

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 26 OCTOBER 2025

**Readings for Sunday, October 26:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

**Readings for Sunday, November 2:** Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40.



**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>
27 Oct.	MON. 9:00 AM	James L. Boyer	Regina Newton
28 Oct.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Christine Havrilla	Marcy Miller
29 Oct.	WED. 9:00 AM	Bea Lombardi	Domenic, Barb, Debbie & Anthony Lombardi
30 Oct.	THU. 9:00 AM	Elizabeth Skokowski	St. Gabriel Women's Society
1 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



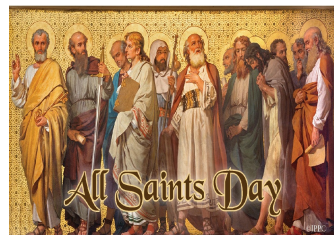
**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.  
**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



**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.



**ALL SAINTS DAY** is NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year because November 1 falls on a Saturday. Mass for All Saints Day will be at 9:00 AM at St. Aloysius Church. There will not be a Mass at St. Gabriel Church.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday, October 30.

LOST WEEK

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**DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 19, 2025..... \$4,439**  
**2025-2026 Year to Date Collections..... \$64,161**

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Call the Parish Office for more details.



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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.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:  
**ANNA NESTER** from Community Foundation of Greene County, Sylvania Marcheskie, Bonita Stankunas;  
**JAMES BALDASANO** from Loretta & John Gauger, Bonita Stankunas;  
**SHIRLEY NAGEL** from Bonita Stankunas.

### MASS ATTENDANCE for October 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass - 116  
9:00 AM Mass - 134  
Total Attendance - 250



### 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

- October 13 - #905 - unsold
- October 14 - #994 - unsold
- October 15 - #725 - Anna Baldasano - \$50.00
- October 16 - #843 - Vivian Fitch - \$50.00
- October 17 - #575 - Donald Miklusak - \$50.00
- October 18 - #548 - Kathy Bernhard - \$50.00
- October 19 - #001 - unsold

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER ½

### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Scheidt

### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Logiavau & Logaivau

Greeter - Neiman



## SUNDAY MORNING

### BREAKFAST

at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe on Sunday, November 2. 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. Breakfast is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 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, Royersford supports the individual needs of students with learning differences through instruction and academic accommodations within the Panthers' Learning Center, our hub of academic support. Information Session about the program on Thursday, November 6 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 at [jrogers@pjphs.org](mailto:jrogers@pjphs.org).

## The Corner



### Did you know...

Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, is deeply rooted in Catholic tradition. It is celebrated on October 31, the evening before All Saints' Day, which honors all saints in heaven. The term "Halloween" comes from "All Hallow's Eve," where "Hallow" means "holy." This connection emphasizes its significance as a vigil for a major feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar.

Instead of the macabre, let's put the holy back in Halloween.



American Red Cross

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on November 3 and 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).



**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.

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

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COMEDY NIGHT

JOE CONKLIN AND FRIENDS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

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**OCTOBER 26, 2025 - 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***

Many times, we have instances where we could rightly say that Our Lord “pulls no punches.” The term comes from the sport of boxing and refers to the boxer’s decision not to hit his opponent as hard as he very well could. Applied to a speaker, it means he or she talks very directly, even if their words might upset a listener or two.

This weekend’s Gospel section from St. Luke is a good example of this. However, many Pharisees present when He told the story would naturally be very upset. Jesus paints the picture of a proud braggart praying “with himself” instead of God. The conceited man not only lines up for God all his supposed “good deeds and practices” but also makes clear to God his superiority over the tax collector in the back of the room.

No matter how much or how little we know about prayer, that man up front disgusts us, or “turns us off” if we have any appreciation of humility. There is something quite out of place when a person approaches God with a list of all their good words, implying that they are therefore worthy of special treatment. It is very much like the loud-mouthed plane passenger demanding extra attention just because he/she has a first-class plane ticket. The ticket doesn’t confer royalty of any kind on a rude rider.

The beauty of the prayer of that tax collector “standing far off” is twofold. All done with an economy of words that is itself exemplary, a quality obviously favored by Jesus over wordiness.

First, his prayer acknowledges the chief attribute of God for which we should all be grateful, and that is His mercy. Who of us would be in any position of comfort with our Maker were He not so? Our failures to return His love, our very sins, would, without His mercy, doom us to hellfire.

Secondly, there is the man’s striking humility. How we can all benefit by having large doses of that virtue present in us when we go to pray. No wonder our humble Savior told His audience that the tax collector went home “justified.”

On that matter of brevity in prayer, here is a thought from no less than Thomas Jefferson, our third president, who wrote our Declaration of Independence: “The most valuable of all talents is that of never using words when one will do.”

God love you and be humble in His sight.

**Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

The Lord answers the prayers of His people and brings judgment upon wicked nations. He cannot be bribed and has no prejudice. Israel’s prayer reaches God in heaven.

**Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Paul’s death is imminent. He desires it, because he is to be rewarded like the saints. He will wear the “crown of righteousness” like the wreath worn by winning athletes.

**The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

The proud Pharisee prays “with himself.” The humble tax collector begs for forgiveness. In fact, the tax collector’s prayer makes for a good Act of Contrition for us all.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Parish's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Due to your generosity, we realized a profit of \$5,049.15. Thank you to the following sponsors who supported the Golf Outing.

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