

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 16 FEBRUARY 2025

**Readings for Sunday, February 16:** Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.

Blest are they who trust in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life.

**Readings for Sunday, February 23:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38.



**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>	
17 Feb.	MON.	9:00 AM	Angelina DeMario	Ann Joan & David Hyman
18 Feb.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Bob & Alice Cress	Ann & family
19 Feb.	WED.	9:00 AM	Rev. James Gormley	
20 Feb.	THU.	9:00 AM	Loreen Cappelletti	Loretta & John Gauger
22 Feb.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Barbara Keller
23 Feb.	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 PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.



**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



**2025 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2025** \$4,121  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$141,517

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, February 22 and 23 will be the St. Gabriel Feast Day Collection.

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

### “ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**MEMORIES ‘N’ MORE**  
610-326-1911

### **MASS ATTENDANCE for February 8/9:**

4:00 PM Mass - 216  
9:00 AM Mass - 50  
Total Attendance - 266



**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**

- February 3 - #888 - unsold
- February 4 - #829 - Jack Buccigliaglia - \$50.00
- February 5 - #992 - unsold
- February 6 - #149 - unsold
- February 7 - #135 - unsold
- February 8 - #208 - Cristin Buccigliaglia - \$50.00
- February 9 - #325 - unsold



**American Red Cross**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on February 17 and March 3 & 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges maintaining a sufficient blood

supply during the winter. When a shortage happens it can delay essential medical care. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org) to donate blood.

### **WOMEN’S SOCIETY NEWS**

**Santina & Douglassville Café Gift Certificates** continue to be sold. Pick them up at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. The Café serves breakfast and lunch and is now open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of: **DOMINIC GENTILE** from Marcheskie Family.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 22/23

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Miller

Greeter - Hildebrand



**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*

It is easier to follow a path than to chop through a forest. What path are you following? Jesus showed us a good one; one with an eternal reward.

### **IMPORTANT ST. ALOYSIUS AND HOLY TRINITY**

**CEMETERY INFORMATION:** St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up process on Monday, March 3. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, March 2. Everything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 3 by our cemetery crew.

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on March 1 beginning at 9:30 AM. Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, 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 details visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org), contact Angela at [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

### **MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE**

Sponsored by the Women's Society

**Saturday, March 1**

Note pick-up times!

#1 Saturday, March 1 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#2 Saturday, March 1 after 4:00 PM Mass

No Sunday pick-up

**Please circle pick up time**

1 dozen Meatballs - \$13.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

½ dozen Meatballs - \$7.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

1 quart of Sauce - \$7.00

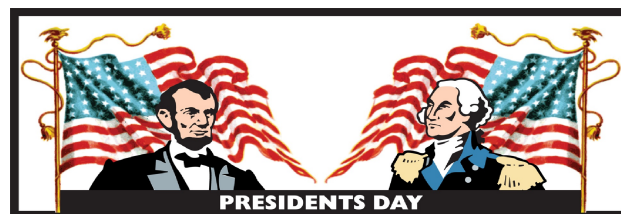
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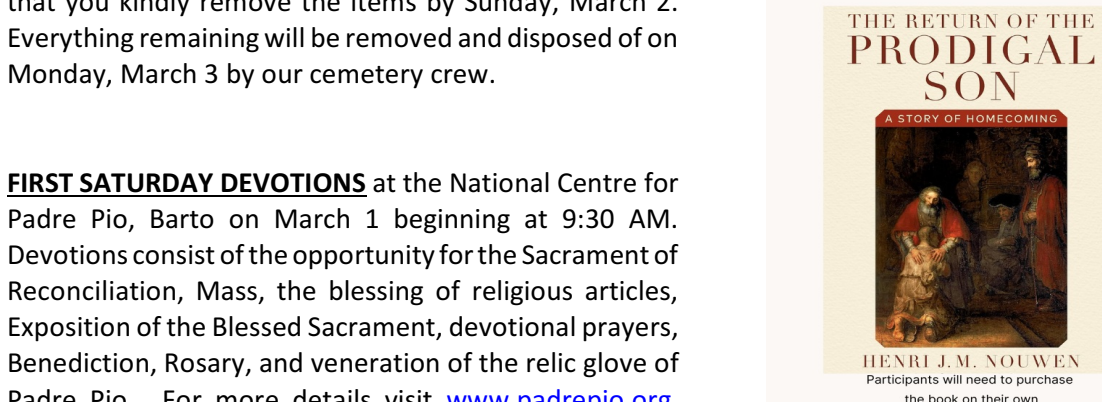
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Orders and payment due by February 23.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society



### ST. ALOYSIUS LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION



**The Return of the Prodigal Son**  
by Henri Nouwen



**When:** Mondays 11:30 a.m.  
March 10, 17, & 24

**Where:** St. Aloysius Parish  
Lower Level of Gathering Center

**For more information or to register contact Sophie Schneible:**  
610-326-5877 ext. 426  
[Schneible@saintaloyusius.net](mailto:Schneible@saintaloyusius.net)

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER -**

Laugh the night away at SoulJoel's on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 PM. SoulJoel's is located at Sunnybrook, Pottstown. Partial proceeds from ticket sales and 10% of your dining bill will benefit the St. Teresa of Calcutta 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. There is a great line up of comedians including Chris Roach from CBS Kevin James Can Wait. Come dine inside Gatsby's Pub before the event from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. General Admission Tickets are \$20.00. More information and ticket purchase online at <https://souljoels.com/shop/tickets/stteresa8thgrade/>.

