

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15 MARCH 2026

Readings for Sunday, March 15: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

Readings for Sunday, March 22: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.



**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>
16 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Anna Nester	Anne Barndt
17 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Joseph Kayle	Jack & Lori Carr
18 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Joseph Discher	Wife, Ann
19 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	John Everts	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
21 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Maria Simon Catassa & Genaro Simon	Anna Nieves
22 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.
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.



We welcome MARY ANN MONAGHAN who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish.



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.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY is traveling to the Padre Pio Shrine in Bally for Stations of the Cross and Rosary on Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 11:30 AM. Anyone interested can meet us there.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, March 17.

LOST WEEK

Collections to give thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 8, 2026.. \$4,868
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$163,916



The Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia extends Christ's love through more than 100 ministries and programs that provide food, shelter, education, and care to those most in need.

SCAN here 

Learn more at catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal

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. To make a donation you can use the envelopes found in the pews or use the envelope sent to your home.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 21 AND 22 will be the Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services.

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for March 7/8:

4:00 PM Mass - 139
9:00 AM Mass - 112
Total Attendance - 251



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

- March 2 - #891 - unsold
- March 3 - #237 - unsold
- March 4 - #846 - unsold
- March 5 - #653 - unsold
- March 6 - #116 - Jared Valentine - \$50.00
- March 7 - #697 - unsold
- March 8 - #415 - Gene Harding - \$100.00



ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

APPAREL - 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
- 1/4 zip hoodies - \$35

(Colors available are Kelly

Green and Sunburst Yellow)

Full Zip hoodies - \$30

(Color available 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).



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE on March 16 and April 6 and 20 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 21/22

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Carr; Break, Boyer & C. Bucciaglia

Altar Servers - Griffin & Francis

Greeter - Carr



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.

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

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.



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.

The Corner



"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

---Matthew 6:1

Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament of healing. Also known as Penance or Confession, we have the opportunity of availing ourselves of God's tender mercy. Remember that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that is not confessed.

My Offering to God this week: I will humbly go to Confession and ask God to forgive my sins.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

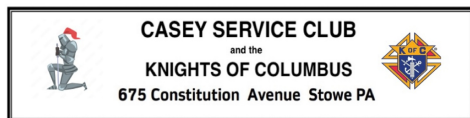
Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH - St. Aloysius Adult Faith Formation Series on Sundays at 11:15 AM (after 10:15 AM Mass). Ever wonder about the Saints on the Church's Liturgical Calendar? Join us for an informal talk over snacks and get to know some of our friends in heaven whose feast days we celebrate each month! March 15: Saints of March - St. Katharine Drexel, St. Joseph, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, and more! Held in St. Aloysius Church Lower Level of the Gathering Center. For more information contact Sophie Schneible (610-326-5877, ext. 416 or Sschneible@saintalloysius.net).



Friday Night Lenten Meals
4 to 8 PM
February 27 through March 27

Served by Members of



The weekly menu will consist of your choice of:

Dinner, including the entrée of the day, potato, vegetable, the salad or soup of the day, and desert.

OR

Shrimp and Chips,

Fish and Chips,

Salad or soup of the day a la cart,

Desert a la cart.

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available.

The full menu will be provided at the club.

Reservations not required but highly encouraged to ensure the entrée of the day is available.

Reservations & Information: (484) 433-9160

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is on April 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest will provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help you work through common themes we can all relate to. There is no group discussion. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Tim & Sharon (applications@wwme-philly.org or call 610-466-0250.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT - Do you struggle with the emotional or spiritual pain of a traumatic pregnancy loss? Whether you're suffering from an abortion or miscarriage, you can experience God's Mercy and Compassion. Rachel's Vineyard is a unique and creative weekend retreat that helps you grieve your loss while letting go of any deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt, or grief you may have. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group setting your soul will find a voice, and the pain of your past will be transformed into hope. The next weekend retreat is on April 17-19 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. All requests are strictly confidential. For more information call Evelyn (215-317-5752). Read more about our retreat online at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Happy New Year from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Patheic Charismatic Renewal
Join us for prayer, praise, hope and joy in **2026!**

Charismatic Conference
Saturday, May 9, 2026
With The Most Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla
Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA

Retreat - June 12-14, 2026
Malvern Family Life Center

Leadership Day
November 7, 2026
Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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WORLD YOUTH DAY
SEOUL KOREA: AUGUST 3RD - AUGUST 8TH, 2027

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WYD 2027 NEXT STEPS

- Scan the QR Code to join our interest list
- Information Sessions TBA
- Those who commit early on will receive increased chances of grant money for travel

"Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)



It wasn't that difficult a word. I figured that everyone easily knew its definition and how to use it in a sentence. Gosh, who the heck wouldn't? In early grade school, we had a homework assignment. I suppose that I was



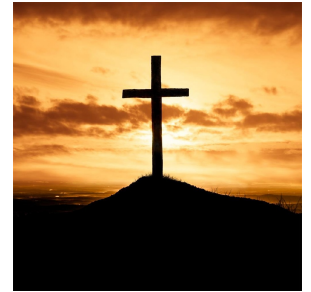
in the third or maybe fourth grade. Spelling and grammar were separate subjects then, unlike the comprehensive ELA of today. The assignment involved a group of spelling words. We had to spell the word correctly using it in a complete sentence appropriate to its grammatical part of speech. The word, *windshield*, is a noun (i.e., a person, place or thing) that is the part of an automobile that protects occupants of the vehicle from the wind, weather, and debris. The earliest automobiles didn't have them, but drivers and passengers



would learn quickly of the need, especially as vehicle speeds ramped up. Safety glass would follow later after enough people were injured or worse from glass shards flying when windshields broke or were shattered. I was completing my homework assignment easily enough, when suddenly I was inspired. I had the thought to try something different. I knew that I would be taking a chance. I might get the homework handed back to me for a redo or maybe even get in trouble for being a smart aleck so I thought. Nonetheless, I made the decision to try something different. *Windshield is* a noun as everyone



knows, but I would make it a verb and use it in a sentence as such. A verb is an action word, of course, and there's a whole lot of action in the word, *windshield*. I thought of the wind blowing and a shield shielding. The exact sentence that I wrote for the assignment, I really don't remember. I think that it may have had something to do with a man that "windshielded" his children during a violent storm. I do remember my teacher's reaction though. It wasn't



one of rebuke, but of recognition. She was aware that I knew how to spell the word and its part of speech as it was ordinarily understood, but she credited me with creativity and definitely thinking outside the box. I find it rather amazing that this memory has stayed with me and stood out for me to this very day. Maybe it has something to do with my belief that it's easy – almost too easy – to be average (most people are...hence the word itself), but with just a bit of effort and inspiration, one can be outstanding. I believe this is especially true of our Faith. What we see as average or ordinary, with just a little Inspiration of



Spirit on God's part and a wee bit of effort on ours can suddenly become outstanding and extraordinary. Every Mass celebrated is a truly extraordinary event and the folks that attend like you and me are called to be outstanding! The saints themselves were ordinary people that lived extraordinary lives and sometimes along the way, they redefined things in light of the Truth. Strive this Lent to be extraordinary and to think outside the box inspired anew by the Spirit of Truth.

Soon, very soon, there will be tornadic winds blowing worlds apart in a most violent Week of Passion, but the Lord Himself, will windshield both you and me with His Cross inspiring us to live Lives of Faith that are above average, outstanding, and most creative, so that in turn, through the Power of the Cross and the One Who died upon it, we might then windshield our world!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson