

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 MARCH 2024

Readings for Sunday, March 24: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15-47.

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

Readings for Sunday, March 31: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9



**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> |
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| 25 Mar. MON. 9:00 AM | Steven M. Slaby | Mom & Dad |
| 26 Mar. TUE. 9:00 AM | Rev. Gregory J. Hickey | Lew & Beth Chillot |
| 27 Mar. WED. 9:00 AM | Matthew Cappelletti | John & Loretta Gauger |
| 28 Mar. THU. 7:00 PM | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | |
| 30 Mar. SAT. 8:00 PM | Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish | |
| 31 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 Devotion.

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

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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on April 1, 15 and 29 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.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 17, 2024. \$5,019
2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$165,092
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$164,770

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 16/17:

4:00 PM Mass - 110
9:00 AM Mass - 124
Total Attendance - 234



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 11 - #124 - unsold
March 12 - #439 - unsold
March 13 - #011 - unsold
March 14 - #912 - unsold
March 15 - #537 - unsold
March 16 - #848 - unsold
March 17 - #644 - unsold

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



APPAREL ALERT! 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. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow.

1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color 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).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY

If you are interested in learning more about and/or participating in the Flame of Love Rosary, please contact Patrick Cornely (215-479-0155).

The Corner

This week we will hear of the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, and Judas' pride and ultimate despair in not asking for forgiveness.

"It is the saddest story never told: the repentance of Judas and his restoration by Jesus. Think of all the churches that were never built: 'The Church of St. Judas, Repentant.' Think of the feast day never celebrated: 'The Repentance of Judas.' —Msgr. Charles Pope

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to us, so that we might have restoration to Jesus.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

from the Office for Divine Worship: **Time of the Easter Vigil 2024** - The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and not

in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:23 PM on March 30, 2024. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 30/31

8:00 PM Mass

Lector - Boyer & Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, C. Buccigliola

Altar Server - Nester & Wasylkowski

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Bernhard & George

Altar Servers - Nagel & Holmes

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, February 14 and on all the Fridays of Lent 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 Ash Wednesday and on 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. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to church.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 24 - 7:00 PM at St. Columbkil Parish, Boyertown. Fr. Wilson will be at the Penance Service with several other priests from the area. All are welcome to attend and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

Tuesday, March 26 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

Wednesday, March 27 - Mass at 9:00 AM. 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, March 28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. Church will be open for prayer after Mass. Night Prayer at 9:00 PM.



Good Friday, March 29 - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

Holy Saturday, March 30 - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. Blessing of Easter Food at 2:30 PM. Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM.



Easter Sunday, March 31 - Mass at 9:00 AM.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, March 29, 2024, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion and contemplate Jesus' sacrifice to redeem humanity from sin and death. It has been our long-standing tradition to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land each year on this day.

At the direction of Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday collections throughout the world support vital programs and critical services in the Holy Land. They are used to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs, and to serve the needs of the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I ask you to support the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on March 29, 2024** generously. Given current world events, our generosity to our brothers and sisters in this portion of the world is critically important this year.

Gratefully and with prayerful best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+ *Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.*

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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

MARGARET BUCCIAGLIA from Sylvia Marcheskie & family, Sharon McCarthy, Ron & Carol Fry, Philomena & John Bracaglia, Simon, Leigh & Simon Nagel, Alfred & Mary Ellen Hoffert, Jean Sweeney, Janet & Dave Slaby, Loretta & John Gauger, Kathleen Pennypacker, Cliff & Barbara Keller, Monica & John Zangrilli, Pete & Lori LaRosa, Tom & Marie Hildebrand, Charles & Kathy Valentine, Barbara & Michael Hipszer, Jane Spade, John & Maura Ciabattoni, Ginger Scheidt, Deborah Kienle, Thomas & Frances Walters, John & Judy Stevenson, Bernie & Mary Ellen Roth, Diana Gulotta, Len & Barb Almond, Michael & Amy Beth Gulla, Marc & Judy Tokars, Pamela Vargo, Christina Carry, Chris, Gene & Dom Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio, G. Edward & Patricia Wright, Linda A. Andrews, Hal Messer, James C. Lang, James J. Ciabattoni Children, David DeFrancesco, Mariann Horan & John Willemsen, Anne Chizauskie, Scott & Yvonne Gabel, Elizabeth Pampanin;

MARY GACURA from Chris, Gene & Dom Gerasimowicz and Lucy D'Emilio, Anne Chizauskie;

JOYCE MAHON from her husband, Charles;

RUTH "BOOTS" FRY from Ron & Carol Fry;

JAMES GILGER from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;

CAROL FLISOCK from Barbara & Michael Hipszer.

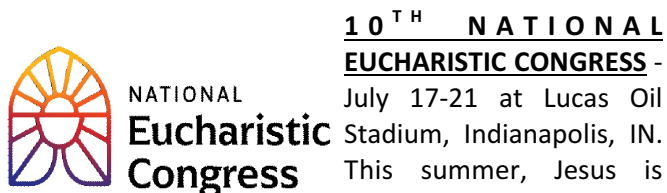
THE FOLLOWING MASSES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO FR. JOHN LA ROSA, A RETIRED PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA:

Intention:

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Requested by:

Gene & Virginia Takach
Anne & Harry Boeshore
Jim & Anna Baldasano
Owen & Max Francis, Morgan Dierolf
Kathy Pennypacker, Meghan & Matt Francis, Sarah & Brian Dierolf
Theresa Yost
Joseph Harbach
Bill & Jeanette Gatta
Patti & Bruce Pollock
Barbara Guadagno



**10TH NATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS -**

July 17-21 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN.

This summer, Jesus is inviting you to encounter

him in a new way. He wants to work wonders in and through you, making YOU a part of salvation history in ways you never could have imagined. For the first time in nearly a century, the Catholic Church from every corner of the United States will gather in one place. Together, we will be healed, converted, formed, unified, and launched into a new chapter of Eucharistic mission - on fire with love for Jesus Christ. Learn more at www.EucharisticCongress.org.

ST. ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, Colleeville is hosting the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotion in both word and song on Sunday, April 7 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For more info visit www.steleanor.com.

VISITATION'S 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR on April 6 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Visitation BVM School Gym, Norristown. We will have 35+ vendors and food/drinks.

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL is planning a 50th Reunion for the Class of 1974 on October 19 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update you email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanico56@gmail.com or 610-633-0783.



I did enjoy and have recommended the film, *Cabrini*. Its telling of the story of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is inspiring and well done. Mother Cabrini was a nun born in Italy, who years later would be canonized as America's first saint. She



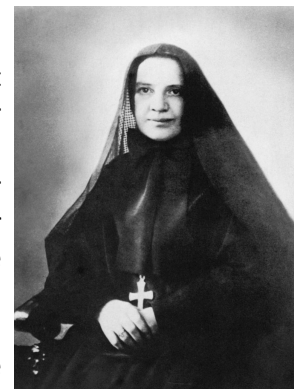
was a woman ahead of her times and overcame many obstacles in a very fruitful and eventual worldwide missionary work. The film of some two and a half hours was done in such a way that it held my interest the whole time. From the Italian countryside to Rome and then off to New York, it had a number of captivating scenes. I heard good reviews from folks who have seen it – even teenagers in high school. That's saying a lot. More recently, it came as a surprise to me when two people had the exact same critique of the movie. Overall, it seems that they enjoyed the film, but they felt that there was definitely something missing. Although Mother Cabrini is portrayed well as the determined and hard-working woman religious in full



habit that she indeed was, noticed by these two individuals was what was absent. There were really no scenes of the saint at prayer. Oh, she was digging ditches, writing letters, meeting with popes and politicians – all of which is indeed part of the story, but in a real sense, all of that was secondary. These two movie critics



were, in my opinion correct. It's not that Mother wasn't a woman of prayer, but donning a habit, digging a ditch, and being able to give a glance that could move a mountain isn't what fundamentally constitutes sainthood. It is the prayer that underlines all of one's work and natural qualities that is. I agree that perhaps in the film this could have been better portrayed and emphasized. I believe James in his Letter (James 2:14-26) summed things up rather nicely when he wrote about faith and works. The two go together; otherwise



one is simply a philanthropic, social justice warrior ahead of her time. Mother Cabrini, in fact, did pray – and prayed a lot. She couldn't have accomplished what she did otherwise. Notice that before and in the midst of His Passion, the Son of God prayed intensely, such that sweat



like drops of blood streamed down His Holy Face. Jesus wasn't just some rebel without a cause, but a Redeemer bent on saving a world heading towards the abyss. He wasn't ahead of His Time...we were behind His. But His Passion and Prayer would forever change that. Our prayer will likely not lead to sweat like droplets of blood running down our cheeks, but we should strive for prayer that is just as intense; a prayer that undergirds our natural abilities and talents; a prayer that is always cutting edge placing us ahead of our time and setting us down in His; a prayer like that of Mother Cabrini – one that changes the world. Sure, the film could have done



a better job portraying the prayer life of this wonderful woman, but maybe in some way this Holy Week we can make up for that. May we pray with intensity and insight this Holy Week and beyond as we accompany Our Lord in His Passion as we seek to change the world for the better, just as a very prayerful woman religious named Mother Cabrini did.

Peace!

Fr. Wilson