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAN UP PHILLY**



Men's Spirituality Conference on Saturday, March 8 at Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater. All men are encouraged to attend - fathers, sons, brothers, friends. Take part in the Holy Year

by Becoming a Pilgrim of Hope to your family, parish and community. Speakers include Ward Fitzgerald, Ed Morris and Msgr. Federico Britto. Keynote Speaker is Brian Dawkins. Mark Forrest will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information or to register, visit [www.manuphilly.com](http://www.manuphilly.com).

**RESTORE: A HEALING RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN** at

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown on February 20-23. Retreat Leaders are Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison. The retreat is for men and women seeking Christ-centered healing from emotional and spiritual effects of trauma. For more information visit [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women).

**RETREAT - THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND EVERYDAY LIFE**

on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia. Retreat will offer personal prayer time and sharing with other retreatants. Cost is \$55.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Speaker is Stephanie McCarthy. To register go to [www.msbt.org/mbsc/retreats-and-workshops](http://www.msbt.org/mbsc/retreats-and-workshops) or call 267-350-1830.

**2025 College Fair**  
At  
**Pope John Paul II High School**

No  
Registration  
Required!  
Free!!



Open to the  
Public!  
Bring a Friend!

**Date:** Tues. March 4, 2025  
**Time:** 6-8PM

**Location:**  
Main Gym  
181 Rittenhouse Rd  
Royersford PA  
19468

**Contact:**  
Doreen Bell at  
[dbell@pjphs.org](mailto:dbell@pjphs.org)  
with questions

Scan to see a list of  
Participating Colleges





**SUNDAY MORNING  
BREAKFAST** on March 2 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 is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



**H.O.P.E.**  
Hope Offered Prayerfully for Everyone



**Presented by  
Sister Anne Philip Buehler, IHM**



We will spend the day leaning into compassion for ourselves and others who are mourning in times of loss. Sister Anne will offer her experience with grieving and the ways to move through these challenges with H.O.P.E. The day includes Mass and lunch.

**Thursday,  
March 6, 2025** | **8:45 am - 2:30 pm** | **\$60 per person\***

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening of Wednesday, March 5, for an additional \$95.

**Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center**  
101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247  
Register by February 26th  
at [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com) or call 609-964-7700

## FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

You've most likely seen the scene. In a dark room sits a group of diverse people around a covered table with a crystal ball in its center. The group leader, a female with heavy eye makeup and long fingernails darkly painted, makes odd intonations. Allegedly she calls the dead forward to speak through her or otherwise signal their presence. At other times, she might predict the future with confidence. Her audience is expected to make a generous donation to the handy receptacle. Call this a seance. Or a clever scam.

Our blessed Lord occasionally spoke about the future life in wide open outdoor spaces. Here a plain. At another time from a hilltop. His predictions opposed the Sadducees of His time, who did not believe in an afterlife. On both occasions, His great sermon was more about the right behavior to live as preparation for the next life and not too many detailed descriptions of it. He wanted our imaginations to soar upward in delights indescribable.

We who listen to Jesus every year on a given Sunday, and often enough at funeral Masses know that He beckons us to call it "Decision time," no matter our ages or circumstances. First, do we believe and trust Him? Here we are, in a time and place best, living in a free society and in a high-tech age redolent with gadgets that feed our desire to be in control. That gives us a form of relief from some cares. But not all. Does your smartphone tell you how your relationship with your Maker is going? Or is it a kind of gearbox to work the engine of your time on this earth? Hardly.

If we allow ourselves to fall for that hoax, we're no better than needy souls at a seance. In today's Scriptural context, we're no better off than the people of Judah compared by Jeremiah to a desert scrub lacking water. Or like the skeptical Corinthians St. Paul addresses about the resurrection of the body after death.

On this winter Sunday, it seems best to keep your child-like faith and trust intact. Do it with daily prayer and ready resolve to behave as we know we should. That alone will give us entree to the bright room where Christ's holy table is set for you in the kingdom, we all hope to share with Him. Until then, believe that "when God measures a person, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head."

God love you and give you His peace.

### **Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

### **Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

### **The Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.