMBER 2024 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing, please call the Parish Office.
Deadline to sign up is Monday, August 19.

LOST WEEK

Collections at PPC
thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 28, 2024. \$4,011
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections \$15,363

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

JULY WINNER - Kathleen Bernhard - \$260.00.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 10 & 11,

will be the Collection for the Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and as the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops. The University, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST
610-323-0450



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.

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 105
9:00 AM Mass - 119
Total Attendance - 224

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.



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 22 - #650 - unsold
- July 23 - #544 - unsold
- July 24 - #430 - Jim & Denise Bucciaglia - \$50.00
- July 25 - #410 - Cliff & Barbara Keller - \$50.00
- July 26 - #146 - Suzanne Morgan - \$50.00
- July 27 - #916 - unsold
- July 28 - #633 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on August 5 & 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

Please consider donating blood today! 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.” More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to attend!

The Corner

Today is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests.

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.” –St. John Vianney

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 10/11

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Servers - Holmes & Nagel

Greeter - Carr



REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES -

Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this fund raiser is put towards our Parish

Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's register tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS

are being sold by the Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional gift when giving a gift card. Blankets are available at the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FATHER HICKEY - Msgr. George Majoros will be at St. Gabriel Parish next Saturday, August 10 to celebrate a Memorial Mass at 4:00 PM for our former pastor, Fr. Gregory J. Hickey. We welcome Msgr. Majoros to our Parish!



BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN

will be held next Sunday, August 11 after the 9:00 AM Mass. The Knights of Columbus will join us for this special event. We thank them for this beautiful Memorial for the Unborn.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your
people. Fill Your Church in the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families future
priests; worthy ministers for Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



“Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God’s people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church.”

Pope St. John Paul II
Address to Seminarians
St. Martin’s Chapel
October 3, 1979



SAVE THE DATE! Our Parish Golf Outing will be on Friday, September 20 at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. More details in the coming weeks. Make plans now to join us.

EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY

Anniversary of St. Pio’s Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 AM. Traditional Latin Mass. Rosary following Mass. Documentary “**Firsts**” will be shown on the big screen in the Spirituality Center after the Rosary. No registration is needed to attend this event.

Relic Exposition on Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Veneration of over 150 relics of saints and martyrs during special expositions. This is a free exposition and no registration is necessary.

For more information on the events email angela@padrepio.org or visit www.padrepio.org.

GOLFERS & NON-GOLFERS - The Valley Forge Chapter and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus is holding their Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, August 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150.00. Dinner only tickets available for \$40.00 per person. Contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan (610-772-1734 or marknunan6614@gmail.com).

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).

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. The next program will be held August 9-11 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

Our next dinner adventure will take you to Poland. Held on Friday, August 16 at the Knights of Columbus, Stowe. Menu: Barszcz (Polish Borscht), Golabki (Polish Stuffed Cabbage Rolls), Placki Ziemniaczane (Polish Potato Pancakes), Authentic Polish Beef Goulash, Kremowka Papieska (Polish Cream Papal Cake). Cost is \$20.00. Served from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Reserve your spot at www.caseyservice.net or by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

2nd Corn Hole Tournament of the year on August 11 at 1:00 PM. Anyone can play. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Food, Beverages and Fun! Register online at Scorehollo or www.Caseyservice.net.

HOPE IN CHRIST:
Spiritual Support for Addiction

Find Catholic support for you or your loved one struggling with addiction at:
archphila.org/hope

Catholic Events • Support Groups
Retreats • Personal Stories
Patron Saints • Healing Ministries
• and more •

A website provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Be Encouraged:
Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing
archphila.org/support

*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

2024 Catholic Women's Conference

The Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



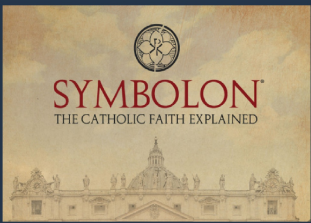

Saturday, October 19
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

Keynotes:
Fr. Stephen DeLacy
Emily Wilson

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org

COMMUNION OF SAINTS - FAMILY LIFE AND THE EUCHARIST Saturday, September 14 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lansdale. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and dive into the riches of the faith! Scott & Kimberly Hahn. 7:15 AM Mass, 8:15 AM Event Registration, 3:10 PM Conclusion. For registration information and full details see www.stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024.

Take the first step to peace, love, and faith.

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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Calling all Roman and Hallahan Alumni!
Please join us for: **DAY AT THE BAY**

THE PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!

Saturday, August 10, 2024
from 2:00pm-7:00pm at the
SEAPORT PIER
in North Wildwood, NJ

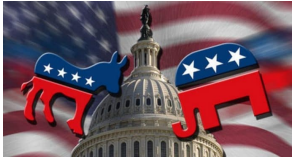
Cost is \$30 per person in advance,
\$40 at the door. Includes beer specials,
food and music. Must be 21 to attend



www.RomanCatholicHS.com/DayAtTheBay



Stress! There is much of it in our world and in our lives today. From aggressive driving to navigating construction zones



or from election-year political antics to outrageous, blasphemous, Olympic Opening Ceremonies, ours is an undeniably stress-filled world. Parish life too, can be filled with stress. Believe me! They say that it is not a good thing health-



wise. It can lead to high blood pressure, stroke, anxiety, sleep deprivation, panic attack, headache, and all kinds of heartache emotionally and spiritually. Yet, we encounter it every day it seems, from the moment that we awaken.



Everyone and everything seems rushed. Life is more complicated than ever. Technology was supposed to make our lives simpler with more time for leisure. *Ha!* Instead, we have our heads down while staring at our phones with the expectation and, for so many, the need to be available 24/7. I remember having a phone conversation with a priest friend. At one point in our conversation, I heard some noise in the



background. It was the toilet flushing. There is a reason it's called a "rest" room. My goodness, give it a rest and call me back for crying out loud! In the Incarnation, God Himself, experiences the stress of our human condition. Imagine how that first cry of the Infant Savior newly born must have reverberated unto the heavenly realm. Angels most certainly wept.



The stress we experience in our lives is a stress known to Our Lord. Perhaps, we encounter that Messianic Stress most poignantly as we



recall a Savior in a garden praying intensely prior to His Passion with sweat as droplets of blood running down His Most Holy Face. Can we bring Him comfort as we seek our own?

Come away by yourselves and rest for a while; come to me all you

who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest. The Lord already knows every stressor that we have in our lives. We might say that on Good Friday in Christ crucified, stress too was crucified. The Cross was a pair of scissors cutting all tension releasing stress and leading to relief – the Ultimate Relief of Resurrection. We need to comfort Him in the Garden and on the Cross, because that is exactly where we will find the rest and relief that we so desire. It is there that the Lord will transform and relieve all our stress enabling us to take our foot off the gas, slow down, and relax while rooting for our favorite Olympic athletes and Team USA!



Peace!
Fr. Wilson