

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 OCTOBER 2025

Readings for Sunday, October 12: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19.

The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations! Naaman, a Syrian, is healed, and lepers are made whole, but only the Samaritan returns to give thanks. Let us remain steadfast in faith, and thankful for the Lord's blessings.

Readings for Sunday, October 19: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8.



**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>
13 Oct. MON. 9:00 AM	Karen Burke	Husband, Len
14 Oct. TUE. 9:00 AM	Mary Voelker	Mariann & John Willemesen
15 Oct. WED. 9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
16 Oct. THU. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Wife, Mary
18 Oct. SAT. 4:00 PM	John & Mary Louise Schwenk	Shawn & Jack Shober
19 Oct. 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 Devotions.



Flowers on the Altar are in memory of GERRY PENNYPACKER requested by his wife and family.



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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, October 13 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and on Tuesday, October 14 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025..... \$6,732
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$56,672

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 4/5:

4:00 PM Mass - 122
9:00 AM Mass - 151
Total Attendance - 273

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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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 19, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This year’s theme, *“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,”* is particularly moving and bridges two pontificates. It was chosen by Pope Francis and reflects both the heart of our faith along with the vision of Pope Leo XIV.

Our new Holy Father spent most of his priestly ministry as a Missionary in the remote regions of Peru. He reminds us that the Pontifical Mission Societies are “the primary means for awakening Missionary responsibility among all the baptized and to support pastoral communities in areas where the Church is young.” His personal witness deepens the meaning of this year’s celebration, inviting all of us to renew our commitment to the Church’s Mission in the world.

It is important to remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was once itself a Mission area. Just over a century ago, the faith here was still taking root. We were sustained by the generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond, who provided financial assistance, sent priests and Religious and helped build the parishes and schools that formed the foundation of the Church in this country. In those early years, Catholics in Philadelphia benefitted from the same collection we are today invited to support.

Now, we can extend that same generosity to others. Your financial support will directly assist the Missionaries, priests, Religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders who serve the 1,111 Mission areas spanning Africa, Asia, Latin America, Oceania and the Middle East, who depend on our prayers and help to sustain and expand their efforts to share Christ and His saving Gospel.

I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your gifts will make a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. The Church’s Mission is not the responsibility only of those who serve in distant lands, it belongs to all of us by baptism.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the Missionary dimension of our faith. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God’s love and mercy to all people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 18/19

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Tran

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

Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in many visions, displaying to her His Sacred Heart. In 1675, He revealed to her that she would be the chief instrument in instituting the Feast of the Sacred Heart and spreading that devotion throughout the world. We observe her feast day on Thursday.

To do: Look up the Twelve Promises of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque for those devoted to His Sacred Heart.



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

JAMES BALDASANO from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer;
SHIRLEY NAGEL from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer, Mary Lenhardt;
ANNA NESTER from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on October 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Emergency Alert: Type O donors needed now! Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.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

September 29 - #997 - unsold

September 30 - #001 - unsold

SEPTEMBER FIGURES: 239 Tickets sold - \$1195.00.
Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.
Profit for September - \$595.00.

October 1 - #495 - unsold

October 2 - #058 - Lori Carr - \$50.00

October 3 - #512 - John Bracaglia - \$50.00

October 4 - #899 - unsold

October 5 - #351 - unsold

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - This weekend is *In-Pew Weekend* for the Catholic Charities Appeal. In-Pew Pledge Cards and QR-code pew cards are available at the Church entrances. Please consider making a donation to the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal.

Giving Hope TO ALL

For more than 65 years, the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has brought Christ's love to one in five people across our region.

Scan here to learn how you can Give Hope to All!

Volunteers Needed

Birthright of Pottstown

Make a difference in the lives of women and babies!




Do you have a couple hours each week to support women in our community? We need caring volunteers to show love to women and babies! No special skills required and all training is provided.

For More Information: birthright.org/pottstown
birthrightpottstown@gmail.com

610-327-2626



Get ready to celebrate Christmas with a deeper understanding of Christ's coming!




LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament. In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

TUESDAYS 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. OCTOBER 21 - DECEMBER 9

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Learn more here! 

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 223 Beech St. Pottstown

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 FRIDAY, OCT. 24 - SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 2025
 FRIDAY: 5:30 - 9:30 PM SATURDAY: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 FEE INCLUDES MEALS, SNACKS, MATERIALS, AND PRESENTATIONS

 Archbishop Pérez
  Fr. Stephen Delacy
  Christopher Wesley
  Dr. Carmina Chapp
  Christina Lamas
  Learn more!
 

THEME: THE FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY
 on Tuesday, October 14 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville.
 Schedule: 6:00 PM - Rosary, Adoration.
 7:00 P M - Procession, Holy Mass(Celebrant & Homilist Bishop Efren V. Esmilla), Homily - Flame of Love Rosary, Eucharistic Procession, Benediction.





ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - Tickets are on sale for the St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle. The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and the ongoing restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church, Conshohocken. Drawing on Sunday, December 14. To purchase tickets call 610-630-0861 or email raffle@stmarypolish.org.



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It so happened that one day in my youth, I happily strolled into the kitchen of our house where my older cousin and my mother were at table talking about something or other. I sat down on the little stool that was in the corner by the cabinets and interrupted them as I proudly announced that I had invented a brand new word!



They continued their chatter and so I announced once again that I had invented a brand new word! They laughed a bit as they looked at each other and then began, *well what is your new w...? \$%&#@*, I blurted out. **WHAT???** *\$%&#@*, I said again louder than before – and with great pride, I might add. My mother almost spit out the coffee of which she had just taken a sip. My cousin said, **you can't say that!** My flabbergasted mother demanded, *where did you hear that word?* *I made it up*, I said. Again, my mother demanded to know where I heard that word. *Who taught you that word*, she said with a look of anger as she began to reach for the big wooden spoon which served to enforce discipline and get the attention of distracted, horse-playing sons. **You can't say that**, my cousin screeched again. *I heard you already*, I said testily! **You can't say that!** Now, my mother was chiming in. *It's a bad word that you can never say.* I wanted to know why. It seemed like such a nice word. And I really, really did make it up! *Honest, Mom!* I mean it rhymed with *duck* and ducks are so funny when they go *quack, quack*. It also rhymed with *truck* and I loved playing with my toy trucks after school. I thought that good, old Sister Rita would be so proud of me, but I'm glad that I didn't share my new word with her just yet. Sister was teaching me so well! I was really into learning my phonics! Gosh! Now, I could rhyme words and even make-up new ones! Maybe one day I'll be a poet, I thought! After my mother calmed down a bit, she simply said that *you can never say that word*. My cousin again giddily reiterated, *yeah, you can never say it!* **Shut up**, I said! **Stop now!** My mother had the last word. I never did find out that day why I couldn't say my wonderful new word. Eventually, some years later, I



would find out as another kid got his mouth washed out with soap. Literally! Prior to the soap suds, he was caught in the schoolyard explaining to some of us exactly what *\$%&#@* meant. Of course, I never shared that that was **my** word. My mother got her point well across to me that fateful day of remonstrance regarding my



fledgling phonetic, poetic endeavors. Maybe Faith is something like this – in reverse, if you will. Faith is not a four letter word, but five. And it is certainly not something foul, but rather quite beautiful! When we first learn it, we really don't know what it means. I heard it often on the lips of Sister at school and I knew that it was the reason why folks were at Mass on Sundays. Actually, I'm still learning its meaning, but I know that it's not something to be whispered in childish schoolyard ramblings, but spoken of proudly much like when I first entered the kitchen that day. *Faith* actually rhymes with *Life*, because with it life itself becomes a most beautiful poem sung. It needs to be discovered anew each day for every one of us. What will your new Word

of Faith be this day? And rest assured, please share it with the rest of us – Sister Rita and my mother included!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WASHINGTON, DC



This pilgrimage will include:

- The availability of the Sacrament of Penance
- The celebration of Holy Mass
- Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Time for quiet prayer and reflection.

As a Sacred Jubilee Site, the National Shrine offers an opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence.

Saint Aloysius and Saint Gabriel Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Join us on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025** for a special parish bus trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage.

- **Departure:** The bus will be parked in front of the Gathering Center on Hanover Street. Boarding begins at 5:00 AM, with departure promptly at 5:30 AM.
- **Return:** Boarding for the return trip will begin at 4:30 PM, with prompt departure thereafter.
- **Meals:** Pack your own lunch, the driver will stop for a quick fast-food dinner on the way home. Please plan accordingly, as each person is responsible for their own meal.
- **Cost:** A free-will offering will be collected to help cover transportation costs.
- **Call to Register by Friday, October 24.**

Come be part of this day of faith, prayer, and fellowship
as we unite with pilgrims from across the Archdiocese.

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