

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5 MARCH 2023

Readings for Sunday, March 5: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on the earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

Readings for Sunday, March 12: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.



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>
6 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Monica Bauer	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
7 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	William & Mary Katalinas	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
8 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Rita T. Bernas	Husband & children
9 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Thomas Koren	Niece, Sharon
11 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
12 Mar.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Mary & John Voychik	Barbara & Michael Hipszer



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.

TRIP TO PADRE PIO on Tuesday, March 14 for the Rosary followed by Stations of the Cross. Sponsored by the Women's Society. We will leave the parking lot at 10:45 AM or meet us there for the 11:30 AM start. All parishioners invited to attend.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on March 6 and 20 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: KENNETH L. WISE from Tony & Theresa Vitacco.

The Corner

Have you heard the term "**Cafeteria Catholic**?" It refers to someone who picks and chooses what they like or don't like; what they want to believe and practice about their faith. Let's create a new term, and let's all be "**Banquet Catholics**," partaking in all the richness of our faith that God sets out before us.

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.

Collections

thank you

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2023. \$5,655
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections. \$152,478
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. \$146,302

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).

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 25/26:

4:00 PM Mass - 124
 9:00 AM Mass - 108
 Total Attendance - 232



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 20 - #553 - unsold
 February 21 - #521 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
 February 22 - #557 - Marie Johnsen - \$100.00
 February 23 - #941 - unsold
 February 24 - #637 - Kiersten Donnelly - \$50.00
 February 25 - #047 - unsold
 February 26 - #148 - unsold

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 Call the Parish Office for more details.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon our Archdiocese will take up the Annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Funds generated from this initiative support diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. This collection also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they would not be able to afford otherwise. Without your help they would not be able to meet the pastoral and temporal needs of those who count on them.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantánamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living in that remote region. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs when compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantánamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2023. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

IMPORTANT CEMETERY INFORMATION

St. Aloysius and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will begin the Spring/Lenten Clean up process on Monday, March 6. If there are items currently on your loved one's grave site that you would like to save, we ask that you kindly remove the items by Sunday, March 5. Everything remaining will be removed on Monday, March 6 by our cemetery crew and disposed of. Thank you.



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 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 1:00 PM. Fridays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 7:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. Saturdays, March 11, 18 and 25 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 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.

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND, MARCH 10 & 11: Come to be restored to peace. No matter how long it's been, Jesus is always waiting to unburden you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On March 10 and 11, priests will be available to hear your confession at many times and locations in the greater Philadelphia area to make it as easy as possible to go. Even if it's been many years, don't let that stop you; the priest is ready to guide you through the process. For a list of times and places, visit www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/events.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 11/12

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Vitacco

Greeter - DiMarco & Gambino

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Server - Francis & Wasylkowski

Greeter -Hildebrand



Corn Hole Tournament and Pizza on Saturday, March 11 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Get your teams and boards ready and let

the fun begin. 2 players per team, double elimination. Child or adult teams. This is a non-professional tournament but we will have prizes. Come as a spectator to cheer on your team and have some pizza. Sign-up sheets for teams and spectators in the church lobby. This is a special Lenten event, free of charge sponsored by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Please call if you have boards we can borrow (Lori @ 610-326-6030 or Melanie @ 267-688-6063).

A LENTEN RETREAT with Fr. Isaac Haywiser, OSB- THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST: The Source of our Healing and the Joy of our Salvation on Sunday, March 5 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Thomas More Parish, Pottstown. Meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Evening Prayer and Benediction. In the midst of our lives, we know that there are many times we experience pain and suffering. Christ comes to heal us and offer us salvation.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Silence Yourself to Hear God's Word on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 AM to Noon at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Schwenksville. Guest speaker - Fr. John Pidgeon. 9:00 AM Mass, Light continental breakfast, Guest speaker, Q&A session, Rosary, Confession will be available. RSVP by March 6 to stcwings.retreat@gmail.com. Include your name and phone number. Cash donations will be accepted for the Missionary Sisters of Charity. Retreat hosted by WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).



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Recently, some of my brother priests and I gathered with our Archbishop for lunch. The meal and the conversation were informal. There was no particular agenda. In the midst of downing our burgers and fries, the talk turned to healthy eating. Cue the irony. It wasn't really that "healthy eating" *per se* came up in the midst of our lunchtime chat, but rather "healthy lifestyle" in general. A "healthy lifestyle" in priests fosters healthy parishes, healthy parishioners, and a healthy church. Archbishop Pérez noted that health can sometimes be overlooked or simply taken for granted. It can be like the basics of life, he said, that we so often take for granted such as food, water, or air. It was the air

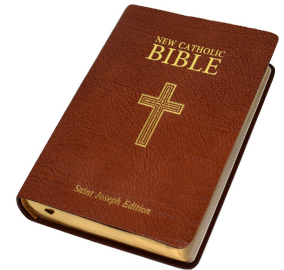


and our vital need for it that caused him to relate something about himself that I didn't know and that I found rather interesting. I don't know a whole lot about scuba diving, but the Archbishop does. He's a diver, though he acknowledged that he engages in it a lot less now than in times past. I suppose the Schuylkill doesn't readily lend itself to this activity. He began relating some technical details about diving and divers beginning with the need for proper equipment and certainly a full tank of air. It is the air that is so critical.

One needs to be ever aware of it and just how much or how little one has. One's life depends on it. Divers are acutely aware of this. In these days of Lent, all of us



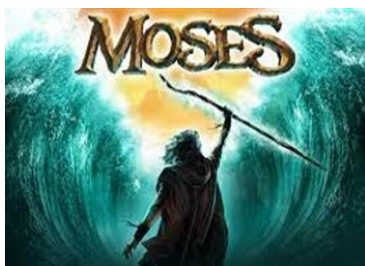
are called to heighten our awareness of the "air" that is so vital for parish life and the life of the Church. As we pray, reflect upon God's Word, and come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we are immersed anew in That which is truly vital for Life. Together then, we can share techniques, hone our skills and learn to use "proper equipment" enjoying more and more the "sport" of our Faith. Get ready! Check your equipment! The sun is out and the day is beautiful.



The water's warm and calm. Lent is the time to take the plunge! Dive-in and begin to explore the vast depths of our Faith! Afterwards, if you're hungry, maybe we'll go grab some burgers and fries! Ummm, just don't hold your breath!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



PARISH BUS TRIP to Sight & Sound to see **Moses** on Tuesday, May 23. Bus will leave from Church at 10:30 AM. Lunch prior to the show. Show begins at 3:00 PM. Trip includes transportation, lunch and the show. Deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, April 11. Contact the parish office for more information or to reserve your seat now before tickets are sold out!