

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

Readings for Sunday, September 7: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.

Who can comprehend the Lord’s ways or conceive what the Lord intends? True wisdom leads us to acknowledge our limitations (a matter of “calculation”) and our idols of materialism as we seek to follow the Lord without reservation. True discipleship calls us to forgive those who have wronged us. May we gain the wisdom of heart to discern more fully our call to take up the cross of Jesus.

Readings for Sunday, September 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17.



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>
8 Sept.	MON. 9:00 AM	Decd. of Miklusak Family	Mary & Kathy
9 Sept.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Melissa Oister	Chrissy, Gene, Dom & Aunt Lugi
10 Sept.	WED. 9:00 AM	Barbara Sykes	Jack & Lori Carr
11 Sept.	THU. 9:00 AM	Candida Ines Arias	Mary Lenhardt & Kathy Bernhard
13 Sept.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Matthew Cappelletti	Loretta & John Gauger
14 Sept.	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.

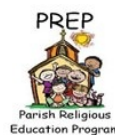


NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotions.

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



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.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) 2025-2026: New Families with school age children Pre-K to Grade 8, are encouraged to register their children for PREP. **Registration for new students is taking place now.** Please contact Maria Boyer, DRE at 610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org to register.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR AUGUST 31, 2025 \$3,350
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$35,289

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:

AUGUST DRAWING - Kathy Bernhard - \$305.00.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME

610-326-1510

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 30/31:

4:00 PM Mass - 101

9:00 AM Mass - 140

Total Attendance - 241



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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American people throughout our country.

As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of September 13 and 14, 2025. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on September 15 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.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY NEWS

Women’s Society Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 11** at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostess: Ginger Scheidt.

Santina Kitchen and Douglassville Café Gift Certificates continue to be sold. Certificates are available at the Parish Office. Pick them up for the summer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 13/14

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Tran

Greeter - Hildebrand



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

- August 25 - #959 - unsold
 - August 26 - #882 - unsold
 - August 27 - #931 - unsold
 - August 28 - #161 - unsold
 - August 29 - #340 - unsold
 - August 30 - #394 - unsold
 - August 31 - #004 - Helen & Ken George - \$100.00
- AUGUST FIGURES: 229 Tickets sold - \$1145.00. Payout to winners - \$550.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for August - \$495.00.

**ZOOK'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE
APPLE DUMPLINGS, CHICKEN POT PIE
AND CHOCOLATE WHOOPIE PIES**



Due to lack of freezer space, pick up Saturday, October 4



12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ONLY



NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Apple Dumplings (large enough to share) - \$5.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

6" Chicken Pot Pie (12 oz.) - \$6.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

9" Chicken Pot Pie (32 oz.) - \$11.50

Quantity _____ Cost _____

Chocolate Whoopie Pies (6 pack) - \$10.00

Quantity _____ Cost _____

Total Cost of Order _____

All items are delivered frozen.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.

Last day to order is September 21.

Prices same as last year.

The Corner

This week we observe the **Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and the **Feast of The Most Holy Name of Mary**. Do you know the meaning of the name Mary? Miryam is a genuine Hebrew name, and translates as "lady" or "sovereign." This underlines her significance in relation to her Son's sovereign authority. Thus, when we refer to Mary as Our Lady, just as we refer to Jesus as Our Lord, we acknowledge her power, seek her assistance, and place ourselves under her protective care.



ST. GABRIEL CHOIR 2025-2026 SEASON - If you enjoy church music and singing, please consider checking out St. Gabriel Choir. We sing for the 4 PM Vigil Mass on the weekends, and for Holy Day Vigil Masses.

We meet on Tuesdays, September to June, from 7-8 PM in the choir loft (enter by the solid steel door on the street side of the church). Our season begins on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM. Adults are welcome to visit a rehearsal and see what we do. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kulp at Kkulp49@gmail.com.



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST on September 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Serving pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets and

different types of breakfast bowls. Breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FATHER BALLY COUNCIL #1192

2025 Family Picnic

FOR MEMBERS/FAMILIES OF COUNCIL, LADIES AUXILIARY, FULTON J. SHEEN ASSEMBLY, AND LOCAL PARISHES
IF YOU ARE NOT A KNIGHT, COME BRING YOUR FAMILY AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT!

DATE: Sunday, September 21, 2025

TIME: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PLACE: Picnic Grove, 675 Constitution Avenue, Stowe

COSTS: Bring a side dish/dessert to share.
Free Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Soda/Water.
Cash Bar for Beer/Mixed Drinks.

