

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 22 MARCH 2026

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

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

**Readings for Sunday, March 29:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14–27:66



**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>
23 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Steven M. Slaby	Dad & Mom
24 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Lawrence & Michael Vitacco and John Della Penna	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
25 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Matthew Cappelletti, Sr.	The Family
26 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Joyce Mahon	Husband, Charles
28 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
29 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Bob & Alice Cress	Ann & family



**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.



**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.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Women's Society for their donation of \$1,000.00 to the Church for assistance with the snow removal bills for our Parish.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

LOST WEEK

# Collections ©PPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 15, 2026. . . . . \$5,456**  
**2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. . . . . \$169,372**

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

MARCH DRAWING - M/M Gary Huster - \$317.00.

## **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

## **MASS ATTENDANCE for March 14/15:**

4:00 PM Mass - 133

9:00 AM Mass - 122

Total Attendance - 255



## **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 9 - #966 - unsold
- March 10 - #108 - Mary Lenhardt - \$50.00
- March 11 - #757 - M. P. Onifrek - \$50.00
- March 12 - #052 - unsold
- March 13 - #598 - unsold
- March 14 - #969 - unsold
- March 15 - #214 - unsold



**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.



**American Red Cross**

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD**

**DRIVE** on 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](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MARCH 28/29**

**4:00 PM Mass**

Lector - Warzeski, Vitacco, Nester

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

Altar Server - Morris

Greeter - DiMarco

**9:00 AM Mass**

Lector - Boyer, LaRosa, Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Carr; Break, C. Buccaglia & George

Altar Servers - Logaivau & Logaivau

Greeter - Neiman

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



**LENTEN**

**OBLIGATIONS**

**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 59<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.



**PALM SUNDAY**

Confessions Saturday, March 28 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday, March 28 and 9:00 AM Sunday, March 29.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

Mass at 9:00 AM.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

Mass at 9:00 AM.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

Mass at 9:00 AM.

Eucharistic Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Confessions at 12:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross at 1:00 PM.

Benediction at 5:00 PM.

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

Church open for Prayer after Mass.

Night Prayer at 9:00 PM.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM.

Blessing of Easter Food at 2:30 PM.

NO EASTER VIGIL MASS AT ST. GABRIEL.

Easter Vigil Mass at St. Aloysius at 8:00 PM.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

Mass at 9:00 AM.



## † tenebrae

March 27, 2026

7pm

St. Aloysius Church

223 Beech Street Pottstown PA



Tenebrae is a candlelight service symbolizing how light is shone in darkness as we journey into Holy Week. Small sections of Scripture will be read by our students and our parish choir will perform beautiful music after each reflection. Please join us for this memorable service!

Reception to follow for all!!

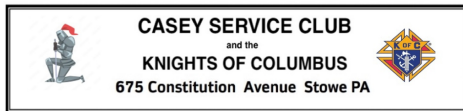


### Friday Night Lenten Meals

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**

## The Corner

**"...the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."**  
---Luke 1:35

We observe the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on Wednesday. Blessed be Mary's "Yes."

**My Offering to God this week:** I will meditate on the wonder of the Lord of the universe choosing to wrap Himself in Humanity and be born like one of us.



**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](http://www.wwme-philly.org) or contact Tim & Sharon ([applications@wwme-philly.org](mailto:applications@wwme-philly.org)) or call 610-466-0250.

**"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Pottstown-Stowe Lions Club on Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tri-County Active Adult Center, Moser Rd., Pottstown. Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. Adults - \$9.00; Seniors - \$8.00, TRACC members - \$7.00, Youth - \$7.00, Children age 3 and under - Free.

*A Message  
From The  
Pastor*

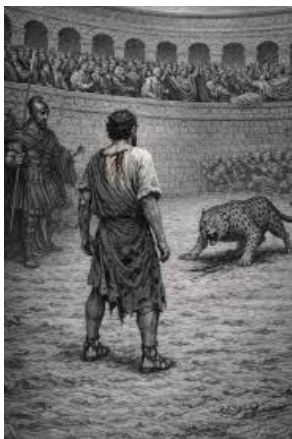
Just as the Ark, that contained the Law written by the very Finger of God and then given to Moses, has been lost to antiquity, so too, the Ring. The little known story of the Ring has scant



details. It comes to us in the work of the Ancient Christian writer, Tertullian. Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus lived about 155-200 AD. A convert to Christianity, he is known as “the Father of Western Theology” because he is the first theologian to write in Latin. Among his writings is *The Passion of the Holy Martyrs, Perpetua and Felicitas*. These early martyrs died in the Roman amphitheatre in Carthage ravaged by



wild beasts in front of a frenzied crowd inebriated by blood and violence. Among the other Christians martyred that day, was Saturus. He had already been twice thrown to the wild beasts, but suffered no harm and was withdrawn. It was the third time before a leopard that would see him “saved and washed” in his own blood. Following



the fatal wound, Saturus was yet able to briefly converse with

the attending guard. Pudens was a soldier and overseer who had begun to recognize

a greater power at work in his prisoners. In his last moments, Saturus encouraged

Pudens. “Farewell and be mindful of my faith; and let not these things disturb, but

confirm you.” At the same time he asked for a little ring from his finger, and returned

it to him bathed in the blood of his wound. That ring, now known as Pudens’ Ring was

a token of affection, encouragement, and hope. Could one not say that perhaps it

was the first known relic of a saint? Pudens, like his Ring

subsequently vanishes from our history, but I suspect that this soldier loyal to Rome, assumed new loyalties. I

suspect that he went on to become a Soldier for Christ, inspired by the Martyrs that he oversaw. The Ring, itself,

has gone the way of the Ark. The Ark, though lost, very

much remains with a Law now not written upon mere stone tablets, but inscribed

upon a Sacred Heart of Love. Pudens’ Ring is a token that each one of us can find

and place on his finger. It isn’t a mere ring of silver or gold, but one of much

greater value. Pudens’ Ring is one of Hope and Fortitude, that same Hope and

Fortitude that enabled martyrs throughout salvation history to endure in order

to be “saved and washed” – the same Hope and Fortitude that has its origin in the

Cross of Calvary and the One Who died upon it. It is this that should inspire each of us to boldly continue our

Lenten Journey as we look beyond the Cross to the New Life of Resurrection professing our loyalties anew and

placing upon our finger, Pudens’ Ring!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson