

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 FEBRUARY 2026

Readings for Sunday, February 15: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways.

Readings for Sunday, February 22: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.



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>
16 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernas	Jack & Lori Carr
17 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Dominic & Marcella Vitacco	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
18 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	James Baldasano	Ginger Scheidt
18 Feb.	WED. 5:00 PM	Shirley Nagel	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
19 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Thomas Marcheskie, Jr.	Wife & Children
21 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert & Joan Sabo	Barb Keller
22 Feb.	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 MARCH issue at the Parish Office.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.



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.



LOST WEEK

Collections at PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2026. \$5,425
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$143,006


SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 will be the St. Gabriel Feast Day Collection.

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”
DR. DIANE FRIES, OPTOMETRIST
 610-323-0450

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 7/8:

4:00 PM Mass - 126
 9:00 AM Mass - 93
 Total Attendance - 219



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

February 2 - #464 - unsold
 February 3 - #918 - unsold
 February 4 - #040 - Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00
 February 5 - #688 - unsold
 February 6 - #555 - Karen Schaller - \$50.00
 February 7 - #863 - Sheri Piveteau - \$50.00
 February 8 - #147 - Marian Lippert - \$100.00



Ways to Give

SCAN here TO GIVE

ONLINE
 give.catholicchurchofphila.org

CASH OR CHECK

PLANNED GIVING
 Contact Office of Stewardship & Development at (215) 987-3900

Giving Hope TO ALL

CATHOLICCHURCHOFPHILA.ORG/APPEAL



Your Generosity Supports

133 Retired & Informed Priests
 50 Food Cupboards, Emergency Food Distributions & Sites
 7.5M Meals Provided

140+ Students Receive Tuition Assistance to Attend Schools of Special Education
 22 Mission Parishes that carry on the work of Missionary Discipleship


HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED

- Social Services - 54%
- Special Education - 12%
- Mission Parishes - 11%
- Retired and Informed Priests - 10%
- Cultural Ministries - 7%
- Life, Family and Laity - 6%

The Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia supports and coordinates more than 100 charitable programs that help Christ's poor, vulnerable and suffering every corner of the the county metropolitan area. CCA provides hope, healing and care. Every gift helps us to "meet our need."

In Christ, hope is a gift we receive at the altar, a grace we share with every heart that seeks Christ's care.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2026 In-Pew Weekend will be held next weekend, February 21 and 22. Catholic Charities Appeal materials will be in the pews and at the Church entrances.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on February 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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
ANNA M. GEORGE from Ron & Carol Fry;
SAM BOUGHTER from Tony Vitacco;
GERALD KNOPP from Tony Vitacco.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 21/22

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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



Altar Servers - Griffin & Francis

Greeter - Carr

Our Faith is our most priceless possession. We have been entrusted to guard, nourish, and share it with others.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, the presider declares, "This is our faith. This is the faith of the church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We live out this gift of faith in our parish communities by worship, praise, service and sharing it with family, neighbors and all those we encounter every day. Help shape the future of our faith and the Catholic Church of Philadelphia by sharing your feedback. **Please complete the planning study survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/9fcs95U5B4> or scan the QR code.**

The Catholic Church of Philadelphia



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.

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.

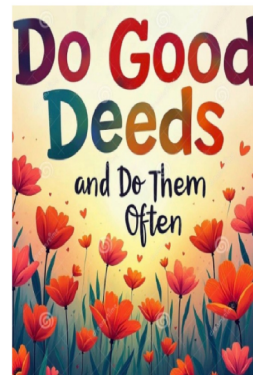
Check payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.

The Corner

"[But] take care not to do righteous deeds in order that people may see them."
---Matthew 6:1

As we start our Lenten journey this week, we have a good reminder from the Bible to be humble in our sacrifices.

My Offering to God this week: I will do something kind for someone anonymously.





St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother
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ALL ITEMS WELCOME!



**Jewelry
Collection
Fundraiser**

February 1-28, 2026

Donating your unwanted jewelry can be a wonderful way to declutter while supporting the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church, Stowe.

Whether it is gold, silver, estates pieces, costume jewelry, or broken items and single earrings.

Drop off your items in the box located in the church vestibule.

Please spread the word to your relatives, neighbors, and friends.



**Important Information Regarding
Saint Aloysius and Holy Trinity
Cemeteries**

Saint Aloysius and Holy Trinity cemeteries will begin Spring/Lenten Clean Up process on Monday, March 2. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly **remove the items by Sunday, March 1**. Everything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 2 by our cemetery crew. Thank you for your cooperation.



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Masses at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at St. Gabriel Parish.
Masses at 12 Noon and 7:00 PM at St. Aloysius Parish.

FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT - The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT - 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 Scripture, and to participate in Parish Lenten Devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - All are 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. Operation Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesdays beginning February 25 at 1:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Wednesdays beginning February 25 at 12:30 PM.
Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION BOOKS AND WORD

AMONG US LENTEN BOOKS are available at the Church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Please feel free to take a copy home with you for Lenten Reflection.

2026 College Fair
At
Pope John Paul II High School

No Registration Required! Free!!

Open to the Public! Bring a Friend!

Date: Tues. March 3 2026
Time: 6-8PM

Location:
Main Gym
181 Rittenhouse Rd
Royersford PA
19468

Contact:
Doreen Bell at
dbell@pjphs.org
with questions

Scan to see a list of Participating Colleges



I find it kind of amusing that it's a matter of a penguin video. The bigger questions of life could simply be engaged in and of themselves. But hey, whatever works for the Tik-Tok/Video Shorts generation of today. If it takes a penguin video to prompt such discussion, then that's fine with me. If you haven't seen it, it's worth a look. The title of the video is the



"Nihilistic Penguin." It's less than three minutes. It's not a new video, but a video newly received and now known as a meme. In it, a little penguin wanders off from the rest heading in the opposite direction – off towards the mountains and away from the open sea. The narrator, Werner Herzog, wonders why. Is the penguin insane? I'm not sure that insanity is a possibility for a penguin, nor is the ecologist animal expert in the

video. All that's known is that he is going off by himself for some unknown reason and that he is undeterred in his journey as he begins waddling away...to a certain death, so says the narrator. The short clip has gone viral on the internet after someone supposedly had a life changing moment after viewing it. Hmm. Yeah, watching a penguin video changed my life. Okay...I'll 6-7 that. I've brought the whole matter up with my

friends in our Eighth Grade, not because I'm particularly interested in penguins, though they are kinda cute, but because I am very interested in life's "bigger questions" and I want them to be interested too – as we all should be. So, I asked them to watch, ponder, and question. Why would a penguin go off in a different direction all by itself? Is the little guy's death a certainty? And penguins aside, what about you? What direction are



you headed in? I'm interested in our soon-to-be-high-schoolers' thoughts, and I'm

interested in yours as well. In what direction are you headed? It's interesting to

note that Jesus, Himself, caused quite the stir by going off in a different direction.

The Pharisees and Scribes were none too happy. Jesus would make His Way

undeterred to the heights of Jerusalem and a certain death that would result in a

whole new Life. Nihilism vanquished one might say. As we now prepare to enter

the Season of Lent, the season of "bigger" questions, consider a meme penguin's different direction and determination, but much more importantly in this most sacred season, consider your own!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson