

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

## 2 FEBRUARY 2025

**Readings for Sunday, February 2:** Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.

Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to his temple to be a light for all the nations.

**Readings for Sunday, February 9:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.



**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>
3 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Joan Horst Lappin	Mary Ann Monaghan
4 Feb.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Angelina DeMario	Jack & Lori Carr
5 Feb.	WED. 9:00 AM	Florence Simon & Hector Rivas, Jr.	Deacon Ray & Millie Then
6 Feb.	THU. 9:00 AM	Richard J. Wanner	Claude & Angela Shelton
8 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
9 Feb.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Margaret 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.



**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.

**ST. GABRIEL MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of:  
DOMINIC GENTILE from Vivie Fitch, Bucciaglia Family, Pete & Lori LaRosa.



**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



**2025 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of weekend Masses available.

join in these Marian Devotions.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 26, 2025** \$4,223  
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$133,529

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, February 8 and 9 will be the Parish Property Maintenance and Repair Collection.

**WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:**  
JANUARY DRAWING - M/M Thomas Hildebrand - \$238.00.

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

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER**  
610-323-4440



**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](mailto: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.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 25/26:**

4:00 PM Mass - 135  
9:00 AM Mass - 150  
Total Attendance - 285



**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 20 - #533 - unsold
- January 21 - #829 - Jack Bucciaglia - \$50.00
- January 22 - #242 - unsold
- January 23 - #225 - unsold
- January 24 - #670 - unsold
- January 25 - #236 - unsold
- January 26 - #402 - Shirley Mohn - \$100.00



**American Red Cross**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

on February 3 and 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges maintaining a sufficient blood supply during the

winter. When a shortage happens it can delay essential medical care. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org) to donate blood.

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 8/9**

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Miller & Griffin

Greeter - Hildebrand



**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.

***The Corner***

“Today, along with Simeon and Anna, we contemplate the Divine child, the Word made flesh, who is brought to the Temple; the Temple of our heart.”

—from the vatican.va website

**WOMEN’S SOCIETY NEWS**



**Women’s Society Meeting** on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostess is Loretta Gauger.

**Super Bowl Sale** on February 8 and 9 after Masses. Baked Goods and Snacks will be available for purchase.

**Santina & Douglassville Café Gift Certificates** continue to be sold. Pick them up after Masses or at the Parish Office for \$15.00 each. The Café serves breakfast and lunch and is now open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE**

Sponsored by the Women’s Society

**Saturday, March 1**

Note pick-up times!

#1 Saturday, March 1 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#2 Saturday, March 1 after 4:00 PM Mass

No Sunday pick-up

**Please circle pick up time**

1 dozen Meatballs - \$13.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

½ dozen Meatballs - \$7.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

1 quart of Sauce - \$7.00

How many \_\_\_\_\_ \$Total \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Orders and payment due by February 23.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women’s Society

**IMPORTANT ST. ALOYSIUS AND HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY INFORMATION:**

St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up process on Monday, March 3. 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 2. Everything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 3 by our cemetery crew.

ST. ALOYSIUS  
**LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION**

THE RETURN OF THE  
**PRODIGAL SON**

A STORY OF HOMECOMING



HENRI J. M. NOUWEN  
Participants will need to purchase the book on their own

**The Return of the Prodigal Son**  
by Henri Nouwen



**When:** Mondays 11:30 a.m.  
March 10, 17, & 24

**Where:** St. Aloysius Parish  
Lower Level of Gathering Center

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

on February 2. We serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets, and different types of breakfast

bowls. Breakfast is served from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER**

- Laugh the night away at SoulJoel's on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 PM. SoulJoel's is located at Sunnybrook, Pottstown. Partial proceeds from ticket sales and 10% of your dining bill will benefit the St. Teresa of Calcutta 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. There is a great line up of comedians including Chris Roach from CBS Kevin James Can Wait. Come dine inside Gatsby's Pub before the event from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. General Admission Tickets are \$20.00. More information and ticket purchase online at <https://souljoels.com/shop/tickets/stteresa8thgrade/>.

**EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO**

**First Friday Mass** is celebrated at 10:30 AM on February 7 in Our Lady of Grace Chapel which adjoins the Spirituality Centre. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow morning Mass. Eucharistic Adoration concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to Mass from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio follows the 11:30 AM Rosary.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** on February 15 beginning with Confessions at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10:30 AM. Spiritual talk following Mass. Rosary with Benediction following Spiritual Talk. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Benediction. Prayer Group concludes by approximately 12:00 PM. Fr. John Frink serves as the Spiritual Director of the Padre Pio Prayer Group. Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) if you live in the area and would like to join the Prayer Group.

For more information on the above events please contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org).

**ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ'S PASTORAL LETTER AND INVITATION TO CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA**

- On January 5, the Feast of St. John Neumann, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia,



Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez released a pastoral letter, at the core of which is a call to a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. The letter also shares with us the Archbishop's vision for the future of

the Church of Philadelphia and invitation to all Catholics to be a part of the conversation about what that will look like. To read the letter, watch the Archbishop's video and sign up for a consultation session visit [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org) or scan the QR Code above.



The goal of the Jubilee Year 2025 is to offer pilgrims in their own local area opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and prayerful opportunities to receive the sacraments, strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and enrich their lifelong faith journey. One way to observe the Jubilee Year is by pilgrimages. There are several Shrines within the Archdiocese that are places to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. More information on the Jubilee Year 2025 can be found at [www.archphila.org/hollyear](http://www.archphila.org/hollyear).

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

- Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. The program provides help for marriage problems, difficulties and crises. Next Program will be held on February 14-16 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more information or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230.

**RESTORE: A HEALING RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN**

at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown on February 20-23. Retreat Leaders are Fr. Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison. The retreat is for men and women seeking Christ-centered healing from emotional and spiritual effects of trauma. For more information visit [www.youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women](http://www.youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women).



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Good Morning and Happy Catholic Schools Week! Crickets! So again...Good Morning and Happy CSW! There followed



a somewhat lame and subdued response. *Man, oh man!* I kinda thought that my eight hundred or so teenager friends would be more responsive at Mass. I mean, c'mon! They were getting out of class and would have shortened classes the rest of the day. The response at the beginning of Mass should have been: *Good Morning, Father and thank you!* Right? But alas, I had a large number of tired, moody, and mopey teenagers in front of me. My homiletic endeavor was

strained. References to the *Eagles, Elgses, or Iggles...*however we spell or pronounce our beloved team name now...got me nowhere. Father was bombing. Throw him a lifeline! Even

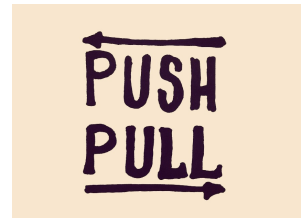


my creative redefining of a parable being akin to the *Philly Tush-Push* or *Brotherly shove*\*\* got perhaps merely a chuckle or two with most of those teen eyes staring blankly off into space. What gives? As Mass continued, the Lord gave answer. It was, in fact, the *Philly Tush-Push* of the previous evening and the *Brotherly Shove* still lacking on that particular morning that were to blame. They *were* tired. They were *all* tired – including faculty and administration. Everyone had watched the big game. *The*

*Birds* are goin' to the Super Bowl baby! The teens probably had mom or dad dragging them out of bed in the morning and many probably hadn't eaten yet. Lunch was still two or three periods away. *Ag...o...ny!* After Mass, as I spoke with and called out various students for being dead-to-the-world at Mass, they confessed their dire straits.



I discovered that they were actually listening at Mass, but that they simple weren't responding. One student actually recounted something that I said that struck him. Wow! Miracles do happen! I told him that he made my day, especially after he informed me that he and his girlfriend like to talk about things they read in Scripture. My goodness gracious! Maybe this whole Catholic Education thing actually does work! Our Lord certainly had similar experiences – as do all good Christians working diligently and creatively to proclaim the Faith. If I recall correctly, Jesus, for the most part, bombed on the "stage" of His own hometown when He returned there and there was another time when some folks were ready to throw Him off the "stage" of a cliff! Such things can



sometimes happen to us with family or friends or maybe even on a high school stage before some early Monday morning zombified students. Such times became part and parcel of the story of Our Lord. Such times became a part of the Proclamation. As was true for Our Lord, so is true for us. The key is to stay in the game, keep the ball in play, and never give up. That's when we rally the team on the goal line giving a grace-filled *Brotherly Shove* breaking the plane, scoring the touchdown, and winning the *really* big game of bringing others to the



Faith. See you at the tailgate party!

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson

\*\* The *Divine Tush-Push* or *Brotherly Shove* of a parable is a story told meant to make one think and get over the "goal line" of a deeper Faith