

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 NOVEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, November 17: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

At the end, the Son of Man will return with great power and glory, placing his enemies under his feet. Those whose names are in the Book shall live forever in light and joy.

Readings for Sunday, November 24: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.



**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>
18 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	Nan Moyer	Kathy Valentine
19 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Marie Faryna	Charlene Sanouvong
20 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	Margaret Buccaglia	Lew & Beth Chillot
21 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	Loreen Cappelletti	John & Loretta Gauger
23 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
24 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Neil Hipszer	Wife, Barbara



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 Tuesday, November 19 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and on Friday, November 22.



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.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 PM at the WQ Restaurant, King Street and Route 100. Meal and payment is on your own, so you are free to choose your own

meal for whatever price you would like to pay. Please contact Lori (610-326-6030) by December 1 for headcount only.

LOST WEEK

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2024 \$4,092
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections \$78,350

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, November 23 and 24 will be the Christmas Flower Collection.

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

STOWE OIL COMPANY
 610-327-3744

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 9/10:
 4:00 PM Mass - 122
 9:00 AM Mass - 138
 Total Attendance - 260



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.

FOR TODAY.
 FOR TOMORROW.
 FOR ALL OF US.

2024 ST. CHARLES BORROME SEMINARY APPEAL:
 Since 1832, the faithful’s support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has been remarkable. This weekend we welcome Michael Topley, a current seminarian, to share his experience at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. We hope that after you hear about his journey you will continue on the tradition of support by making a donation to the Seminary Appeal using the envelope mailed to your homes or using one of the envelopes found at the Church entrances.



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

November 4 - #658 - unsold
 November 5 - #612 - unsold
 November 6 - #894 - unsold
 November 7 - #450 - unsold
 November 8 - #803 - unsold
 November 9 - #701 - unsold
 November 10 - #985 - unsold

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 23/24

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

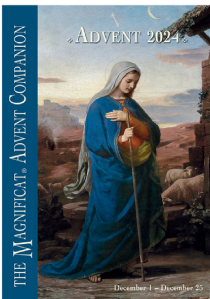
Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Bucciaglia & Gerasimowicz

Altar Servers - Francis & Miller

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner

On Thursday we observe the **Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in the Temple in Jerusalem. The celebration of the Feast is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, and officially established in 1585. We commemorate the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.



MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOKS are available at the Church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.



2025 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office beginning Tuesday, November 19. 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.



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 Church, 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! We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see “Noah.” Cost: \$170.00 which includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, tax & gratuity for lunch, show and tip for the bus driver. Leave from Church at 10:30 AM; Family-style lunch at Hometown Kitchen at 11:45 AM; Show at 3:00 PM; Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM. Reservations and payment due by February 17, 2025. For more details or reservations, contact Kathy at 610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org. Make plans now to attend!



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on November 18 and December 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. We urge you to consider donating blood. Help us help those in need. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

will be held next weekend, November 23 and 24. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the Church vestibule next weekend. Food collected will be delivered to the Outreach Center in Pottstown for those in need in our area. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Women’s Society will be selling \$15 gift certificates to Santina Restaurant, Vine & Center Sts., Stowe. The gift certificates can be used to purchase anything from their menu like pasta, pizza, hoagies, etc. First sale weekend will be November 30 and December 1 after Masses. Don’t want turkey leftovers or need something quick if you are shopping all day, stop by our table and pick up a \$15 certificate for eat in or take out. Certificates will be offered once monthly or can be picked up at the parish office any time. Remember Christmas is coming and these would make a great stocking stuffer. Thanks always for you support.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Casey Service Club, Stowe. Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selections.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN

- In recognition of November being the Month of the Holy Souls and in anticipation of the holiday season, St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish will host a special Mass in memory of deceased children, pre-born to adult. This liturgy will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM at 256 Swamp Pike, Limerick (may come up as Schwenksville). All loved ones who have lost a child are invited to be part of this Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to respond to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or 610-287-2525, ext. 100 with the name of the deceased child (if named) and the number of family members attending. A light reception in the Parish Ministry Center Hall will follow the Mass.



CELEBRATING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME

November 24, 2024

11:15-12:15 (After 10:15 Mass)

Visit the Adult Faith Formation Room (Lower Level of Gathering Center) for an open house style presentation about ways to share our faith with our children throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Grab some snacks after Mass and stop in with the kids! We'll have a short kids movie about St. Juan Diego playing, to keep the kids busy. Come and go as you are able!

St. Aloysius Parish, Pottstown

Contact Sophie Schneible for more information.

SSchneible@saintaloyus.net 610-326-5877 x426



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Make time for Jesus this Advent Season!



Let's dig deeper into the scriptures during this busy time. We will gather on Mondays to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings.

Choose either time:

**Mondays at 1:30p.m. OR 7:00p.m.
November 25, December 2, 9, & 16**

For More Information Contact
Sophie Schneible
610-326-5877
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Saint Aloysius Church
Lower Level of Gathering Center

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, December 1 - *Brother Francis: O Holy Night - The King Is Born* from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. You are invited for some family fun to view a Catholic film for children presented on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Center. There is no cost to attend, and no registration is necessary. The movie plays whether one child or one hundred children show up! Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Enjoy complimentary treats from our movie snack cart. For further information contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Friday, November 22 from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Visitation BVM Parish, Trooper. Featuring Vendors, Social Garden - Friday night, Bake Booth, Cheer Wheel, Basket Raffle (over 100 baskets), New E-A-G-L-E-S Super Raffle, Festival of Trees Raffle and Fill-A-Friend (make your own stuffed animal) and a Free Cash Raffle. Santa Claus arrives on Saturday at 11:30 AM - meet Santa until 1:00 PM. Kitchen specialties: homemade zeps, roast pork sandwiches, fried dough, walking tacos and sloppy joes. For more details go to Facebook page www.facebook.com/visibazaar.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets as follows: 1st prize - \$5,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000; and four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall, Conshohocken. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email raffle@stmarypolish.org. Proceeds support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE - Items include Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb or Raspberry cheese) for \$17.00; Frozen Pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$10.00 per dozen; Kielbasa for \$9.00 per pound. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 4. Order pick-up on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. To place a food order email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).



The poster features a blue sky with white clouds and a sun setting over a horizon. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of a white heart with a flame rising from it, and a white cross above the heart. To the right of the logo, the text "Be Encouraged:" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, "Catholic Support for Mental Health" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the text "Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the website address "archphila.org/support" in a larger, white, sans-serif font.



The poster has a background of a sunset over mountains with a cross on a hill. The text "HOPE IN CHRIST:" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, "Spiritual Support for Addiction" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the text "Find Catholic support for you or your loved one struggling with addiction at:" is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the website address "archphila.org/hope" in a larger, white, sans-serif font. Below the website address, there is a list of services: "Catholic Events • Support Groups", "Retreats • Personal Stories", "Patron Saints • Healing Ministries", and "• and more •". At the bottom, the text "A website provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Two words; six letters are all it takes to know that the movie's over. If you actually go back to see one in a theater, you know that then the house lights come up; the audience stands and steadily makes its return to reality. But the Scriptures, much more important for our lives, at this time of year bring up a somewhat frightening question: "What comes with the end of reality?"

To answer that one best, we rightly turn to the one Person who knows the answer to all but the date. We hear Him today talk about a darkening sun and a disappearing moon, accompanied by falling stars and a quaking universe. Even if we're not told the day, it's a safe bet that most of us would prefer to be somewhere else when that happens!

Why would Our Lord tell us these things? And why would His Church proclaim the unpleasant truths today? Well, like a loving and practical Mother, the Church wants us to think of the future when we make some of our decisions in life.

Right now, we have come near to the end of the Church's Liturgical year. You might say that next Sunday's Feast of Christ the King is the Church's "New Year's Eve." We will have lived another year of reflecting on the all-important life of Christ in the Sunday celebrations. Today we are invited to ponder the end time of the world as we know it. Implied is another reminder that you and I are not "in charge."

All of this is not meant to scare us, or to become morbid. Just realistic. Especially so when it comes to the matter of our own lives. The Church is saying in the name of her mystical Head, Jesus Christ, that it would really be foolish to live and act as if this life of ours on earth is not going to end. Even if we are not around when the world ends.

Thinking about our own end has some benefits. It keeps us humble. You must know that despite all your many accomplishments here below, many of which can make you justly proud, it will all come to an end.

Knowing that can put a check on our spending selfishly when we have the obligation to aid the poor among us. Today just happens to be "World Day of the Poor" so named by Pope Francis. Perfect timing for sure.

Meanwhile, we have the truth that Jesus, God's Son, stands triumphant in Heaven. He offers His blessed assurance that on the other side of death lies a new world, replete with an indescribable joy that never ends. Here and now, he keeps His promise to be with us. He goes so far as to feed us with Himself in the Holy Eucharist. That nourishment helps us face our future energized with hope and confidence. So, all kidding aside, we could say quite truthfully that "Death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life."

God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: David 12:1-3

Despite the great suffering to come at the end of time, those whose names are found "written in the book" of life shall be saved.

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

The Son of God will make his enemies his footstool. Then He will make perfect those who are being consecrated now.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

At the end of time, the Son of Man will return in glory and gather His elect. Jesus also tells the disciples that the growth pattern of the fig tree is a helpful warning sign of these future happenings.