MUSIC & FUN FOR ALL AGES!
games, 50-50 chances

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Franco Vella-Gatt 484-433-9160 francovg51@outlook.com

SAINT ALOYSIUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

GET TO KNOW THE CHURCH'S NEWEST SAINT!

CARLO ACUTIS

SEPTEMBER 9
7:00-8:30PM

FOR MORE INFO:
Sophie Schneible
610-326-5877 ext. 426
SSchneible@saintaloyusius.net

CARLO ACUTIS WILL BE CANONIZED ON SEPTEMBER 7. COME LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING LIFE OF THIS MILLENNIAL SAINT AND ALSO ABOUT THE CANONIZATION PROCESS

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH
LOWER LEVEL OF GATHERING CENTER

walking with purpose

Women's Bible Study

Touching the Divine: A Study of the Gospel of John

Thursdays 9:30-11:00a.m.
beginning September 25, 2025

Cost: \$50
For more info or to register, scan here:

St. Aloysius Church, Lower Level of Gathering Center

Questions? Sophie Schneible
SSchneible@saintaloyusius.net
610-326-5877 ext. 426

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Boys and Girls - 9 to 14 Years Old
Youth Will Complete in a Penalty Kick Competition
Demonstrating Skills on Particular Area of the Goal

Boy and Girl Winner of Each Age Group Will Move on to next round of Challenge in a few weeks.

Located on St. Aloysius Parish School - On the Soccer Field
Address: 844 N. Keim Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
Please See Registration Page for more
Contact Matt Greger - matthewgreger@yahoo.com to Pre-Register

F.L.A.M.E. Presents:

The Gift

Your Call to Greatness

Friday, September 12 & 19
6:30 - 8:00 pm

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
5194 COLD SPRING CREAMERY ROAD
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18902

RSVP

CATHOLICS IN THEIR 40S & 50S WELCOME!

The Gift: Your Call to Greatness, by Ascension Press and hosted by Christopher West, is a short program that presents a vision for life and answers fundamental questions about human existence. It is an excellent overview for those new to the Theology of the Body.

Send your questions to KindledFlame@yahoo.com



Sanity vs. insanity is like a boxing bout that we witness every single day sitting ringside and often enough times we'll join right in playing tag team with one side or the other. There are varying definitions of sanity and insanity. One definition of insanity that I have heard is the doing of the same thing, but expecting a different result. Perhaps, it would be like saying that now, suddenly, two plus two equals five. Hmm...I think that I read something about some academician making such a claim. The author, Frank Sheed, defined sanity this way: *Sanity, remember, does not mean living in the same world as everyone else; it means living in the real world. But some of the most important elements in the real world can be known only by the revelation of God, which it is theology's*



business to study. Lacking this knowledge, the mind must live a half-blind life, trying to cope with a reality most of which it does not know is there. This is a wretched state for an immortal spirit, and pretty certain to lead to disaster. There is a good deal of disaster around at this moment. This quote is from his book, "Theology and Sanity," which is certainly a good read on Catholic Theology. Sanity vs. insanity has everything to do with our Faith or our lack thereof. I look at it this way: philosophy raises questions that are answered ultimately in theology. If there is no theology (Faith), then there is no answer and all that remains are endless questions and confusion and chaos: life without meaning (which, by the way, is an inherent contradiction). Okay, let me bring things down a few notches. We live in a world with insanity all around us and, at times, within us. We see it in the headlines and news report. There are protests, wars, death, and division. People are at each other's throats, at times,



literally. Sanity might seem lost. One of the ways that I view sanity or its lack is with music. One might call it a "Harmony of Faith." Music is something uniquely human. We say that birds sing, but in reality they don't. Human beings encounter their melodious chirping and identify it with music. Having a sense of music and the ability to enjoy music speaks to one's sanity I would say. One need not be a pianist or heavy metal drummer either. Whether Mozart or Metallica, one need only listen, experience enjoyment and be raised beyond the mere earthly. In our seemingly, deeply divided world, maybe it is the sanity and humanity of music,



that might serve ultimately to foster unity and harmony once again. I fantasize about a gathering where people of different ages and backgrounds gather and listen to music of different types and genres while dancing and enjoying and striking insanity with an upper cut taking him down for the count. Jesus, Himself, listened to music. I understand that he was dancing at a wedding, in fact. At the Wedding Feast at Cana, maybe, just maybe, Jesus was presenting us with something more than the important and beautiful nuptial imagery along with the great miracle of changing water into wine. Maybe in His dancing to the beat that day and His enjoyment of it, He was showing us a path to sanity in a very crazy world.



Peace!
Fr. Wilson