

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 MARCH 2024

Readings for Sunday, March 3: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

Readings for Sunday, March 10: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21.



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>
4 Mar.	MON.	9:00 AM	Juan & Benita Falcon
5 Mar.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Anna Nieves
6 Mar.	WED.	9:00 AM	Patti & Bruce Pollock
7 Mar.	THU.	9:00 AM	Husband & children
9 Mar.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Sharon McCarthy
10 Mar.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Wife, Cathy
			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 KATHLEEN GIOVINCO (mother of Lori Holmes).

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.

ST. GABRIEL WOMEN'S SOCIETY

MEETING on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Hostesses: Sylvia Marcheskie and Mara Tammaro.



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 March 4 and 18 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.

Collections ©IPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2024. \$4,009
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections. \$150,401
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$152,478

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

FEBRUARY DRAWING - Edward Lewis - \$283.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 24/25:

4:00 PM Mass - 116

9:00 AM Mass - 139

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

February 19 - #948 - unsold
 February 20 - #786 - unsold
 February 21 - #712 - unsold
 February 22 - #886 - unsold
 February 23 - #508 - unsold
 February 24 - #999 - unsold
 February 25 - #588 - unsold

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 Call the Parish Office for more details.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been taken up as a sign of solidarity between the Church in the United States and the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean as well our concern for our sisters and brothers in those places.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are – not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. This collection also supports other important issues such as human trafficking and the abuse of children and vulnerable people, two serious violations of human dignity that require urgent and comprehensive responses from the Church, governments, and human rights organizations.

In South America, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders to discern a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In addition, Peruvian missionaries working in the Amazon brought the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

In the Peruvian Prelature of Chuquibambilla the Collection for the Church in Latin America helped to fund and implement a program to prevent abuse of children and vulnerable people through a training for Church leaders. It consisted of alliance-building initiatives with healthcare and law enforcement organizations and the creation of protocols to address reported incidents of abuse.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America is vital to these efforts aimed at evangelization, the protection of those most at risk, and so much more.

Our local Church will take up this Collection during the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2024. Please take this opportunity to be generous in supporting the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Corner

Reflect on Jesus' love for us:

"The desire to sacrifice so another can be blessed is very much a part of what it means to truly love."

— Chris Padgett "I'm Not OK, You're Not OK, But It's OK"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 9/10

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozzi

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Donnelly & C. Bucciglia

Altar Servers - Donnelly & Nagel

Greeter - Neiman

LENTEN PARISH OUTREACH

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Palm Sunday, Mar. 24

Parish-Wide outreach program to help

Birthright of Pottstown

Right now, they need donations of the following:

Diapers sizes Newborn, 2 and 3

Baby Wipes

Baby Clothes new or gently used sizes 0-18 months

Hooded Towels and Wash Cloths

Winter Coats/snowsuits sizes 0-18 months

Infant footed pajamas sizes 0-3 months

Maternity leggings

Sanitary pads

Pregnancy Books

Bottles

A collection box is in the vestibule of the Church for donations. We will deliver the donations weekly.

PREP CHALLENGE - Students are collecting coins weekly and the winning class will receive a prize!

Let's come together as a parish and make a big difference in our community through this important work of mercy this Lent.



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 be 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.

Fridays at 5:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

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

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY sponsored by the Casey Service Club of Knights of Columbus. Dinner served from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Stowe. Fish Fry with French Fries and salad - \$10.00. Fried Shrimp with French Fries and salad - \$10.00. Weekly Special with salad and dessert - \$15.00. Weekly special is a non-meat dinner such as Pasta Trio or Vegetable Lasagna. Call ahead or follow us on our Facebook page to see the current special. Franco (484-433-9160).

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6 - 7:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick.

Sunday, March 24 - 7:00 PM at St. Columbkille Parish, Boyertown.

Fr. Wilson will be at both Penance Services with several other priests from the area. All are welcome to attend and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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.

ST. ALOYSIUS & HOLY TRINITY CEMETERIES will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up on Monday, March 4. If there are items currently on your loved one's gravesite that you would like to save, please remove the items by Sunday, March 3. Anything remaining will be removed and disposed of on Monday, March 4 by our cemetery crew.

2024 COLLEGE FAIR at Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford on Tuesday, March 5 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Main Gym. Contact Doreen Bell (dbell@pjphs.org) with questions.

POSITION AVAILABLE - Morning Facility Personnel position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick. Please see website (www.stteresacalcutta.com) for details or call the St. Teresa Parish Office (610-287-2525).

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Psalm 51/ Forgiveness. Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 AM to Noon at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church & Ministry Center, Schwenksville. Guest speaker is Sister J. Shelia Galligan, IHM, S.T.L., S.T.D. We will begin with 9:00 AM Mass in the Church, followed by the retreat in the Ministry Center. A light continental breakfast will be provided. Retreat seating is limited. Reservations required by March 4 by contacting stcwings.retreat@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone number, and parish. Cash donations will be accepted for the Missionary Sisters of Charity. Retreat hosted by *WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)*.



The Catholic Preaching Institute (CPI) at St. Charles Seminary invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation. Tell us what you think in a 10-minute online survey at www.catholicleaders.online/phillyteaching.

Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input...to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling! You can also use this QR code to link to the survey.



YOUR INNER ROOM: A LENTEN RETREAT on Friday, March 8 at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Begins at 9:30 AM and ends with Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM. Spiritual Director is Fr. James McCormack, MIC. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for March 8. Bring your own packed lunch. Contact angela@padrepio.org for more information.

ORDINATION OF NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS - A Special Holy Hour of Intercession for the bishops-elect will be offered on March 6 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul and is open to the public. The Ordination Mass on March 7 is by invitation only. Livestream of Mass at www.archphila.org/ordination.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT on March 8-10 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. Retreat brings healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. Contact Susan (610-716-4795) or Georgeann (484-955-4278) to register or for more information.

WOMEN OF HOPE RETREAT (formerly known as Dominican Women) on March 15-17 at Malvern Retreat House. Take time to deepen your faith in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. For information contact Sunny Dougherty (484-744-3920). To register call 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY EASTER FOOD SALE on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. Babkas, Pierogi and kielbasa. Deadline to order is March 13. To place an order call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email foodsale@stmarypolish.org.