

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 OCTOBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, October 27: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52.

An “oracle of consolation” regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

Readings for Sunday, November 3: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34.



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>
28 Oct.	MON.	9:00 AM	Kelly Aversa
29 Oct.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Jack & Lori Carr
30 Oct.	WED.	9:00 AM	Rose Marie Critzer
31 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Jane Perkins
31 Oct.	THU.	9:00 AM	Kathleen Pennypacker
31 Oct.	THU.	7:00 PM	Butsy & Frank McElroy
2 Nov.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
3 Nov.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund



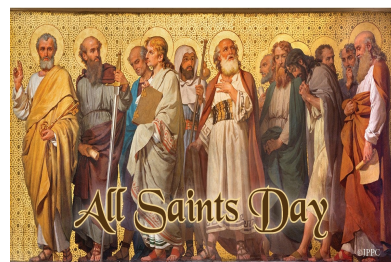
ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



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 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1 is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31 at 7:00 PM. There will be no Mass at St. Gabriel

Church on Friday, November 1. Masses at St. Aloysius Church on Friday, November 1 are at 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 20, 2024..... \$3,658
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$64,742

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY
610-705-0130

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 115

9:00 AM Mass - 147

Total Attendance - 262



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.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on November 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Due to the recent hurricanes, blood drives have been canceled in those areas. We urge you to consider donating blood. Help us help those in need during this difficult time. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.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

October 14 - #766 - unsold

October 15 - #231 - Suzanne Morgan - \$50.00

October 16 - #040 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00

October 17 - #195 - unsold

October 18 - #550 - unsold

October 19 - #169 - unsold

October 20 - #438 - Braden & CeCe - \$100.00



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!

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2/3

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Nagel

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner

"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." –

First Timothy 1:1-2

Notice that it doesn't say to pray for only the leaders you like. No, it says to pray for all of them, that God would give them wisdom and discernment and open their eyes to His truth.



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS are being sold by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPE PROGRAM

- Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this program goes towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder - the Redner's register tapes only count when you use your Redner's card and the information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



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

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 or email De at de@youaremadenew.com to learn more or to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

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!

Veterans Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, November 9 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Come join us for a Baked Ziti and Meatball Dinner with a salad and dessert. All money collected goes to Local Veteran Center. Cost is \$20.00. Reserve your spot at www.caseyservice.net or call Franco (484-433-9160).



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).

St. Aloysius Parish School Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair



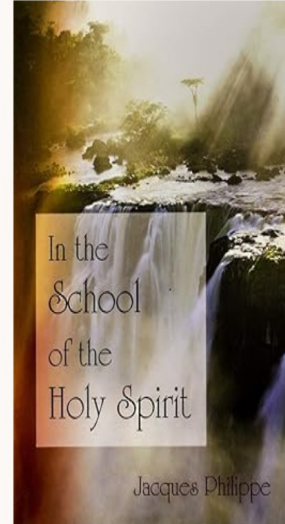
St. Aloysius Parish School
844 N. Keim Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

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



For more information please contact
craftfair@saintalloysius.net

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Participants will need to purchase
the book on their own

In the School
of the Holy
Spirit
by Fr. Jacques
Philippe



When: Mondays 1:30 p.m.
October 28 - November 11

Where: St. Aloysius Parish
Lower Level of Gathering Center

**For more information or to
register contact Sophie Schneible:**
610-326-5877 ext. 426
Sschneible@saintalloysius.net



Christmas Craft Show & Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024
9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Cedarville United Methodist Church
1092 Laurelwood Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465

Free Parking & Admission
**Over 50 tables of
handcrafted items**

(New Crafters contact:
Sheila@cedarvilleumc.org)

**Baked Goods
Lunch**

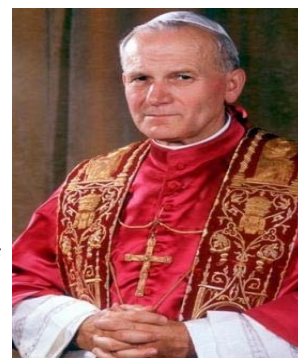
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8:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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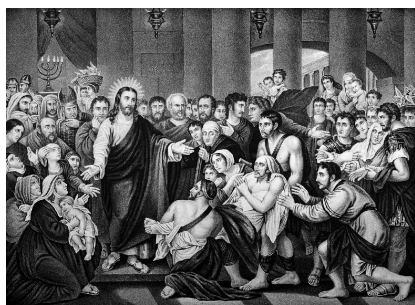
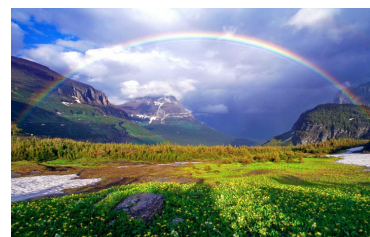
Each time, it was closer. The events certainly made an impact upon my life. I'm sure they made impact upon many others as well. All assembled for Mass this past week in the auditorium of the high school bearing his name. I shared with the students my own encounters with the man and how, in each encounter, I came ever closer. Mass that day also included installation of the student council members. They are student leaders. Leadership is a nebulous term. Hundreds of books have been written on the topic. What is it exactly? Is it something beholden only unto extroverts and "quarterbacks" on playing fields, in the halls of



congress, or those before the cameras of Hollywood? Saint Pope John Paul II was a leader. I'm certain that most would agree. I, personally, think that the title, "the Great," should be affixed to his name, because of the magnitude and profundity of his writings. I encountered this greatness in person three times in my life. The first time I was in high school just like my assembled listeners. I stood on a crowded corner in Center City. After a long while of simply standing and waiting, a noticeable roar went up among the crowd. I stood tip-toed trying to see. In a flash, the popemobile passed. I only caught a glimpse of the white skull cap and the very top of the Holy Father's head. It was all so fast, yet I caught a glimpse of "the man." I went home tired, but satisfied. It had been a long day. The next encounter took place years later in Denver at World Youth Day. I was an adult leader. We gathered at Mile High Stadium on a dreary, rainy, overcast day.



There were preliminary speakers and thousands of restless youth. Finally, the Holy Father arrived. The air was electric. He approached the microphone and opened his mouth to speak. In that moment, the clouds parted, the rain stopped, sunshine started to appear, and a most brilliant rainbow appeared over the stadium. The pope paused and pointed. The whole stadium pointed skyward. The rainbow is the symbol of God's Promise. It is a sign of Faith and Covenant. We stood silently in awe for a moment with the future saint. Also, in that moment, I knew that there was something special about **this** man. I wonder how many seeds of Faith and Vocation were planted or nurtured that day as was my own. My third encounter was much closer. I actually shook hands with His Holiness. I was in the seminary on my Spirituality Year. Seminarians from the Archdiocese of New York also participated. They were required to be present when the Holy Father visited their seminary just outside of NYC. We were invited to join them. The Holy Father prayed Evening Prayer



with us and encouraged us. It was strictly enjoined that we were not to leave our seats, but we couldn't help ourselves. As the pope was coming down our side of the chapel aisle, we rushed down to the edge of the pew stalls and leaned over with arms and hands extended. To my surprise, it was **my** hand that was grasped. He stared right at me. His deep blue eyes were penetrating. It was as if he was staring right into my soul. I can never forget the feeling. Mystical is the only way that I can describe it. Something changed in me that day. All of this I shared with my young charges this past week. Pope John Paul II helps us to understand leadership. True leadership encourages and unites.



Wherever the saint went, he brought people together and he, quite literally, brought down walls that divided such as those that stood at one time in Berlin. This is what Jesus, Himself did. He brought people together beginning with the Twelve. He would come to bring Gentiles and Jews together while always continuing to invite those who stood yet apart. It's what a true leader does. This is what student leaders are called to do and this is what all of us are called to do in our various leadership roles as students at PJPII, parent, priest, or "ordinary" Catholic in the pew. Pray for leaders and leadership. Pray to be a true leader yourself! Pope Saint John Paul (the Great!), pray for us!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson