

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 JANUARY 2025

Readings for Sunday, January 26: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

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



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>
27 Jan.	MON. 9:00 AM	Phyllis Villano	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
28 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Angelina DeMario	St. Gabriel Women's Society
29 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
30 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	Rev. Charles J. McElroy	Ron & Carol Fry
1 Feb.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Feb.	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.



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.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



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.

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LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 19, 2025 \$2,900
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$129,306

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, February 1 and 2 is the Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity for you to show your gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests. Many continue to be a source of spiritual support through prayer, celebration of Mass and active service to our parishes as much as they are able.

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME
610-326-1510



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.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass - 193
9:00 AM Mass - 91
Total Attendance - 284



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 13 - #701 - unsold
- January 14 - #592 - unsold
- January 15 - #449 - unsold
- January 16 - #961 - unsold
- January 17 - #105 - unsold
- January 18 - #717 - unsold
- January 19 - #111 - unsold



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 to donate blood.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 1 AND 2

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Francis

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & Boyer

Altar Servers - Nagel & Tran

Greeter - Neiman

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

Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, recognized by the Church as "The Angelic Doctor," and considered one of its greatest theologians and philosophers. To the question "does God exist?" his answer is worth pondering:

"For those with faith, no evidence is necessary; for those without it, no evidence will suffice." —*Thomas Aquinas*

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

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.

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. 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/>.



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.

EVENTS AT PADRE PIO CENTRE, BARTO

First Saturday Devotions on February 1. The First Saturday Devotion, according to Sister Lucia of Fatima, were requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain on December 10, 1925. Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, the blessing of religious articles, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, Rosary and the veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio. For more information visit www.padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.

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.

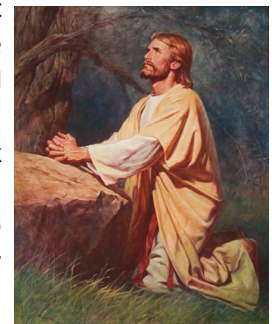
*A Message
From The
Pastor*

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He has aged a bit. I guess the Big Apple will do that to you. And he was definitely thinner. I don't think that it was just a forgiving camera angle. Monday's inauguration was certainly most interesting. Presidential inaugurations always are with all the speeches and all the politicos and political wannabe's in the limelight. The individual that caught my attention at the ceremony's start at noon wasn't any president current, outgoing, or former, but rather a man of the cloth. It was the Archbishop of New York that delivered the initial opening invocation. He was followed immediately by Reverend Franklin Graham, son of the famous preacher. Timothy Dolan has been the Cardinal Archbishop of New York since 2009. I remember sitting with him and our former Archbishop, Charles Chaput, when the Cardinal was the guest speaker



at our priest convocation about ten years ago or so. I remember Cardinal Dolan as a big man both in size and personality. He shared with us all how he simply liked to eat and loved a good meal. He, himself, would joke about his size and never having to shop for clothes in the "petite" section. He is the type of man who causes all heads to turn when he walks into a room. I recall how we spoke at table that day about a movie that was out at the time. Both archbishops had seen it and Archbishop Chaput remarked that it was one of the best movies that he had seen in its portrayal of priesthood. The Cardinal agreed. If you've never seen the movie, *Calvary*, I recommend it – though it's not for children. At the convocation, I don't remember the Cardinal's words spoken to us in his talks, but I do remember his presence, his demeanor, and his friendly greeting to me when I passed him several times in the hallway those couple of days away. At the inauguration, Cardinal Dolan confidently strode up to the podium and began his prayer. Quoting scripture he said, *Be still and know that I am God!* Then, he referenced Washington, Lincoln, Patton, and MLK in their own prayers – that need be ours. I noticed that the Cardinal Archbishop kept looking skyward. He wasn't looking at the Capitol dome, he was looking beyond it. He was looking up to the Almighty Himself. I know at times during the celebration of Mass, I look skyward also and look not at the church ceiling, but beyond. I believe that all of us need to be able to look beyond at times; to look to the heavens and to look into Heaven, Itself! I can picture the Lord, Himself, looking heavenward and looking homeward when He so often went off by Himself to pray. Take time today and everyday to look to Heaven. Prayerfully look towards our Home and begin to see God, Himself, inaugurating a new time of Hope!



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Peace!

Fr. Wilson