

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 FEBRUARY 2022

Readings for Sunday, February 27: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45.

The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

Readings for Sunday, March 6: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.



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>
28 Feb.	MON. 9:00 AM	Anna & John Selfinger	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
1 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	David Pota	Jack & Lori Carr
2 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Katharine R. Marx	Fr. Wilson
3 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Lawrence Deluca	Fr. Wilson
5 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
6 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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, March 3 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Hostesses are Sylvia Marcheskie and Marie Hildebrand.

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



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.



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 at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!



Feast Day of Our Patron, Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

Francis Possenti was born in Assisi on March 1, 1838, the eleventh of thirteen children. His mother died when he was four years old, and her death left a void in his heart. An older sister, Mary Louise, tried to take her place; but no one could really take the place of his mother. So Francis turned to the Mother of God and sought her protection and care. He confided all his cares to her. In temptations her name was always on his lips, and his burning love for her gave him sufficient courage in overcoming every obstacle.



Francis was like a teenager of today. He loved fancy clothes, was conscious of his appearance and was noted as a good dancer. He was fond of literature and the theater. However, in later years he felt a growing dissatisfaction within himself. It was as if Our Lord was calling him to a higher state in life. Indeed Our Lord was calling him – through His mother.



In 1856 a cholera epidemic swept over the city of Spoleto; and Francis's sister, Mary Louise, became its victim. After the epidemic, the Archbishop of Spoleto carried a painting of the Mother of God through the streets in a solemn procession of thanksgiving. As Francis knelt, it seemed as though the Madonna was looking directly at him. This was a sign for Francis – a sign not to put off giving his life for Christ.

He attended the Jesuit College of Spoleto. The day after his graduation, Francis was on his way to the novitiate at Morrovale, to enter one of the strictest congregations in the Church, the Passionists. The Passionist Congregation was founded in the eighteenth century by St. Paul of the Cross. Its purpose is to promote devotion to the life-giving Passion and Death of Christ.

Francis began his year of training as a novice by laying his secular dress and embracing the rough, black habit and sandals of a Passionist. At this ceremony he took the new name of Gabriel and the title of Our Lady's Sorrows. After his year of novitiate he pronounced the vows of a religious.

Gabriel had repeated bouts with sickness, and later learned that he had tuberculosis. This did not weaken his spirits, and he longed for the day when he would celebrate his First Mass. After five years as a Passionist, on May 25, 1861, Gabriel received Minor Orders. He practiced the ceremonies of the Mass in preparation for his First Mass, but God had different plans in store for Gabriel.

Gabriel died on February 27, 1862. He was buried at the monastery at Isola. Many pilgrims visited his tomb and numerous miracles were attributed to him. Thus, forty-six years after his death, on May 31, 1908, Pope St. Pius X proclaimed Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin to be Blessed. Twelve years later, on May 13, 1920, Pope Benedict XV enrolled Gabriel among the saints of God. His feast day is February 27. He is the patron of youth, especially young religious.



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022... \$4,436
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$142,008
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$145,066

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 5 AND 6 will be the monthly Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL provides support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Taking care of those who need help the most is one of the most important things we can do as Catholics. For those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal, prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. Information about the Catholic Charities Appeal has been sent to your homes.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 19/20:

4:00 PM Mass - 120
9:00 AM Mass - 101
Total Attendance - 221

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 12/13, March 26/27, April 9/10 and April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.

REMINDER! If you ordered Spaghetti Sauce and/or Meatballs, please pick up your order in the social hall after Masses this weekend.



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

February 14 - #071 - unsold
February 15 - #925 - Kim Trego - \$50.00
February 16 - #606 - unsold
February 17 - #628 - unsold
February 18 - #932 - Vicki Hansell - \$50.00
February 19 - #281 - Paula Spollen - \$50.00
February 20 - #487 - unsold



BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, March 4 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the social hall. Prospective donors, please call 800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

LENT begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 2. See the insert in today's bulletin for the Lenten Schedule and Fast and Abstinence Guidelines for Lent.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 5/6

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Villano

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & Vitacco

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Neiman

UNIVERSAL SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - Archbishop Pérez is inviting all Catholics to attend a listening session offered in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese in March and April. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the synodal process! For more information or to register, go to www.archphila.org/synod.

The Corner

Call to mind a person that you find hard to take and then recount in detail the characteristics that make that person so obnoxious to you. Then go to God and ask Him to forgive those same faults in you. Give yourself the gift of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent.

SONG AND STORY LENTEN MISSION with David Kauffman at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown on March 16 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. Love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkil.org.

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT OF REPARATION on March 4 at St. Thomas More Church, Pottstown. Confessions, Mass, Adoration and Rosary. Begins at 8:00 PM. For more information contact Tara Szymanski (610-716-5673) or Tom & Denise Harrison (610-506-9244).

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, March 6 at 12:00 PM - *Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle*. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Inspiring Women of the Bible on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church & Education Center multi-purpose room, Schwenksville. Guest speaker - Fr. John Gibbons. Includes Mass, light continental breakfast, guest speaker, Q&A session and Rosary. RSVP by March 7 to Jen1968@hotmail.com - include your name and phone number. Cash donations will be accepted for Birthright.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT on March 4-6 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. This experience will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information call Georgeann (484-955-4278) or Susan (610-716-4795).

VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES - Following Mary to Calvary on Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7:30PM to 8:30 PM. For information or to sign up visit www.miraculousmedal.org/following-mary22.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE - Sunday and Wednesday evenings beginning March 6 and concluding March 30. This is a great opportunity to spend time improving your communication in the comfort of your own home. Each session begins at 6:30 PM and runs approximately 2.5 hours. For more information contact Marge & Michael Walsh (609-741-8012 or wwmejerseylvers@gmail.com).

POTTSTOWN LIFT invites you to our Gala & Auction benefitting Al's Heart Warming Center on March 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Sunnybrook Ballroom. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at www.pottstownlift.org/upcomingevents. If you would like to be an event sponsor, go to www.pottstownlift.org/upcomingevents for more information.