

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 JULY 2025

Readings for Sunday, July 13: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37.

The great commandment of love is not something “mysterious” or “remote.” Indeed, it is “very near” to us. Yet how difficult it is to fulfill, being neighbor to whomever is in need. But if we seek God, we must “go and do the same,” for we have been created in, for, and through Christ.

Readings for Sunday, July 20: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42.



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>
14 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer
15 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
16 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Steven Yarmush	Marcheskie Family
17 July	THU. 9:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
19 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Ben & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
20 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

Mass at St. Aloysius Parish on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM.



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.

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



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.



MAGNIFICAT 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, July 18.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 29, 2025..... \$3,281

2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$235,690

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 6, 2025. \$3,545

2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$3,545

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 19 AND 20,
will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

STOWE OIL COMPANY

610-327-3744



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 June 28/29:

4:00 PM Mass - 131

9:00 AM Mass - 119

Total Attendance - 250

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 104

9:00 AM Mass - 111

Total Attendance - 215



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

June 23 - #040 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00

June 24 - #222 - unsold

June 25 - #065 - unsold

June 26 - #773 - unsold

June 27 - #175 - unsold

June 28 - #888 - unsold

June 29 - #268 - unsold

June 30 - #667 - unsold

JUNE FIGURES: 227 Tickets sold - \$1,135.00. Payout to winners - \$450.00. Cost for tickets - \$100.00. Profit for June - \$585.00. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fund raiser.

July 1 - #678 - Jack Carr - \$50.00

July 2 - #506 - Donna Roncase - \$50.00

July 3 - #340 - unsold

July 4 - #403 - unsold

July 5 - #888 - unsold

July 6 - #317 - unsold



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2025 is at the half-way point. The total amount pledged year-to-date is \$4,050,490, which represents only 40% of the

Archdiocesan goal of \$10 million. "Meeting our goal as a parish community is an essential part of meeting the overall Catholic Charities Appeal goal. The fact is that the Appeal has not met its goal for several years, and as a result, the charitable programs that benefit from it fall short of what they need. If you gave to the Appeal last year, we urge you to give at the same level this year, and to increase your gift if possible. Not all of us can give at the same amount, but we hope that each of us can give something, to support the charitable works that so many of our brothers and sisters rely on."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JULY 19/20

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Griffin

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & Boyer

Altar Servers - Miller & D. Logaivau

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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates continue to be sold. The Women's Society will be in the vestibule on July 12 and 13 to sell the certificates. Certificates are also available at the Parish Office. Pick them up for the summer.



The Grotto is in need of some minor repairs: patching, washing, and painting. If you can be of help, please call Lori (610-326-6030).



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 something when giving a gift card.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Annual Parish Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 19. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Golf Outing this year will be held at **ARROWHEAD GOLF COURSE** in

Douglassville not Blackwood Golf Course. More details in the coming weeks.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on July 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is kicking off Camp Do Good! Summer is almost here, and we're calling on you to help us make a real difference when it's

challenging to keep the blood supply afloat. Just like campfires and s'mores, blood donations are essential for a successful summer. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

The Corner



St Kateri Tekakwitha is known as the Lily of the Mohawks. She first learned of Jesus from Jesuit missionaries when she was 13 years old. She was baptized in 1676 at the age of 19, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. She is the first Native American woman of North America to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Her feast is July 14.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

BEATRICE BASILE from Friends at Pottstown Hospital, Jack Buccigaglia;

CATHERINE SANDS from Dick & Ginny Linderman, Pete & Lori LaRosa, Jim & Anna Baldasano, Jack Buccigaglia, Kathy Bernhard, Ginger Scheidt, Marie & Tom Hildebrand, Maria DiMarco, Philomena & John Bracaglia, Joe, Michael & Joey Derecola;

ANNA WASHKO from Jack Buccigaglia.

From the Finance Council



FINANCE COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Several parish members have expressed an interest in learning more about the various projects at Saint Gabriel Church. Well, sit back and enjoy the many accomplishments listed below as well as additional projects being worked on. These projects have been accomplished in the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025: Performed Power Washing and caulking to the façade of the Church; New sidewalks and steps around the Church; New toilet and sink in the men's bathroom in the Church; Striped and waxed the Church floors; New air conditioning unit in the school (Daycare is our Tenant); Replaced and repaired some of the stained glass in the Church; and put a new floor and lighting in the PREP Building. All of these projects were completed at a cost of \$53,762.88. Father Wilson in conjunction with your Finance Council, is working diligently to continue this effort.

Our goal for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 are the following: Replace the sound system in the Church; Replace the control panel which operates the Church bells; Upgrade the lighting in the front of the Church; and Paint the interior of the Church. The total cost to complete these projects is approximately \$56,000. All these projects and others are being considered; however, we need funding in order to complete these projects. Saint Gabriel Church has always been blessed with generous people, both members and non-members. If you are interested in helping to keep these updates going, please feel free to speak with Father Wilson or you may drop an envelope in the weekly collection basket marked Church Projects or also feel free to stop by the Parish Office to drop your donation off. We look forward to your help in completing these much-needed projects.



REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES -

Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's Register Tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program goes toward our

Parish Religion Education Program (PREP). Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of church or you can drop them off at the Parish Office.



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 of Your
altars, generous and ardent
servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



Treats and Truths

SUMMER ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES



...feeding the soul and the sweet tooth!

Each night
will feature
a short
presentation
about the
topic with
dessert and
discussion
time

JUNE 10



FEMININE GENIUS AND FIERY REBELS

Who are the Four women Doctors of the Church and why do they matter?

JUNE 17



THE EUCHARIST

In preparation for upcoming Solemnity of Corpus Christi, how do we respond to Jesus in the Eucharist?

JULY 15



SAINTS OF THE UNITED STATES

from Kateri to Junipero to Elizabeth, let's get to know the saints who shaped our nation's history.

JULY 22



WHAT IS A RELIGIOUS VOCATION?

Can I really be a hermit?...and other burning questions answered about religious vocations

Saint Aloysius
Church

Lower Level of
Gathering
Center

223 Beech St.
Pottstown

More to follow in August!

Tuesdays 6:30-8p.m.

For more information Contact Sophie Schneible,
SSchneible@saintalloysius.net OR 610-326-5877 ext 426

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP on Saturday, July 19 at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Prayer Group begins at 9:30 AM. Includes Confessions, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Spiritual Talk, Rosary with Benediction, Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. Concludes at approximately 12:00 PM. Spiritual Director - Fr. John Frink. Contact angela@padrepio.org if you would like to join the Prayer Group.

FR. BALLY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

on Friday, August 8 - rain or shine! Held at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Shotgun start for an 18-hole scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and Awards presentation will begin at approximately 2:00 PM. The Tournament includes: Door Prizes, 18 holes of Golf, Breakfast (Clubhouse) from 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM, Barbecue and Hot Dog Lunch, Prime Rib Banquet Dinner, Beer and water throughout the day, Team prizes for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place as well as Skill Competition Prizes. Fee: Golfers - \$125.00; Banquet only - \$40.00. This event goes to support Knights of Columbus Charities and Pro-Life Activities. This is a 100% PREPAID event. Payment and registrations due by August 1. To register or for more details, contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or thebighue@aol.com); Joe Barrese (610-232-4171 or joebarrese@hotmail.com); Jason Raia (484-881-1414 or jason.raia@gmail.com); Jim Hathaway (484-363-3158 or helfyr@msn.com).

GIANT COMMUNITY YARD SALE on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Cedarville UMC Church, Pottstown. Proceeds benefit Mission First, Cedarville's Outreach Center in Pottstown. Indoor tables are \$20; Outdoor spaces are \$10. Rent a space and keep the profits. We will have our entire Family Life Center filled with inside air-conditioned tables and outdoor spaces surrounding our Church. For more information or to register email events@cedarvilleumc.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, October 28. The Pilgrimage will

include: availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; celebration of Holy Mass; devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and time for quiet prayer and reflection. As a Sacred Jubilee Site, the National Shrine offers an opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence. More information will follow. Plan now on joining this wonderful Jubilee event of the Church of Philadelphia.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication

skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 1-3 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

COME AND REST AWHILE - SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

on July 20-27 at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia. Join us for a rejuvenating 7-night retreat where you can truly unwind and reconnect with God. Retreat cost is \$650.00. For more details or to register call 267-350-1830 or visit www.MSBT.org/MBSC.



The Jubilee Year 2025 offers pilgrims in their own local area opportunities to receive the sacraments, strengthen their relationship with Jesus, and enrich their lifelong journey. One way to observe the Jubilee Year is by pilgrimages. Shrines within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that are places to obtain the Jubilee Indulgences are:

St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
St. Rita, Philadelphia
St. Anne in St. Anne (upper) Church, Philadelphia
Bl. Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern
St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity BVM Church, Warminster
St. Jude at St. Jude Church, Chalfont
St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia
Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland
Visit www.archphila.org/holyyear for more information.



We had a dog in my family. He used to wag his tail – a lot! This was usually whenever I walked through the front door of our house. He was happy to see me. I was happy to see him, too. Alas, I had no tail to wag. Evolution took care of that. Although my dog would frequently wag his tail, I never saw the tail wagging the dog...but, times change. Now, it would seem that tails regularly wag dogs.



Wag the dog is a somewhat unusual phrase in English and it appears that it may be particular to American English. Although a version of the phrase dates back to a play only towards the end of the nineteenth century according to *Merriam-Webster*, in its current usage the phrase is linked to a movie by that same name. The film, *Wag the Dog*, was released in 1997.



The movie, which I've never seen, has to do with a fictional war started in order to distract from an executive office scandal occurring less than two weeks before an election. The phrase, *wag the dog*, has to do with stories told and narratives created. When observing current events in the age of the World Wide Web and a 24/7 news cycle, perhaps the question to always ask is "is it news or is it narrative?" Our world of today seems to be less news and ever more narrative. Contrasting news headlines today seem to give evidence of this. The *widget* that is ever so popular today such that every household should have one, in a mere twenty-four hours is found to cause physical and mental illness – maybe even death itself



and all those *widget-teers* promoting and profiting from this late latest "thing" should be arrested, jailed and maybe even executed. Join me in protest at the town square where I was selling *widgets* yesterday. Hmmm. Another example would be this. Of course, you've heard of *moon cheese*, right? Recently, a news agency reported that an anonymous source leaked an unsigned document from one of our country's intelligence agencies. It stated unequivocally that, astoundingly, the moon is, in fact, made out of cheese. The potential

harvesting of moon cheese stands to create a whole new industry worth billions. Countless new jobs would be created. Furthermore, the document indicates that because of ideal temperatures and the lunar exosphere, the galactic Gouda would be of a far greater quality than that which could ever be produced on earth. Although the health benefits of cheese harvested from the



moon have yet to be fully studied, the document suggested that consuming a small amount of moon cheese on a regular basis may even extend human life. News of the content of the leaked report has dairy farmers and producers of earthly cheeses incensed. They are demanding inquiries and answers. Stocks in the cheese industry have already been hit hard as Wall Street is already taking a rocket to the moon. Two days later there as a minor correction in a footnote to the story. The original story omitted the word, *if*, from the document...as in *if the moon were made out of cheese*. But, it was too little too late. The



tail was already wagging the dog. Is it any wonder why the Son of Man entered into our history when He did? One can only imagine the *wagging of the dog* that would take place today in connection with a Christ Crucified. Sometimes it still does. Christians as disciples are learners. That is what *disciple* means. A student that



is learning is curious and questions. He or she seeks the Truth in a world filled with all sorts of narratives and lots of news every day. That is what the original Disciples did and this is what you and I are called to do – especially in our world today of constantly changing narratives, twenty-four hour news cycles, and a wild World Wide Web. For now, might I suggest that you pass on the galactic Gouda; enjoy some nice earthy brie instead – and especially, when it comes to our Faith, don't let the tail wag you!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson