

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 7 JULY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, July 7:** Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a.

Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride, which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

**Readings for Sunday, July 14:** Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13.



**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.**



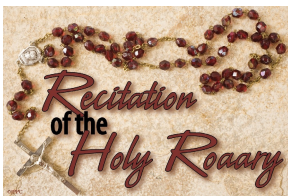
<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
8 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Rev. Patrick A. Duddy	
9 July	TUE. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Blanche & Jeff
10 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary S. Rudy	Daughter, Mary
11 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Special Intention	Jeanette & Bill Gatta
13 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	Benjamin & Mary Stankunas	Daughter, Bonnie
14 July	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.



**MAGNIFICAT 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 ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JULY 7, 2024. ....	\$
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. ....	\$
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. ....	\$

**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](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.



**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!



**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.



### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

on July 15 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.

### *The Corner*

“You can’t see the whole path ahead, but there is usually enough light to take the next step.”

—Henri Nouwen, *Feast Day July 13*

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - JULY 13/14**

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Hildebrand



**FR. WILSON'S INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

- Bishop Chylinski will install Fr. Wilson as Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish on Saturday, July 13 at the 5:00

PM Vigil Mass at St. Aloysius Church. All are welcome!



**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.

**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).

**EVENTS AT NATIONAL PADRE PIO CENTRE, BALLY**

Spirituality for Savvy Seniors on Friday, July 26 from 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM. All "seasoned adults" are welcome to join us for a morning of faith-sharing with coffee and pastries as we reflect on a variety of spiritual topics. Rosary at 11:30 AM followed by veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio. To register for this free event, contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

Witnessing to Life with Sister Diedre Byrne, P.O.S.C. on Sunday, July 28 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Sister will share her life's story as a Religious Sister, a soldier and a surgeon. Feel free to bring a bag lunch - complimentary hot beverages will be provided. No registration required. Visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) for more information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB**

**Our next dinner adventure will take you to the tiny Island of Malta.** Held on Friday, July 19 at the Knights of Columbus, Stowe. Dinner will include Maltese Kusku Minestra Soup, Maltese Bragioli and Timpana and Maltese Pudina. Cost is \$20.00. Served from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Reserve your spot by calling Franco (484-433-9160)

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** on Sunday, July 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection.

**ANNUAL PRO-LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT** hosted by The Valley Forge Chapter and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 9 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. Event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150. Dinner only tickets available for \$40 per person. Contact Gary Huster (610-972-0356 or [thebighue@aol.com](mailto:thebighue@aol.com)) or Mark Nunan (610-772-1734 or [marknunan6614@gmail.com](mailto:marknunan6614@gmail.com)).

**CMC LIONS FOOTBALL** - Ches-Mont Catholic Lions Football registration is now open for the Fall season for players entering Grades 5-6 (Junior Varsity) and Grades 7-8 (Varsity). Visit [www.cmccyo.org](http://www.cmccyo.org) for more information.

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** - 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 or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

**SACRED HEART PARISH FAIR** 828 Walnut St. Royersford, PA 19468

**FAIR SCHEDULE 2024**

**JULY 10-13** OPEN 5:30PM - 10PM EVERY NIGHT!

**EVERY NIGHT** FOOD & RIDES & GAMES Live music, PIEROGI for sale

**WED 10** Michael Kropp

**THU 11** SH. ST. ELEANOR, HCRC SCHOOL REUNION: 5:30pm-close. In the beer garden BINGO: 6:30PM - 10 IN THE CAFE JAM KATS 7PM: LEROUX SCHOOL OF DANCE

**FRI 12** VENDOR NIGHT: 5:30PM - 9PM IN THE GYM BINGO: 6:30PM - 10PM IN THE CAFE SEVEN DAY SUNDAY

**SAT 13** BINGO: 6:30pm - 10pm in the Cafe CORNHOLE tournament! 6/7/8pm UNDERCOVER

BUY AT THE FAIR TAKE & MAKE AT HOME PIEROGI! Padre's Pride Pierogi

MORE INFO: SACREDHEARTROYERSFORD.ORG/FAIR

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

For centuries now the Church has acknowledged that St. Francis of Assisi is so much more than the model for a popular garden statue. In fact, he has been frequently described as “a second Christ” for his exemplary holiness. But like many a saint in the Church’s official calendar, he did not have the support of his family for his choice of lifestyle. His own father disowned Francis in front of the whole town because he despised his son’s decision.

In this instance Francis mirrored the rejection that Our Lord Jesus experienced from his own kinsmen as described in our Gospel episode from St. Mark today. Any of us who have felt a similar reaction to our lifestyle choices from our families can take comfort from Our Savior. So sad was he that He had to acknowledge that “No prophet has honor in his native place.”

In a sense, this incident has echoes in the hostility a young man might experience in our selfish culture if he were to express a desire to become a priest. I know that sounds harsh, but it happens more than we know. The mother might argue: “No! Because I want grandchildren!” The father might say “No! I want you to work for my company!” From my limited perspective I believe such people will face a harsh judgment day with those attitudes.

In another sense, I believe that this incident in Christ’s life offers solace to all of us who want to stay loyal to Christ and His Church in our present society. A study of Church history will provide plenty examples of what Christ foretold when He said: “in the world you will have affliction.” But then He said: “But take courage! I have overcome the world.” That’s where I place my hope, even though societal trends encourage the opposite. Just take the long and ongoing push in our country to legalize baby killing. Or to normalize unnatural concepts about marriage and gender.

We must concede that all of this is somehow part of God’s master plan. His mysterious ways were manifest in the crucifixion of His Son for sure. But so was His glorious resurrection on the Third Day. So, we trust God in good times and in bad.

When Jesus announced the Eucharist, a very tough concept for a simple man like St. Peter. When Our Lord asked him, “Are you too going to walk away,” as did many early disciples, the humble St. Peter replied, “To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.” So true! Still so!

Here are two homespun observations that make the point with a dash of sarcasm added: “If a person’s character is to be smeared, there’s nobody like a relative to do the job. Many people seem to think that distant relatives are the best kind to have.”

God love you and give you the peace of St. Francis.