

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 13 MARCH 2022

Readings for Sunday, March 13: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.

Abram’s faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus.

Readings for Sunday, March 20: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.



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>
14 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Geraldine Sylvester	Fr. Wilson
15 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Donald Hegedus	Bonnie Stankunas
16 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Members of John Francis Jr. Family	Jane Perkins
17 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Deacon Adolpho Crespo	Fr. Wilson
19 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Joseph Discher, Jr.	Wife, Ann
20 Mar.	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 MONICA BAUER.

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.

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

ALBANIA "PINA" TERPOLILLI from Anne Chizauskie, Jack & Marge Bucciaglia, Kathy & Ron Bernhard;
MONICA BAUER from Anne Chizauskie, Jack & Marge Bucciaglia, Sylvia Marcheskie, Kathy & Ron Bernhard.



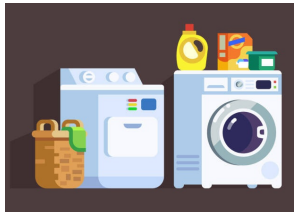
All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish.

Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!

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

A Message From The Pastor

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They made their first national appearance way back in 1975. It all began sometime in the 1960's with Mr. Conrad Gaiser simply desiring to make Audrey's life a little easier. His wife would have to constantly run down stairs from the upper floors of their duplex to the laundry room in order to add fabric softener at the proper time during the rinse cycle for each load of laundry. Conrad had an idea which was eventually patented and sold to the Procter & Gamble Company. Dryer sheets would first be marketed nationally under the brand name, *Bounce*, and every laundress (or launderer) had a supply. The goal of these sheets (aside from making life a little

easier for Mrs. Gaiser) was threefold: soften clothes, prevent static cling, and provide a fresh scent. This is a lot like our Lenten journey. We might say that we have a threefold goal: soften hearts, prevent the "static" cling of sin, and provide a whole new and fresh scent for our lives and our world. All of us should have a ready supply of "*Bounce*" for our Lent. Unfortunately, sometimes these "Lenten sheets" seem to just disappear just like the ones that we now throw into the dryer. It drives me crazy. And I thought that I was the only one until I recently spoke with a friend. He readily agreed. Throwing the sheet into the dryer with the wet clothes at the beginning of its cycle is the easy part...finding the darn thing afterwards – not so much. It's as if the dryer ate it – just like the occasional sock. Fortunately, it hasn't eaten any of my hoodies – yet! After one recent frustrating laundry day, I simply gave up. The dryer had won. *Bounce* simply went bye-bye. I had gone through every pocket and shirt sleeve, but it simply vanished. Lent can start out the same way. We have our three-fold goal in mind as we fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday, but by Thursday afternoon it's as if the dryer sheet went missing. What is one to do?



Several days later, I was getting dressed in the morning. As I was pulling on clothes, I glanced down at the floor ready to step into my shoes and what to my wondering eyes does appear? Lying on the floor in rather pristine condition was Mr. Gaiser's invention. It seemingly appeared out of nowhere. I have it lying here on my desk as a reminder of Lent's threefold goal...and as a reminder never to give up seeking it. More recently, there has been yet another dryer sheet incident. Although I've gone through every pocket and shaken every towel twice, I still can't find it. The sinister clothes dryer mocks me as it laughs, but I **know** that I will find it again soon. It will turn up suddenly and miraculously like One arisen emerging from a tomb on that first Sunday morning and I will be there with Him dryer sheet in hand celebrating the three-fold goal of Lent achieved!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 6, 2022. \$4,965
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$151,267
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$154,732

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS -

Requests can be made by email at (contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET

Raffle Drawing 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 28 - #074 - unsold
FEBRUARY FIGURES: 255 tickets sold - \$1,275.00.
Payout to winners - \$500.00. Cost of tickets - \$100.00. Profit for February - \$675.00.
March 1 - #187 - unsold
March 2 - #239 - unsold
March 3 - #667 - unsold
March 4 - #350 - Brigid Donnelly - \$50.00
March 5 - #352 - Maria Boyer - \$50.00
March 6 - #759 - unsold

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union practiced their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution. Even now, 30 years after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Church continues to struggle to thrive and grow.

Your participation in the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will assist in the building of churches; training and educating of pastors and lay people; sustaining orphanages; evangelizing children, adults and seniors as well as providing scholarships to Catholic students.

This collection will be conducted in our parish on the weekend of March 19 and 20, 2022. I am grateful, on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+ Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 5/6:

4:00 PM Mass - 129
9:00 AM Mass - 124
Total Attendance - 253

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS are being



sold by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie



(except supreme). Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Vouchers will be available after Mass on March 12/13, March 26/27, April 9/10 and April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.

TRIP TO NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO on

Tuesday, March 22 for rosary and stations. Leaving parking lot at 10:45 AM or meet there for 11:30 AM start. Possibility of car pooling.



Confessions: Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 at 12:30 PM. Saturdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 3:00-3:45 PM.

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 at 1:00 PM. Fridays, March 18, 25, April 1, 8 at 7:00 PM.

Fast & Abstinence: All persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) and Good Friday. 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 Good Friday, while the other two meals are to light. 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 as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All our 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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville. Short Prayer Service with several priests, including Father Wilson, available to hear Confessions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 19/20

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

The Corner

Remember, God hears everything!

Your **"....discordant grumblings are not secret. Therefore guard against profitless grumbling, and from calumny (calumny: a false and slanderous statement) withhold your tongues; For a stealthy utterance will not go unpunished, and a lying mouth destroys the soul."** *Wisdom 1:10-11*

Be mindful of your tongue, it's the same tongue you use to praise God.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join them.

UNIVERSAL SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - Archbishop Pérez is inviting all Catholics to attend a listening session offered in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese in March and April. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the synodal process! For more information or to register, go to www.archphila.org/synod - sessions are available in person or virtually.

SONG AND STORY LENTEN MISSION with David Kauffman at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown on March 16 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. Love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkil.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY on March 19 from 7:00-11:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Gym, Schwenksville. \$35.00 per person. For more information or tickets contact Mike Brown (610-324-0486 or mikebrownah@yahoo.com). Limited tickets available at the door.

MAN UP PHILLY - Men's Spirituality Conference on March 19 at Immaculata University. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and the Conference concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. For more details or to register visit www.manupphilly.com.



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for a Special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Pérez on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Philadelphia. All are welcome to attend as we come together for this special gathering to support the vital mission of the Appeal.