

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 4 FEBRUARY 2024

**Readings for Sunday, February 4:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39.

Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Such are the blessings of the good news.

**Readings for Sunday, February 11:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.



**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>
5 Feb.	MON.	9:00 AM	Florence Simon
6 Feb.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Millie & Deacon Ray Then
7 Feb.	WED.	9:00 AM	George Koren Family
8 Feb.	THU.	9:00 AM	Son, Jack
10 Feb.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Son & Daughter
11 Feb.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
			Shirley Kovach



**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.

**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 special Marian Devotions.



We congratulate Tripp Jeffrey Hildebrand and his family on his Baptism.



**BUS TRIP** on Tuesday, May 14 to see "Daniel" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster. Depart from church at 10:30 AM. Return to church at approximately 7:00 PM. Cost is \$169.00 - includes m o t o r c o a c h transportation, lunch at

Hometown Kitchen, tax and gratuity for lunch and ticket to the show. Make plans now to join us and ask your friends to join you. Call the parish office to reserve your seat!

# Collections ©PPC thank you

**DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 28, 2024..... \$5,342**  
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections..... \$132,360  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$134,543

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, February 10 and 11 will be the collection for Parish Property Maintenance and Repair.

**WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE** to support Religious Education:  
 JANUARY DRAWING: M/M Gregory Bell - \$236.00.



**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 22 - #539 - Anthony & Theresa Vitacco - \$50.00  
 January 23 - #232 - Darlene Matta - \$50.00  
 January 24 - #763 - unsold  
 January 25 - #449 - unsold  
 January 26 - #162 - unsold  
 January 27 - #971 - Doris Yarmush - \$50.00  
 January 28 - #784 - Ann Kunsch - \$100.00

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

EDWIN STEPP from Ron & Carol Fry;  
ALICE SAUNDERS from Ron & Carol Fry;  
JOSEPHINE BATTISTA from Vivian Fitch, Kathy Bernhard;  
JOHN DELLA PENNA from Mary Lenhardt, Kathy Bernhard;  
MARY GACURA from Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Pete & Lori LaRosa.

## MASS ATTENDANCE for January 27/28:

4:00 PM Mass - 115  
 9:00 AM Mass - 108  
 Total Attendance - 223

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**  
 610-326-4137

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



**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.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on February 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels in recent weeks across the country. Blood and platelet donations are needed now to help alleviate the shortage. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 10/11

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Donnelly & Nagel

Greeter - Hildebrand



### **SUPER BOWL SNACKS AND**

**SWEETS SALE** on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 after Masses. Anything and everything from cakes, cookies, candy and game day snacks. Please price and label

items then drop off in church vestibule before Masses.

### ***The Corner***

So many of Jesus' miracles are recounted all this week in the Gospels; healings of Peter's mother-in-law, all the sick brought to Him, a Greek woman's daughter, a deaf man, and a leper, plus He feeds thousands with a few loaves and fish! But the Pharisees still demanded a sign of His divinity. We are blessed to "see that sign" when we read the Gospels, and when we partake of the miracle of the Eucharist at Mass, where He still feeds us daily.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up Process on Monday, March 4. 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 3. Anything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 4 by our cemetery crew.

**RETROUVAILLE** provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Next program will be held February 16-18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 1-800-470-2230.

### NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO

Stations of the Cross with Padre Pio - Ash Wednesday, February 14 (no ashes distributed) and Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent following the 11:30 AM Rosary. Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio following Stations. On Friday, March 8 Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 2:00 PM as part of our Lenten Retreat.

Lenten Reflection Series - Eucharist Adoration, a Lenten Reflection with Fr. John Frink and Benediction. Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. Wednesdays - February 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary Reflection Group - Mondays February 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Each session begins at 10:00 AM and concludes with the Rosary and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio and 11:30 AM. Attend any or all of the sessions as your schedule permits. The format includes fellowship and refreshments, the viewing of the DVD presentation on the big screen in the Spirituality Center, a discussion period, and the recitation of the Rosary. No cost to participate but registration is suggested by contacting [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

For more information on any of the above events, please visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) or call 610-845-3000.

### **MEATBALL AND SAUCE SALE**

Sponsored by the Women's Society

Saturday, March 2

Note pick up times!

#1 Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

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 25.

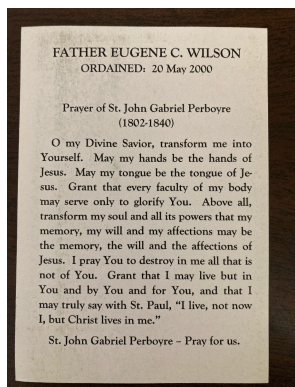
Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society.



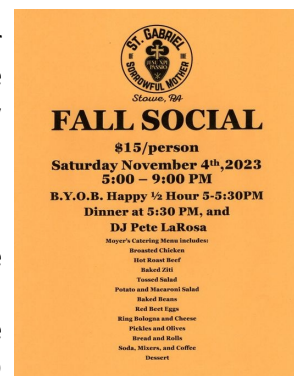
I know someone that now lives and works on the West Coast. Her college studies were in the hospitality field and she is now an Event Planner/Coordinator. She very much enjoys her work. Recently I heard about a corporate gathering somewhere in or around Houston, Texas. It was like a company pep rally meant to garner the enthusiasm of employees while introducing the latest products. The Japanese CEO flew in for the event and he had a well planned out and elaborate welcome. There were rehearsals for the various on-stage and off-stage activities. There was much drama, music, and flashing lights. There were workshops, question/answer sessions, and the requisite media briefing. One might perhaps draw comparisons with a papal visit. My West Coast friend could have been involved in planning such an event. Event planning and



coordinating is something that can be studied in school, but I believe that it really builds upon a natural talent. There are those folks who just love to throw a good party inviting family and friends for a good time. It might be at the holidays or simply a summertime reunion. Maybe it's an annual Super Bowl party. You might be one of those persons. I'm really not. Perhaps my greatest effort at planning an event or party was at the time of my ordination. For many priests, the Event Planner/Coordinator at the time of ordination is said priest's mother. There really is little choice in the matter, but mother's pride and desire to help means that there is one less thing about which a soon-to-be Father need worry. I suppose my own mother fulfilled this same requisite role, but it was from the heavens above. Really, I am simply not quite sure how I managed in my final year in the seminary balancing studies, exams, theses papers, diaconate parish responsibilities, preaching, praying and trying to plan ordination parties besides. Miraculously, somehow it all came together. I know it had to do with my mother's prayers and God's grace, but it also had to do with something else. I had quite a bit of help from home parish parishioners, diaconate parish parishioners, friends, and cousins. The celebration immediately after ordination was had at a priest-friend's parish hall in the Tacony section of Philadelphia. It was his parishioners that happily provided all the food and the decorations that allowed a new priest to celebrate. In return, they simply asked for prayers along with invitation to join in the fun. A young man and former youth group member that went to culinary school provided food for the gathering the next day after my first Sunday Mass at my home parish and it was a neighboring parish and their pastor that allowed me to use their large church hall/kitchen which my own parish didn't have. *Mi casa es su casa!* This pastor



and priest-friend would always say this to me. The parishioners there helped decorate. The Daughters of St. Paul religious sisters that I knew provided the prayer cards for my special day while a very nice couple in the printing business offered their services so that my name and chosen prayers appeared on those same cards. God's grace brought everything and everyone together so that a newly ordained priest could properly celebrate. How awesome is that! I'm



hoping that God's grace will be at work again and that you will be a part of that work. In the past year, our parish had two socials. The last one was in the fall. A fun time was had by all. It would be great to have another parish social in the spring, but in order to do so, some help will be needed. Our Parish Council would like to see a new Social Committee formed that could coordinate the event. No degree necessary! If you have that "natural talent" of being a party planner, please let me know. The Council will happily provide tips and guidance on the details of what needs to be done and hopefully we will be able to gather soon in some warmer weather for another most wonderful Parish Social! Otherwise, I might just have to fly in my friend from the West Coast!

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson