

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JULY 2025

Readings for Sunday, July 27: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock.” May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised to life with him.

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



**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>
28 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Lynn Adams	Wife, Kathy
29 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Dominic Gentile	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
30 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Charles A. Lawless, Sr.	Kathy Pennypacker
31 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Rev. Gregory J. Hickey	
2 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 Aug.	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.



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

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 20, 2025. \$3,199
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$10,694

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 117
 9:00 AM Mass - 127
 Total Attendance - 244

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER
 610-323-4440



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.”

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).

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 fundraiser 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 14 - #812 - Grayson Arendt - \$50.00
- July 15 - #846 - unsold
- July 16 - #688 - unsold
- July 17 - #777 - unsold
- July 18 - #576 - Judy Leister - \$50.00
- July 19 - #523 - Maria Boyer - \$50.00
- July 20 - #959 - unsold

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

REV. GREGORY J. HICKEY from William J. Moffatt;
ELIZABETH SKOKOWSKI from Vivian Fitch, Barbara & Michael Hipszer, M/M Phil Ferrante, Jack Buccigliaglia, Maria DiMarco, Kathy Bernhard.

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.



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2/3

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Gerasimowicz & Carr

Altar Servers - Miller & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



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.



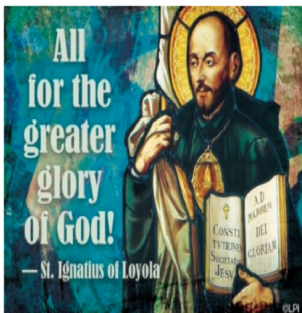
REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's Register Tapes for our Parish. Money we receive from this program goes

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.



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



We observe the **Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola** on Thursday. He was a soldier in Spain, but while recovering from a battle injury, received a divine call to religious life. He and six companions founded the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits.



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.



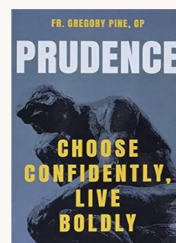
American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on August 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. 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.

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

EVENTS AT NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO, BARTO

First Friday Mass on August 1. Mass is celebrated at 10:30 AM in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follows Mass. Concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 August 2. 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. Confessions at 9:30 AM; Mass with Devotions and Benediction at 10:30 AM.

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 or pre-order and pre-pay \$20.00 for a boxed lunch (deadline is July 30) when registering.



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!

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.

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).



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

2025

August 22nd 6pm - close: August 23rd 2pm - close:

ACTIVITIES:

- Musical Entertainment
- Games for all ages
- Children's Inflatables
- Big Prize Bingo
- Wheelbarrow of Cheer
- Bake Sale
- Delicious Food
- Crafter Expo
- Beer Garden
- 50/50 Raffle

St. Teresa of Calcutta Community Festival

258 Swamp Pike
Schwenksville, PA 19468

July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Nouns and verbs are the playthings of grammarians. You might better call them “tools” for their teaching. The word “bargain” can be both noun and verb. It is also a theme running through our First and Second Reading.

As a noun, “bargain” can be that bright shiny object in the Home Depot, or Macy’s or Amazon.com catalog that suddenly appears with a lower price tag than a former one you saw. “Bargain” as a verb is that clever, if not sometime deceptive type of plea process whereby one person wants a different decision from another person and uses an appealing item of enticement to get it.

In our First Reading from the Book of Genesis, Moses is depicted as the master bargainer with no less a personage than God Himself.

He keeps lowering the number of good men needed to stay the Lord’s hand from destroying Sodom. A patient, lenient God eventually “gives in.”

I hardly believe the ancient author of the book is recommending that method of prayer to God. Rather let it be his intent to underscore the appeal that good people have to the God who made us. They atone, as it were, for the rest of us, who so often squander our use of free will.

The Gospel give us The Lord’s Prayer, as its format title implies. The prayer brings forth the idea of “bargain” as both noun and verb. As a noun, we could certainly agree to what a “bargain” this prayer is! It gives us the perfect pattern for all our other prayers, especially private ones. We should then begin with adoration and praise of God and only then add in our petition(s). Do you see the rudeness in jumping right in to asking for what we want from the Lord?

“Bargain” as a verb is implied in the Lord’s Prayer. It comes with our plea to be forgiven. We offer God our promise to forgive those who have “trespassed against us” before we ever ask for our own forgiveness. Humility marks this perfect prayer. It has the right words for any occasion.

Speaking of the right words, we have a comment on that from our American author Mark Twain, the man who gave us Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. He once said, “The difference between the right word and the almost-right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.”

God love you and give you His peace.



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.



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/hollyear for more information.