

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 13 OCTOBER 2024

**Readings for Sunday, October 13:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30.

When offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. When given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. God's word challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and to him alone.

**Readings for Sunday, October 20:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45.



**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 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Tina Valerio
15 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Robert Fitch
16 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt
17 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard
19 Oct.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
20 Oct.	SUN.	9:00 AM	John & Mary Louise Schwenk
			Their Grandchildren



**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.



We welcome FABIAN & ELIZABETH MONINO who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!



**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 Friday, October 18.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 6, 2024..... \$5,565**  
**2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$57,810**

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

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for October 5/6:**

4:00 PM Mass - 103

9:00 AM Mass - 134

Total Attendance - 237



**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.



## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

on October 21 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. As Hurricane Helene has brought widespread, life-threatening storm surges, flooding and high winds throughout the Southeast,

dozens of American Red Cross blood drives have been canceled, impacting nearly 1,000 blood and platelet donations. We are working to ensure help is available when and where people need it most. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org).

## **"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

**MEMORIES 'N' MORE**

610-326-1911

**THE 2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL** is over halfway to reaching its \$10 million goal, and we need your help to get there! A gift of any size can be a powerful catalyst for hope, enabling countless ministries and programs across our five-county region to provide critical services – such as food, shelter, medical care, and more – to nearly one million people each year. Thank you for your incredible generosity and support! To make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please scan the code or visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.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 30 - #094 - unsold

SEPTEMBER FIGURES: 235 Tickets sold - \$1,175.00.

Payout to winners - \$250.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00.

Profit for September - \$825.00.

October 1 - #642 - unsold

October 2 - #502 - unsold

October 3 - #166 - unsold

October 4 - #970 - unsold

October 5 - #311 - Lauren Lupi - \$50.00

October 6 - #858 - unsold

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 19/20

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - Scheidt

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Nagel

Greeter - Hildebrand



**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](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org). Make plans now to attend!

### *The Corner*

Thursday we observe the **Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch**, a Church Father known as the "Doctor of Unity." He was devoted to the principle of unity because God exists as Three Persons in One, in absolute unity. St. Ignatius was the first person in Christian literature to attribute to the Church the adjective "catholic" or "universal" when he wrote to the Smyrnaeans **"Wherever Jesus is, there is the Catholic Church."**

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

October Fest on October 18 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Join us for a traditional German Oktoberfest dinner. Cost is \$20.00. Reserve your seat by calling Franco (484-433-9160).

Sunday Morning Breakfast at Knights of Columbus Casey Service Club on Sunday, October 27 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selection. All are welcome!

**POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL PAWS PROGRAM** - The PAWS (Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success) Program at Pope John Paul II High School supports the individual needs of students with learning differences through instruction and academic accommodations within the Panthers' Learning Center, our hub of academic support. We will be hosting an information session about the program on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 PM in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP to outline the program objectives and support structure, enrollment process, fee, and financial aid opportunities. To register and for more information, contact Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support ([jrogers@pjphs.org](mailto:jrogers@pjphs.org)).

## St. Aloysius Parish School Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair



**St. Aloysius Parish School**  
**844 N. Keim Street**  
**Pottstown, PA 19464**

**Jewelry, Candles, Soaps, Wreaths,  
Hand Crafted Items, Home Decor,  
Food Items, and so much more!!**

**9AM - 3PM**

**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 2ND**



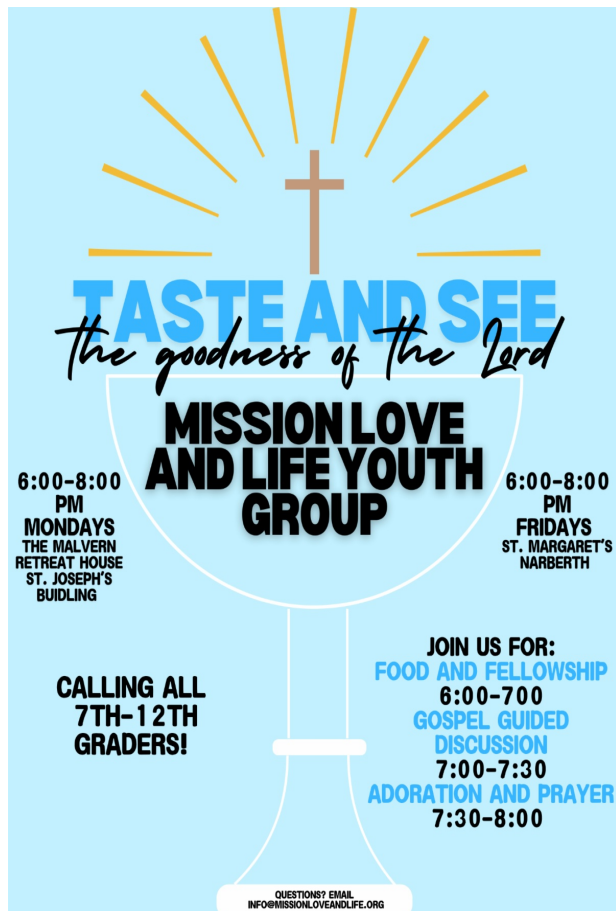
**For more information please contact**  
**[craftfair@saintalloysius.net](mailto:craftfair@saintalloysius.net)**

**CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974** is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion on October 19 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information email [alumni@cohs.com](mailto:alumni@cohs.com).



**RESTORE: A WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT** - Held Thursday, October 31 to Sunday, November 3 at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. We invite you to join us if you are seeking Christ-centered healing from the emotional and spiritual effects of trauma and past wounding. Visit [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com) to learn more or to register.

**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE** - Raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861 or at [raffle@stmarypolish.org](mailto:raffle@stmarypolish.org)).



**TASTE AND SEE**  
*the goodness of the Lord*

**MISSION LOVE AND LIFE YOUTH GROUP**

6:00-8:00 PM  
MONDAYS  
THE MALVERN  
RETREAT HOUSE  
ST. JOSEPH'S  
BUILDING

6:00-8:00 PM  
FRIDAYS  
ST. MARGARET'S  
NARBERTH

CALLING ALL  
7TH-12TH  
GRADERS!

JOIN US FOR:  
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP  
6:00-7:00  
GOSPEL GUIDED  
DISCUSSION  
7:00-7:30  
ADORATION AND PRAYER  
7:30-8:00

QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
[INFO@MISSIONLOVEANDLIFE.ORG](mailto:INFO@MISSIONLOVEANDLIFE.ORG)

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** - A place to heal from abortion. Held November 8-10 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion. To register contact Susan (610-716-4795) or Georgeann (484-955-4278).

## 2024 Catholic Women's Conference

# The Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



**Saturday, October 19**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
Czestochowa Shrine  
Doylestown

### Keynotes:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy  
Emily Wilson

**Full details & registration:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)




Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary cordially invites the faithful to its Lower Gwynedd campus for an

*Open House*

**Sunday, October 13**  
**1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002**

Tours begin at noon, with the last seminarian-led tour leaving at 2:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.



**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
ROYERSFORD

**OKTOBERFEST**  
AUTHENTIC BEER & FOOD  
MUSIC TRIVIA DANCING AND MORE!  
**10.19.2024**

**BEER • FOOD • MUSIC**

**838 WALNUT ST. ROYERSFORD, PA**

**5:30PM-10:00PM**

**TIX ON SALE NOW IN THE CAFE**  
**\$35 PER ADULT**

**BASKET RAFFLES**  
PRE-SALE IN THE CAFE  
OCT. 6TH & 13TH  
No need to be present to win!

Event tickets and Raffle tickets can be purchased after Sunday Masses in the Fellowship Café or through the Parish office!  
610-948-5915

**JOIN US!**



Although I loved playing with my *Tonka* trucks as a tyke, I never recall having a desire to be a truck driver. I certainly never thought that I would be one - yet here I am. My actual truck driving experience was rather limited. My father did own a rather large pick-up truck for a time. It had a long bed and a crew cab. A short time after getting my license, I drove it some distance to a tree farm where my buddy and I cut our own Christmas trees that year. It was quite the adventure for two teens. My next foray into truck driving came years later. It was even more of an adventure - darn near a fatal one. The vehicle was a huge box truck. It was a rental. The Center City tech school where I worked had a suburban location that was closing. Equipment and furniture had to be retrieved and stored. Volunteers were needed. I stepped right up. Besides, it would get me out of the office for the day. Three of us went on expedition that day. There was one of my female co-workers - a pleasant, tomboyish young lady...and there was John. John was our crack security and



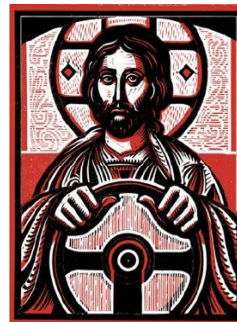
maintenance team all rolled into one great man. John was not petite to say the least. He looked like *Chef* from *South Park* and man, could he make some mean ribs! One day we had an office party. John parked his "rig" right outside our door in a no parking zone and blocked it off with orange cones so that the police would know that he was on "official" business. His son's big Ford truck hauled a flat bed trailer that had a large "grill" bolted to it. It was a split and blackened five hundred gallon steel drum turned into *the* greatest barbeque grill of all time. From it came *the* best BBQ ribs of all time. As the smoke wafted along 30<sup>th</sup>



Street, people started to stand in line thinking that they could buy them. Even the police stood in line. They were heavenly and I'm hoping to discover one day that they're available there. Office moving day arrived and our petite co-worker said that she would drive. *Chef* gave me a look as he rolled his eyes. It was an adventurous ride to say the least, but it was the merge on to the Schuylkill Expressway that changed things. We almost had the opportunity to sample those heavenly ribs, because our tomboy driver almost got us killed. *Chef* was seated in the middle between our driver and me. He clasped my thigh very firmly with his huge hand and declared quietly in my ear: *Brotha, you drivin' home! She gonna get us killed!* The homeward drive from Plymouth Meeting was less eventful except for Germantown Pike. It was there that I discovered that a fully loaded box truck takes longer to stop. The light turned red at the bottom of the hill. I applied the brake and...nothing! OMG! I pushed harder - and then harder. I almost put my foot through the floorboard. The truck finally stopped after lurching a bit into the intersection. Fortunately, there



was no cross traffic at that point. My co-workers didn't really notice the problem that I had, but I'm sure that they heard my heart pounding. Somehow I then managed the Schuylkill and some Center City streets before pulling the big box truck into our subterranean garage below the train station area. It was quite the feat. I was a truck driver. Did you know that Jesus was a truck driver? From weddings like Cana to funerals like that of Lazarus,



sometimes the truck was fully loaded and hard to stop and other times it was empty waiting to be filled. There were drives uphill to the mountain tops and downhill to the shores of Galilee. There was one final transit to Jerusalem fully laden. That delivery is *still* being unloaded. Yes, Jesus was a truck driver. All priests are. I only realized this after I was ordained. All those times playing with my *Tonka* trucks as a kid really paid off. Jesus was constantly shifting gears. The same is true for His priests. Constantly shifting gears, they journey uphill and down day to day sharing in peoples' joys and sorrows intent on delivering their precious cargo which is that of Jesus Himself. So, buckle-up for the ride and remember to save room for some heavenly ribs!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson