

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6 MARCH 2022

Readings for Sunday, March 6: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

Readings for Sunday, March 13: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.



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>
7 Mar.	MON. 9:00 AM	Joanne Seren	Chuck & Joyce Mahon
8 Mar.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Rita Bernas	Husband & Children
9 Mar.	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
10 Mar.	THU. 9:00 AM	Donald "Doc" Batyko	Ron & Carol Fry
12 Mar.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Steven Michael Slaby	Mom & Dad
13 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, especially ALBANIA "PINA" TERPOLILLI.

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.

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.

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

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE DRAWING to support Religious Education:
FEBRUARY DRAWING - Monica Bauer - \$294.00.



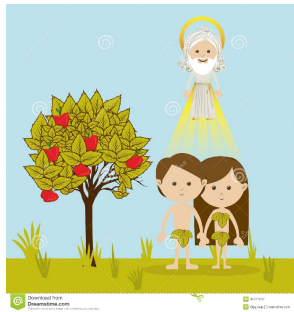
All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture at the top of the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies. There are resources for all ages!

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



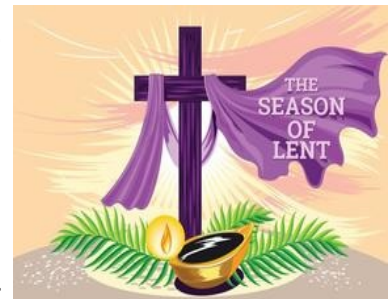
©JPPC

As a youngster, I remember the late Sunday morning spread. It was after – after church and prayer; after mom and dad had had their breakfast; after they themselves had had their fill. Then, it was my turn to have mine. I would take the Sunday newspaper and spread that paper across the kitchen table. I would read and I would question. I would look at news print pictures and I would learn. I recently read these rather interesting words: *the devil does not learn*. He has no need. He is quite certain that he already knows. My current events class in the seventh grade encouraged me and my classmates to take interest in history as it unfolded. Whether it was weather or sports or the “big story,” our “action news” team had to be on top of things and prepared for our weekly “broadcast.” The inquiry and curiosity of youth are traits needed for the Lenten journey and the journey of life. In history more recent, the science, it seems, was constantly changing, but queries were questioned and



a world altering pandemic remains yet little understood. There followed, for many, an election in doubt. There were dubious claims of a mailed-in majority. Yet, daring such doubt could have had one detained as a troublemaker of the domestic sort. Today, one national border is all but forgotten, while another has the attention of the entire world focused upon it. Sadly, it is replete with scapegoat, villain, and violence. Of course, innocent in all of this are now we who go forth into Lent. What have we learned? I suppose Adam and his wife felt just as innocent as they went forth from the Garden beginning their Lent and that of the whole world. Wearing but fig leaves, they must have shivered

in the cool winds of March that year long before history marked time. Had they but questioned, things might have been different. Had they but learned, things definitely would be. Tempted they followed. Doubts muted they fell – and so, too, the world. The paper has been folded up. Lent is a time for us to once again pause, question, and learn. It is the annual “refresher course” in which we discern the Truth anew amidst the often unfortunate current events of our times; to allow ourselves to be taught anew by the One, Who came to teach us. Lent is a time to open ourselves anew to the Knowledge that Jesus alone can impart. Today we don’t open the paper so much as a web browser, but the learning so necessary is the same. Open yourself anew this Lent to learn the Truth that is our Faith. It’s time to have our fill. See you in the kitchen!



Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022... \$4,294
2021-2022 Year to Date Collections. . . \$146,302
2020-2021 Year to Date Collections. . . \$150,095

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS -

Requests can be made by email at (contact@sgsm62.org) or by phone (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

February 21 - #933 - unsold
February 22 - #370 - unsold
February 23 - #478 - Bob Steiniger - \$50.00
February 24 - #667 - unsold
February 25 - #038 - unsold
February 26 - #632 - unsold
February 27 - #948 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$100.00

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.
610-326-1510

MASS ATTENDANCE for February 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 108
9:00 AM Mass - 123
Total Attendance - 231

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a concrete expression of unity and solidarity between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through their contributions, Catholics from across the United States have supported the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministers, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters.

In Haiti, for instance, the Diocese of Jacmel formed more than 600 youths from its 31 parishes in reading, praying, and living the Gospel over the course of a 21-day program. This same spirit of outreach was also at work across Haiti during the COVID-19 outbreak when the Haitian Episcopal Conference initiated a communication and pastoral ministry formation campaign to inform people, especially those in remote or marginalized areas, about the nature of the coronavirus pandemic and how to stop its spread.

By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you help local parishes address the immediate pastoral and material needs of these vulnerable families.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2022. Please be generous in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth 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



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for a Special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Pérez on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Philadelphia. All are

welcome to attend as we come together for this special gathering to support the vital mission of the Appeal.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS & EVENTS

VALENTINO'S RESTAURANT VOUCHERS are being



sold by the Women's Society. Vouchers are for a 10" personal cheese pizza or any small 8" hoagie



(except supreme). Vouchers will expire on April 30, 2022. All vouchers are \$9.00. Vouchers will be available after Mass on March 12/13, March 26/27, April 9/10 and April 23/24. Vouchers are also available at the parish office.

TRIP TO NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO on Tuesday, March 22 for rosary and stations. Leaving parking lot at 10:45 AM or meet there for 11:30 AM start. Possibility of car pooling.



Confessions: Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 at 12:30 PM. Saturdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 3:00-3:45 PM.

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 at 1:00 PM. Fridays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 at 7:00 PM.

Fast & Abstinence: All persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) 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 Good Friday, while the other two meals are to light.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 12/13

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

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

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Scheidt

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Iannozi

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

Altar Server - Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Carr

The Corner

It is fitting that we begin **Lent** each year with the story of Jesus going into the desert and being tempted by Satan. We are meant to identify with Jesus in the Gospels. He knew temptation just as we do. St. Pope John Paul II says *"Jesus' victorious struggle against the tempter does not end with the days He spent in the desert, but during the years of His public life and culminates in the dramatic events of Easter. It is precisely by His death on the cross that the Redeemer ultimately overcomes evil, liberating humanity from sin and reconciling it with God."* Do you need to personally reconcile yourself with God? We Catholics have a beautiful gift for that: It's called **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto on Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent following the 11:30 AM Rosary.

GUARDIAN ANGEL STUDY GROUP on the first Monday of the month at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Cost is \$20.00 for materials which you will receive at the meeting. Contact angela@padrepio.org for more details or to register.

SONG AND STORY LENTEN MISSION with David Kauffman at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown on March 16 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. Love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkil.org.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Inspiring Women of the Bible on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church & Education Center multi-purpose room, Schwenksville. Guest speaker - Fr. John Gibbons. Includes Mass, light continental breakfast, Q&A session and Rosary. RSVP to Jen1968@hotmail.com by March 7- include your name and phone number.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY on March 19 from 7:00-11:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Gym, Schwenksville. \$35.00 per person. For more information or tickets contact Mike Brown (610-324-0486 or mikebrownah@yahoo.com). Limited tickets available at the door.

MAN UP PHILLY - Men's Spirituality Conference on March 19 at Immaculata University. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and the Conference concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Pérez. For more details or to register visit www.manupphilly.com.