

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 FEBRUARY 2025

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

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

Readings for Sunday, February 16: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.



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>
10 Feb. MON. 9:00 AM	Helen & George Koren	Son & Daughter
11 Feb. TUE. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
12 Feb. WED. 9:00 AM	Angelina DeMario	Donna Alexander
13 Feb. THU. 9:00 AM	George Gotcha	Ron & Carol Fry
15 Feb. SAT. 4:00 PM	Hector Rivas, Jr. & Florence Simon	Deacon Ray & Millie Then
16 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, especially STEVEN YARMUSH and LOUIS FERRANTI.

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.



Flowers on the Altar are in memory of MARGE BUCCIAGLIA requested by the Bucciaglia Family.



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.



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.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2025 \$3,867
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$137,396

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, February 15 and 16 will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

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 1-2:

4:00 PM Mass - 164
9:00 AM Mass - 120
Total Attendance - 284



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 27 - #058 - Michael DeVito - \$50.00
- January 28 - #049 - unsold
- January 29 - #490 - unsold
- January 30 - #085 - unsold
- January 31 - #013 - unsold

JANUARY FIGURES: 240 tickets sold - \$1200.00. Payout to winners - \$200.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for January - \$900.00.

- February 1 - #906 - James Bracaglia - \$50.00
- February 2 - #323 - unsold



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on February 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 to donate blood.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of: STEVEN YARMUSH requested by Bucciaglia Family; DOMINIC GENTILE from Helen Chieffo & family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 15/16

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Nester

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Carr



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

Who you are is God's gift to you.

Who you become is your gift to God.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

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.

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.

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 _____

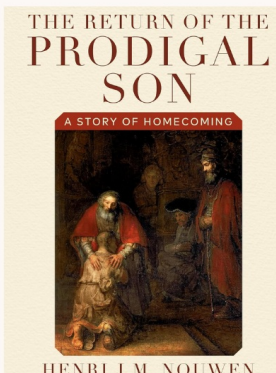
NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Orders and payment due by February 23.

Checks payable to St. Gabriel Women's Society

ST. ALOYSIUS LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION



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@saintaloyus.net

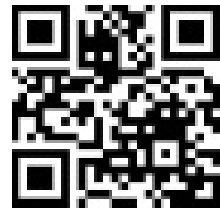
Padre Pio Prayer Group on February 15 beginning with Confessions at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10:30 AM. Spiritual talk following Mass. Prayer Group concludes by approximately 12:00 PM. Fr. John Frink serves as the Spiritual Director of the Padre Pio Prayer Group. Contact angela@padrepio.org if you live in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

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 8TH 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 8th 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/>.

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 or scan the QR Code above.

2025 College Fair

At
Pope John Paul II High School

No Registration Required! Free!!




Open to the Public! Bring a Friend!

Date: Tues. March 4, 2025
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





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.

JOIN ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ & THE OFFICE FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS FOR A JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO



Rome, Italy

JULY 26 - AUGUST 4, 2025
A PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

JOIN US FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI. WHICH WILL HAPPEN DURING OUR PILGRIMAGE!



www.phillyyam.org/jubilee2025/

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 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.

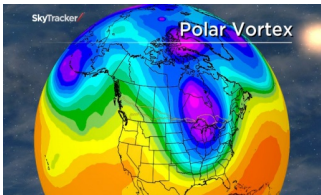
A Message From The Pastor

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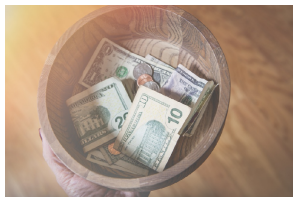
It seems Punxsutawney Phil was correct. Don't put away your winter coats just yet! I hope that he's right about his prediction of an Eagles' win as well! His cousin Gus, of Pennsylvania Lottery fame is in total agreement. The 'hogs will be tailgating with a couple of close friends while watching the Big Game at Gobbler's Knob on Phil's new 75 inch crystal UHD flatscreen. Nice! An Eagles' win would certainly give Phil, Gus, and all of us a nice warm and fuzzy feeling on the inside, even if on the outside and outdoors, in particular, the feeling is quite the opposite! There's a possibility of snow in the forecast again and that ole Polar Vortex is supposed to be dipping down into the Lower 48 again before we get to the end of the month. Brrrrr! Gee



whiz! Spring can't get here soon enough! Well, with colder weather come higher costs. This is true for parishes, schools – and even groundhogs! Thermostats have to be turned up and the snow outside the den needs to be plowed. Higher costs have been on my mind of late. Think of this like a thirty second Super Bowl ad. Just as the cost of living has gone up for everyone – from groceries to insurance and from healthcare to heating bills – so too have costs gone up for parishes and parish schools. A parishioner recently said, *Father, you have to ask for it...it being \$\$\$*. Perhaps that's true. At any rate, parishioners should be aware that costs have risen.



If it's within your means to make an increase in your parish offering and/or make a contribution to the Annual Fund Appeal for Saint Aloysius School, I ask most humbly that you please consider doing so. It sure would help in continuing the good work that we do as a Community of Faith! I remember an uncle of mine who would jokingly refer to me as *Father Get-the-Money*. This began right after my ordination which he



attended. I didn't really like that title then and I still don't. I think that it had more to do with his general impression of a priest/pastor as someone who always seemed to be asking for money. What's interesting is that my uncle, himself, was a most generous man who responded to parish needs and certainly was most generous in helping and encouraging a newly ordained priest. I suppose that I'd rather be known not as *Father Get-the-Money*, but as *Father Got-the-Money* because he inspired a generosity of spirit in the parishioners that he



shepherded and to whom he ministered. Thank you in advance for all that you do and contribute to our parish communities and school! Bundle up! Stay warm! Keep on scratchin'! And please be generous together with our groundhog friends in cheering our Philadelphia Eagles on to victory!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson