

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 JANUARY 2024

Readings for Sunday, January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

As Moses challenged the Israelites to listen to God’s voice, so we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and live out his teachings by what we say and do, whatever our vocation in life may be.

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



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> |
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| 29 Jan. | MON. 9:00 AM | Mary Podsobinski | Tony & Theresa Vitacco |
| 30 Jan. | TUE. 9:00 AM | Members of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish | |
| 31 Jan. | WED. 9:00 AM | Tess Greco | Debbie Lombardi |
| 1 Feb. | THU. 9:00 AM | Helynne Mich | Ken & Helen George |
| 3 Feb. | SAT. 4:00 PM | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish | |
| 4 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.



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!

WOMEN’S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Loretta Gauger and Melanie Warzeski.



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.

LOST WEEK

Collections with PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 21, 2024 \$3,009
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$127,018
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$129,265

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 20/21:

4:00 PM Mass - 99
 9:00 AM Mass - 114
 Total Attendance - 213



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 15 - #735 - unsold
 January 16 - #678 - unsold
 January 17 - #023 - unsold
 January 18 - #163 - unsold
 January 19 - #421 - unsold
 January 20 - #459 - unsold
 January 21 - #433 - unsold



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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated in the Universal Church on February 2. The parishes in our local Church will participate in this initiative during the weekend of February 3/4. Catholics throughout the region will unite in prayerful thanksgiving for all consecrated men and women in the Archdiocese.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 The recently published Synthesis Report of the *XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - A Synodal Church in Mission* underscored the challenges faced by senior citizens and those suffering from physical afflictions. The Chapter, *Towards a Listening and Accompanying Church* notes that, "the elderly and the sick are often invisible in society. We encourage parishes and Christian communities to be close to them and listen to them. Works of mercy inspired by the Gospel words 'I was sick, and you visited me' (Mt 25:39) have a profound significance for the people involved and for fostering the wider bonds of community." The Synod's desire to encourage support for the elderly and ill in a way that upholds their dignity, calls to mind the great gift that retired our retired priests. During their many years of active ministry, these men devotedly brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching and charitable actions. In retirement, they continue to be a great source of spiritual support, through their prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass, working in various ministries, and their wise counsel. Today, one-third of our priests are retired. Many continue in some degree of active service to our parishes as much as their health allows. Others, due to advanced age and medical conditions, live quietly and offer prayers for you, the people of our local Church. The annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes during the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests in seeking to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those entrusted to their care over many years. Please remember all our priests, active and retired, in your daily prayers and consider a generous donation to the Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests this year. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.
 Sincerely in Christ,
 Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 3/4
4:00 PM Mass
 Lector - Vitacco
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tammaro & Tammaro; Choir, Nester
 Altar Server - Holmes
 Greeter - DiMarco
9:00 AM Mass
 Lector - Iannozzi
 Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, C. Buccaglia & Carr
 Altar Servers - Miller & Francis
 Greeter - Neiman



If there is a youthful driver in your household...woe unto thee...especially if that youthful driver is a teenage boy! Insuring such inexperience is costly! As one grows older, the wonder at times is just how in fact, did one manage to



survive the teenage years. The answer certainly has to do with God's Grace for sure! It happened only one time (well, at least while I was the one driving). Usually, I'm rather cautious by nature. However, on this one, particular day of teenage immaturity, I wound up racing my friend down the expressway. I have no recollection of where we had been that day. All I know is that we were on the way back to our neighborhood while heading south on 309. Everything was fine. I was humming along at cruising speed doing the speed limit while jamming to 93.3. My friend was behind me. Suddenly, he gunned his engine and passed me. In that moment, it was like an evil spirit



PHILADELPHIA'S HOME OF ROCK N' ROLL



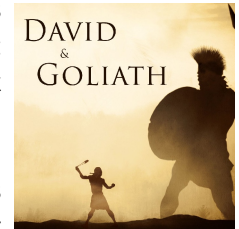
possessed me. You know the feeling if you regularly drive on 422. Oh, no way, I thought. Not to be outmaneuvered, I cranked the radio and hit the gas. The tiny engine laboring in front of me gave a roar and a rattle. I saw a puff of black smoke in the rearview. It was like the whole car was shaking and I think that I even heard it cry out in pain. Well, I was driving a vehicle called a Citation, so it seemed appropriate I suppose. The police officer was



actually kind of pleasant unlike my father when I got home. Whereas I learned a lesson that day, my friend that arrived home way ahead of me and had a good laugh at my expense did not. His lesson would come on another day. Heads making impact against the windshield



have a way of doing that. Fortunately, I was not in the car with him and his brother at the time. Heads were hurting, injuries were minor (thank God)...except for the car, and a lesson was finally learned: be mindful of speed and always, always buckle-up. The inexperience and recklessness of youth cause higher insurance premiums amidst greater risk. Yet, as most teenage boys would tell you (including this former one), greater risk leads to greater glory. It goes without saying that we should always drive safely out on the road. That risk



is definitely not worth it. There have been far, far too many unfortunate and tragic stories. Although we should always drive cautiously and wear seat belts on the highways and byways, such is not the case when it comes to our Faith. A Faith lived well involves risk and youthful fearlessness. It was a young David that raced to meet a Goliath head-on and a certain Jesus that never took His foot off the accelerator when it came to His adversaries. In fact, He invited them to come along for the ride so as to transport them to a place they did not know. Be a cautious and safe driver on the roads today! And if you have a youthful driver in the house, then good luck with the insurance premiums!



However, when it comes to our Faith: give gas! Buckle-up and enjoy the ride! Any citation received will be of the type framed and placed on the wall, because in the end that will mean that the race will have been won and a greater glory had!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 IS THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE. Blessing of throats will take place next weekend, February 3 and 4 after the Masses.