

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29 MARCH 2026

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

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 April 5: 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>
30 Mar. MON. 9:00 AM	Anna Nester	Kathy Bernhard
31 Mar. TUE. 9:00 AM	Jacob Corropolese	Debbie Lombardi
1 April WED. 9:00 AM	Catherine Piazza Kutsch & Edward Kutsch	Daughter, Kay Hetrick
2 April THU. 7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
3 April FRI. 3:00 PM	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
5 April 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 JUDITH PALLADINO.

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.



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.



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 PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3.

LOST WEEK

Collections at PPC thank you

DEPOSIT FOR MARCH 22, 2026. \$3,481
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$172,853

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

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER
610-323-4440

MASS ATTENDANCE for March 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 149
9:00 AM Mass - 132
Total Attendance - 281



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 16 - #381 - unsold
March 17 - #902 - unsold
March 18 - #083 - unsold
March 19 - #529 - John C. Voychik - \$50.00
March 20 - #625 - unsold
March 21 - #107 - Sue Hyland - \$50.00
March 22 - #580 - unsold



Each celebration of the Eucharist draws us into a more deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our hope and our strength. He forms our hearts for service and sends us forth to share His light with those seeking comfort, dignity, and care. We invite you to join in **Giving Hope to All.**

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.



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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 5

9:00 AM Mass
Lector - Boyer
Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Nester; Break - Bernhard & Vitacco
Altar Servers - Francis & Nagel
Greeter - Carr

The Corner

"...he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God."
---John 11:51-52

We start the week with triumphant Palm Sunday, and we end the week with Jesus' Passion and death. But that's not the end of His story...

My Offering to God this week: I will spend time reflecting on Christ's tremendous sacrifice of love.





LENTEN

FAST & ABSTINENCE

DURING LENT - The Bishops

OBLIGATIONS 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.

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.



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.

A CUP OF SWEETS

\$5



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Just in time for Mothers Day, Vintage Tea Cups have been filled with many mouth watering sweets.

Dove, Rocher, Lindt, Italian hard candies, Jordan almonds
& Peppermint Patties

These "Cup of Sweets" would be great for Mother, Grand Mother, God Mother or anyone who needs a cheerful pick me up.

At only \$5.00 they would make a "sweet" gift
Get one before they are gone.

Available in the vestibule after mass April 11/12, April 18/19 &
April 25/26.

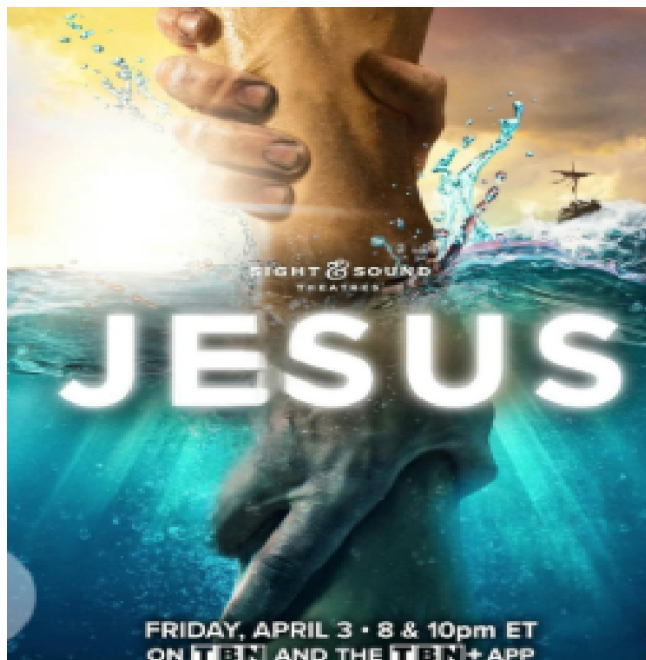
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



"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.



Join us as we travel to
Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster
on
Tuesday, May 19 to see *Joshua*

Cost is \$178.00 per person which includes:
Round Trip via Perkiomen Tours Bus
Lunch prior to show at Hometown Kitchen
Tax and Gratuity for Lunch
Ticket to the Show
Tip for Bus Driver

Leave from Church at 10:30 AM
Family-Style Lunch at 11:45 AM
Show at 3:00 PM
Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM

Reservations and payment due by **March 29.**

For reservations contact

Kathy Bernhard

contact@sgsm62.org or 610-326-5127



*A Message
From The
Pastor*

Born to be alive! And we were alive...full of life...full of energy...and ready for a night full of fun! Those were many a Friday night in early high school. The guys and I were not yet driving, but we were driven to get out



in order to explore and engage our ever expanding world – a world which at that time, it might be said, was the whole USA. It would all begin with a trip on SEPTA's



"Y" bus. It was a forty minute or so journey that would end at Cottman and the Boulevard in Northeast Philly. From there is was a short walk to our destination. USA was an acronym for United Skates of America. Once in the door, we would don our roller skates and have at it. It was great fun. Often enough we would wind up meeting other kids from our school or neighborhood. The music played was the current pop of the day and in the course of the evening there were "group"



skates, "speed" skates, and of course, "couple" skates. I took part in them all, though I have to admit that I was never the speediest skater during the speed skates. *Born to Be Alive* was a popular song at the time. It was sung by French artist, Patrick Hernandez, still going strong and turning 77 the day after Easter. It was his most popular song. It's a simple yet catchy tune that speaks to life and kinda makes you want to dance – or skate. For me, the tune instantly brings back memory of those Friday nights at USA tearing around that rink located

on the plot of land that had been the location of the famed Boulevard Pools (of which I have only a vague recollection). The guys and I were indeed born to be alive – and we knew it. *It's good to be alive, to be alive, to be alive! Time was on*



our side! And time is on our side again as we begin Holy Week. In fact, all time – eternity itself – is on our side! That's what Holy Week is all about. In our Lord's tremendous suffering in His Passion, what screams out at us ultimately is Life Itself as death undergoes its own demise and dies. For us, the Cross is not a symbol of death, but of life...True Life...Eternal Life. On Good Friday death dies and a whole New Life already begins! That's our Faith! That's our Hope! That's our Joy of Easter already! So, as we now enter this most solemn week get ready to put on your skates! A song has already begun. It's not a sad song at all, but one quite catchy and upbeat. It kinda makes one want to get out to explore and



engage our Faith and our World as it reminds us this week that all of us are **Born to Be Alive!**

Peace!

Fr. Wilson