

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 3 APRIL 2022

**Readings for Sunday, April 3:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

**Readings for Sunday, April 10:** Isaiah 50-4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56.



**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.**



Date			Intention	Requested By
4 Apr.	MON.	9:00 AM	Roger Villano	Wife & family
5 Apr.	TUE.	9:00 AM	James Hegedus	Hegedus Family
6 Apr.	WED.	9:00 AM	Stanley & Philomena Weil	Patti & Bruce
7 Apr.	THU.	9:00 AM	Mary Rudy	Daughter, Mary
9 Apr.	SAT.	4:00 PM	John Francis McCarthy	Wife, Sharon
10 Apr.	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.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Amy Porter and Mara Tamaro. We will do an Easter craft activity.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Thursday, April 7 from 12:00-3:00 PM.

**THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join them.

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their APRIL issue at the office.



We welcome ROBERT & MARYANN MORAN and THOMAS & ANALYN CARBO AND FAMILY who recently joined our Parish!



All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!



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Suddenly, I find myself really into Tic-Toc. No, not Tik Tok, the social media craze owned by a Chinese company (yes, really) where people upload short and often goofy videos of their latest dance moves, pranks, or tricks, but Project Tic-Toc, which was a top-secret U.S. government effort to build an experimental time machine more commonly known as "The Time Tunnel," the name of the 1960's TV series that told its fictional story. I was just as bit young when the series first aired. I wasn't just a wee tyke. I was a wee, wee tyke at the time. I've only more recently discovered the series. I have it on DVD. A friend of mine gave me the set of discs. He probably wouldn't have done so, since he, himself, is really into sci-fi and a sort of Trekkie extraordinaire. My friend received the set of discs as a gift from a relative in Australia. That was the problem: Australia. DVDs come with what is called a "region code" and the Land Down Under, in case you didn't know, ain't in our region. The discs would not play on his DVD player. However, a certain priest that he knows has a DVD player with the region code unlocked (jail broken, hacked – call it what you will). The discs play just fine on my player and hence, a little bit of the Land Down Under in little ole Stowe, PA. In the series, James Darren and Robert Colbert are thrust through time on various adventures always at the most historic of moments it would seem – like winding up amazingly on the very deck of the Titanic right before she is to strike an iceberg and sink! Sci-fi at its best! I especially like watching the series and noting the "old school" special effects and campiness. Watching the series on DVD is all a



part of that campiness for me, since that technology itself is now "old school" in our current digital, streaming world of today. I suppose people have always dreamed of time travel. What was it like to have walked the streets of ancient Rome or to have peered through the window of the Statehouse during the Declaration's signing? What would it be like to experience some future Martian vacation or travel on a huge Starship like the Enterprise? Perhaps, the greatest trip for us as time travelers would be the ability to see the Face and hear the very Voice of Christ. How awesome would that be! How life changing! It is more

the reality than not that you and I are time travelers. Standing at the foot of the altar, we stand before our "time tunnel." Through its most unbelievable technology of Mystery, had only be those who believe, we are able to pierce through time and, enter unto Eternity. The Eucharist that we celebrate transcends all time and brings past, present, and future together into One. In It, we see the very Face of Christ and hear anew His Voice. At the foot of the altar, we too, walk the shores of Galilee with Him and His disciples. We dance with Him at Cana and greet His Mother. We agonize with Him on the way to Calvary and kneel weeping at the foot of His Cross. There too at the altar we are left joyful and awestruck encountering Him risen and alive outside the empty tomb. Finally, we are already able to see His Future Glory made present. This is our top secret project that we want to tell everyone about. Join together with me now this Lent and beyond. Prepare for a most extraordinary adventure through time. It happens right here; right inside our church. Therein one will discover the true "Time Tunnel" of our Faith!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson



**SYNOD SURVEY** - St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish is participating in a parish-wide survey! Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. It asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be *confidential*, as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. Survey is available until April 4, 2022. Visit

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ya1a4y>. Paper copies and envelopes are available in the vestibule of church.

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DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 20, 2022..... \$4,407  
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$162,514  
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections..... \$166,166

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, April 9 and 10, will be the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support Religious Education.

**2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - Requests can be made by email at ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or by phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



**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

March 21 - #421 - unsold  
March 22 - #581 - unsold  
March 23 - #657 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00  
March 24 - #013 - unsold  
March 25 - #425 - unsold  
March 26 - #533 - unsold  
March 27 - #025 - unsold

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**DRY TECH WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS**

1-888-5DRY-TECH

## MASS ATTENDANCE for March 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 108  
9:00 AM Mass - 139  
Total Attendance - 247



**Confessions:** Wednesdays, April 6 and 13 at 12:30 PM. Saturdays April 9 from 3:00-3:45 PM.

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays, April 6 and 13 at 1:00 PM. Fridays, April 8 at 7:00 PM.

**Fast & Abstinence:** All persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) and Good Friday. Further, All persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals are to light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily; to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance; to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures; and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All our encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

**SEE INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETIN FOR THE PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE.**

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

**VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS** are being sold



by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie (except supreme).



Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Vouchers will be available after Mass on March 26/27, April 9/10 and April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.

## The Corner

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. It is an act of the prodigal son who returns to his Father and is welcomed by Him with the kiss of peace."*

—Pope St. John Paul II

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 9/10**

#### **4:00 PM Mass**

Lectors - Warzeski, Nester, Deacon

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - Scheidt

#### **9:00 AM Mass**

Lectors - Boyer, LaRosa, Deacon

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon, Break, C. Bucciaglia & Carr

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Neiman

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

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

DEACON CHARLES GIORDANO from Barb & Ken Bingener;

MONICA BAUER from Betty Skokowski, Louise Turza Davanzo & family;

ALBANIA "PINA" TERPOLILLI from Loretta & John Gauger.



### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD**

**DRIVE** on Monday, April 4 and Monday April 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 1-

800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

**PEEK & PLAY PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** at St. Aloysius School on Friday, April 22 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Must register to attend at [www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com](http://www.SaintAloysiusSchool.com). Meet our teachers! Play in our classrooms! Pre-school 3 (full and half day) and Pre-K 4 (full day) Programs available.

**OPEN HOUSE - MATER LAETITIAE ACADEMY** on Wednesday, April 6 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Thomas More Parish, Pottstown. A Classical Education Academy. Students meet in the classrooms Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Work at home Tuesday & Friday. Curriculum for Grades K-12. Affordable tuition. Questions: [prehyer@materlaetitiaecom](mailto:prehyer@materlaetitiaecom).

**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB** at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Wednesday. April 13 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Book - *A Padre Pio Profile*. For more information or to register contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org). Purchase your book from the gift shop at the Centre or on-line store at [www.padepio.org](http://www.padepio.org).

**ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL** on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Join us for a fun-filled and blessed day for families in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Join Archbishop Pérez for Mass, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for a dynamic presentation on marriage and fatherhood, Dr. Sax for family social media guidance, Corazon Puro for fun-filled youth activities and Mike and Alicia Hernon with amazing tips for your irreplaceable family. For more information visit the Family Festival Webpage: [www.phillycatholiclife.org/archdiocesan-family-festival-2022/](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org/archdiocesan-family-festival-2022/).

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:** All are invited to participate in a new prayer initiative in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia - Philly Adoration for Vocations. Held each Thursday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. To sign up for a day/time to pray visit [www.Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://www.Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). For more information email [Phillyadoration@gmail.com](mailto:Phillyadoration@gmail.com). Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before the scheduled prayer time.

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s in western Montgomery County looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming event: Friday, April 8 - Stations of the Cross and Service Project at Corpus Christi, Lansdale beginning at 7:00 PM (bring a pair of scissors). Questions - contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

**HOPE BLOOMS: A Virtual Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma** on April 22-23. Retreat leaders are Fr. Allen Hoffa of Integrity Restored; Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden; De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry; Bonnie West and Marian West Veilleux. Find the full schedule and register at [www.hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats](http://www.hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats) or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** on April 22-24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Resolve to "Live your best life in love." For more information visit [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org).