

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 FEBRUARY 2026

Readings for Sunday, February 1: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a.

Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

Readings for Sunday, February 8: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.



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>	
2 Feb.	MON.	9:00 AM	Richard & Darlene Schneible	Son, Paul
3 Feb.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
4 Feb.	WED.	9:00 AM	John Bracaglia	Lou Murgia
5 Feb.	THU.	9:00 AM	Florence Simon Rivas	Daughter, Millie
7 Feb.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 Feb.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Marge Bucciaglia	Jack & family



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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PAINTING OF CHURCH, BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, DAILY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH.

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.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostess - Marie Hildebrand.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY will be running a fund raiser involving ANY old or broken jewelry to include costume, silver, gold, mismatched, etc. A box is in the vestibule for your donations.

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE on Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8 after Masses. Anything from cakes, cookies, candy and game day snacks. Please price and label items then drop off in church vestibule before Masses.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 25, 2026. \$3,706
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$133,423

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 7 AND 8 will be the Parish Property Maintenance & Repair Collection.

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME
610-326-1510

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 217
9:00 AM Mass - 0
Total Attendance - 217



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.



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

- January 19 - #030 - unsold
- January 20 - #242 - unsold
- January 21 - #816 - unsold
- January 22 - #406 - unsold
- January 23 - #845 - unsold
- January 24 - #932 - unsold
- January 25 - #322 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on February 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, drawing down the blood supply by about 35% over the past month. High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. We need your help. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

The Corner

Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

“O Blessed Mother, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart.”

---Abbot Dom Prosper Gueranger



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass


Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Logaivau & Logaivau

Greeter - Hildebrand

In Catholic school classrooms and religious education programs, nearly 80,000 students and their families encounter the Church - which often marks their first introduction to Jesus. To deepen this education mission and work to connect it to parish life, we intend to add full-time missionaries to work in our grade and high schools to strengthen Catholic identity, help students and families become missionary disciples, and guide them toward a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. We will also add dedicated development directors to schools without full-time staff in this role and support existing directors with enhanced training and resources to ensure financial sustainability and foster mission-driven stewardship. These leaders will secure vital funding sources, including Educational Improvement Tax Credits and other tuition assistance programs, to make Catholic education accessible to more families. **Share your feedback on this important initiative by completing the planning study survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/9fcs95U5B4> or scan the QR code.**





SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe on February 1. Breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple,

eggs your way, a variety of omelets, and different types of breakfast bowls.

HOMEMADE

HALUSKY AND FROZEN PIROHY SALE

Sponsored by the Women's Society

Saturday, February 28

Note Pick-up Times!

#1 - Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#2 - Saturday, February 28 after 4:00 PM Mass

Please circle pick-up time.

Pick-up in Church Social Hall

1 Quart of Halusky - \$8.00

How many _____ \$ Total _____

1 Dozen Frozen Pirohy - \$10.00

How many _____ \$ Total _____

Total \$ Amount of Order _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Orders and payment due by February 15.

Check payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.



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.

ST. ALOYSIUS ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES - Saints of

the Month. Sundays at 11:15 AM (after the 10:15 AM Mass) in the lower level of the Gathering Center. Ever wonder about the Saints on the Church Liturgical Calendar? Join us for an informal talk over snacks and get to know some of our friends in heaven whose feast days we celebrate each month. February 15 - Saints for February: St. Paul Miki, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, St. Peter Damian and more. For more information contact Sophie Schneible (610-326-5877, ext. 426 or Sschneible@saintaloyusius.net).



It's the dreaded **DISCOMBOBULATOR!** Heads feel like they're going to explode! The radar is knocked out! One falls to the ground and loses one's cookies – or worse! It is said that it was the "discombobulator" – a super-duper, top-secret,



high-tech, twenty-first century, gee-whiz device – that was used recently in Venezuela. All were thrown into disarray and easily overcome. Is this truly a new super weapon? Well...maybe...or maybe not. Some know certain names political today, the mention of which, seemingly have the same effect! I remember hearing, some time ago, about something similar happening in Cuba. Embassy personnel became sick and nauseous. It was thought that it was the Chinese perhaps? And if not, then most definitely the Russians! It is still an unsolved mystery to this day. I wonder if it was a test and trial run of the

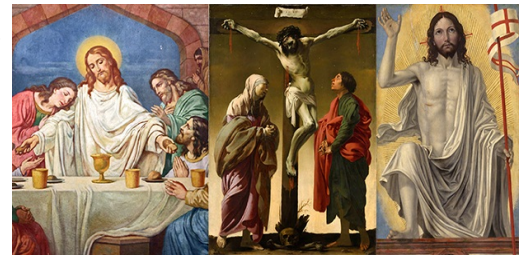
most definitely disorienting discombobulator? The world may never know. One thing that we do know is that discombobulation has been around for a long time. It started in the very beginning when Adam and Eve became very confused over a little piece of fruit and it continues right up into our own day with some wild winter weather leaving about ten to twelve inches of discombobulation...with maybe even



some more this weekend! Did you know that even Catholic Schools (which we celebrated this past cold and snowy week) can cause discombobulation? Trust me, I know! And it isn't – as in my case – just math! Just what the heck is an "imaginary" number? I know that it is definitely not that number which is the cost to heat one's home or rectory! But sometimes, in the midst of befuddlement and confusion...clarity and insight emerge. This is what Catholic Schools and our own Saint Aloysius Parish School fundamentally offer, because of Who they offer. Faith can be so confusing at first, but in time, a great clarity emerges. And that clarity has a Name! It is Jesus, Himself, Who is the Master Discombobulator! He is the super-duper, secret weapon of all centuries, including our own. His Words come at us like some high-energy, super-weapon laser beam. They can, for a time, blind us, confuse us, frustrate us, and even make us feel sick! Just how can folks that are poor in spirit, mourning, or meek ever possibly



be blessed? And persecution doesn't sound like such a nice thing to me! I'm confused, befuddled, and discombobulated! The Lord's laser certainly struck the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees, didn't it? Talk about a disconcerting discombobulation! This divine discombobulation would lead to what we know as the Sacred Triduum – or Three Great Days. The Three Great Days of our Faith are the ultimate time of discombobulation. From suffering to death and from death to new life eternal in a Resurrection that can only be described as...you know...discombobulating! However, to those with Faith, a great clarity arises, while confusion, with all its accompanying anxieties and fears, is put to death for good! And it is then – and only then – that the tremendous and the most Sacred Mystery of the Great Discombobulator is finally and for all time, solved!



Peace!
Fr. Wilson