

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26 MARCH 2023

Readings for Sunday, March 26: 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, April 2: 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>
27 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Kathleen Thomas Levine	Jack & Lori Carr
28 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Steven M. Slaby	Dad & Mom
29 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Hatty Rossi	Ron LaRochelle
30 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Lawrence Vitacco	Jennifer & Eric Reigner
1 Apr.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
2 Apr.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



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.



CONGRATULATIONS to our PREP Students - Simon, Nathaniel and Peregrine - who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend.



We welcome JOHN BUKEY who recently joined St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish!

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, March 31.



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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on April 3 and 17 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS: Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their APRIL issue at the parish office.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 19, 2023. \$3,397
2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$164,770
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$158,107



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:

When you give to the Appeal, your gift is transformed into hope, providing education, food, shelter, and medical

assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Prayerfully consider showing your support to this great call for action. To make your donation use the envelope mailed to your home or go to www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Requests can be made by email at contact@sgsm62.org or by phone at 610-326-5127. Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their church envelopes).



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 13 - #322 - unsold
March 14 - #274 - unsold
March 15 - #411 - unsold
March 16 - #918 - unsold
March 17 - #554 - unsold
March 18 - #415 - Gene Harding - \$50.00
March 19 - #873 - Birthright of Pottstown - \$100.00

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 18/19:

4:00 PM Mass - 125

9:00 AM Mass - 89

Total Attendance - 214

The Corner

We hear the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in today's Gospel. Here's a commentary by St. Cyril of Alexandria, a 5th century Bishop and a Doctor of the Church.

"The Jews thought that Jesus wept on account of the death of Lazarus, but in fact He wept out of compassion for all humanity, not mourning Lazarus alone but all of humanity which is subject to death, having justly fallen under so great a penalty."

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Call the Parish Office for more details.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ON THE THIRD DAY

The Master's Mercantile

610-705-0130



VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father,
in Your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish, with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for Your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 1 & 2

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski, Mich & Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer, LaRosa & Vitacco

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

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Carr



Deepen Your Discipleship - Grow in Mission. Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples

in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. It will be a year of journeying with the Archbishop into deeper missionary discipleship from **February 2023 to February 2024**. To subscribe visit www.phillydisciples.org/goforth.

COLLEGE FAIR AT POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL on

Tuesday, March 28 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Main Gym. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For a list of schools attending the fair, scan the QR Code. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Shoemaker at kshoemaker@pjphs.org.



MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR POSITION - St. Aloysius Parish, Pottstown is in search of a Maintenance Director. If you are interested in applying for the position, please email your resume and letter of interest to Remick@saintalloysius.net. *Clearances are required.* If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

TENEBRAE SERVICE on March 31 at 7:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church, Pottstown. 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 and St. Aloysius Parish choir will perform beautiful music after each reflection. A light reception will follow in the Gathering Center. All are welcome to this memorable service.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN on April 1 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Snughill Farms, West Chester. Full day retreat with Guest Speaker Anne DeSantis. Come relax, reflect and get revitalized in our faith in preparation for the Glory of Easter. Cost is \$68. Begins with Mass and includes lunch. To register or for more details, visit www.annedesantis.com/speakingevents.

RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN on April 28-30 at Malvern Retreat House. Retreat Director is Fr. Boniface Hicks. As men of faith, we need to come together and rejuvenate our relationship with Christ. Come to the peaceful grounds known as "St. Joseph's in the Hills." Sit in silence before our Lord in one of the adoration chapels. Spend some time in quiet contemplation at our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Walk the Stations of the Cross. Attend daily Mass. Pray and reconnect with our Lord. Register by going to www.MalvernRetreat.com and select "Register Now." Scroll down the calendar to the St. Joseph the Worker Men's Retreat, April 28-30, 2023. To register by phone call Malvern at 610-644-0400.

VISITATION BVM (Trooper) SPRING CRAFT FAIR - April 15 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. VENDORS NEEDED. Cost is \$75 per one six foot table. Held in Visitation BVM School Gym. Make check payable to HASA Visitation BVM. Mail check to Attn: Angela Zampogna, Spring Craft Fair, Visitation BVM School, 190 N. Trooper Rd., Norristown, PA 19403.

LIFE ADVOCATE RESOURCE CONFERENCE on Saturday, April 1 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Matthew Church Hall, Conshohocken. Become a more effective advocate for the unborn. Many of our Member Organizations will be sharing their pro-life missions. Meet them and learn of the services they provide to women and families. Free event - registration required. Register at pcorbett@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150. Lunch will be provided.



FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT: The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth 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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesdays, March 29 and April 5 at 1:00 PM. Friday, March 31 at 7:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays, March 29 and April 5 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. Saturday, April 1 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesdays, March 29 and April 5 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Benediction at 5:00 PM.

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 church entrances.

PENANCE SERVICE at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available for Confessions including Fr. Wilson.

CONFESSIONS on Palm Sunday, April 2 at St. Columbkil Parish, Boyertown at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available for confessions including Fr. Wilson.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2: Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 1 at 4:00 PM; Mass on Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 AM. Palm will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6: 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 7: Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8: Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM; Blessing of Food at 2:30 PM; Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9: Mass at 9:00 AM.

