

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1 MARCH 2026

Readings for Sunday, March 1: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 12:1-9.

Abram places trust in God’s promise of making his name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus’ transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

Readings for Sunday, March 8: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.



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>
2 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Intentions of Kyle Moore	Aunt Kathy
3 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Cay & John Francis	Jane Perkins
4 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
5 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Shirley Nagel	St. Gabriel PREP Students & Staff
7 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
8 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	John & Mary Voychik	Michael Hipszer



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 Devotions.



ST. GABRIEL WOMEN’S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostess - Melanie Warzeski.



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.



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.

LOST WEEK

Collections at PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2026. \$5,671
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$152,478

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

FEBRUARY DRAWING - Kathleen Bernhard - \$313.00.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 7 AND 8 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.

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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 16 - #188 - unsold
- February 17 - #367 - unsold
- February 18 - #434 - Kathy Valentine - \$50.00
- February 19 - #071 - unsold
- February 20 - #566 - unsold
- February 21 - #444 - unsold
- February 22 - #236 - Kay Stoudt - \$100.00

Ways to Give

- ONLINE**
give.catholicchurchofphila.org
- CASH OR CHECK**
- PLANNED GIVING**
Contact Office of Stewardship & Development at (215) 987-3900

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- 133 Retired & Informed Priests
- Food Cupboards, Emergency Food Distributions & Sites
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- 140+ Students Receive Tuition Assistance to Attend Schools of Special Education
- 22+ Mission Parishes that carry on the work of Missionary Discipleship

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED

- Social Services - 54%
- Special Education - 12%
- Mission Parishes - 11%
- Retired and Informed Priests - 10%
- Cultural Ministries - 7%
- Life, Family and Laity - 6%

The Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia supports and sustains more than 100 vital ministries and programs that bring Christ's love to those in need. Every dollar of the CCA's revenue goes to the ministries that are most in need.

In Christ, hope is a gift we receive at the altar, a grace we share with every heart that seeks Christ's care.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - Our Parish Goal for the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal is \$20,000. Help sustain charitable ministries that serve those most in need throughout our region. Consider making a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 21/22:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 152
- 9:00 AM Mass - 100
- Total Attendance - 252



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on March 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, drawing down the blood supply by about 35% over the past month. High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. We need your help. Consider donating blood for those in need. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MARCH 7/8

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Vitacco; Break, George & Bracaglia; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Morris

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, C. Bucciaglia; Break, Bernhard & Gerasimowicz

Altar Servers - Nagel & Griffin

Greeter - Hildebrand



FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT - The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT - All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily; to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance; to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures; and to participate in Parish Lenten Devotions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. Operation Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the planning study survey for the Catholic Church of Philadelphia. We are grateful for your valuable insights, feedback and ideas as Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez discerns our future direction.

For more information about the Archbishop's vision, please visit: TrustandHope.org.



The Catholic Church of Philadelphia



BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 1
(and every First Sunday of the Month)
9:00am—2:00pm

Served by Members of



CASEY SERVICE CLUB
and the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

675 Constitution Avenue Stowe PA



Pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, scrapple, eggs your way, a variety of omelets and different types of breakfast bowls.



All are welcome! Come and enjoy a great breakfast, at a price that can't be beat.



Important Information Regarding Saint Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries

Saint Aloysius and Holy Trinity cemeteries will begin Spring/Lenten Clean Up process on Monday, March 2. 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 1**. Everything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 2 by our cemetery crew. Thank you for your cooperation.



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If imitation is the best form of flattery, then what saith one in regards to a meme made? I thought that it was rather funny. I believe that one quality of life that is good to hold is being able to laugh at oneself. No one is perfect and we all make mistakes, save the Lord Himself – though, I’m pretty certain that for humanity’s sake, Jesus could certainly laugh



at Himself. Maybe it was more of a laugh at humanity...weak human beings that we are. I mean, come on! He could have chosen anyone, but just look at the twelve that He chose! That’s a laugh for sure! A priest that I looked up to in high school used to say with a smirk, “boys don’t take life too seriously; you’re not going to get out of it alive anyway.” Well, Jesus certainly changes the meaning

of this little aphorism doesn’t He? Oh, take life seriously, but take your humor seriously too! Consider that in the Passion of Our Lord, in the end, it was the devil that was mocked and made fun of as death was defeated and a New Life Eternal arose. Someone has probably made a meme showing just that. I thought that the meme that I saw was made with yours truly in mind. They say that all of us, even those that don’t have a sibling that is an identical twin, have a look-a-like that is somewhere roaming the planet earth. But can that look-a-like be a different



species? I discovered that my “twin” is a giraffe – a giraffe new to the world. He isn’t just a made up meme. The little guy was born in Toledo, Ohio on January 17th at the zoo there. And his name – are you ready for this – is “Eugene.” His picture, it would seem, has gone virtual because of his unique trait. You see, Eugene has just a little tuft of hair on his head. People are saying that this just makes him so darn cute! I couldn’t agree more! All little Eugene would need next is a little Roman collar! I’ll leave that meme up to you! In the meantime, take life seriously, but take your humor seriously too! Be a hardcore Catholic during Lent and beyond, but don’t be too hard on yourself or others! Our Loving God has a most wonderful sense of humor, as He desires to shower us with His Mercy again and again

– weak and funny human beings that we are. Be able to laugh along the Journey of Lent and of Life together with me and my “twin,” Eugene, the giraffe!

Peace!
Fr. Wilson