

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 NOVEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, November 3: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34.

The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

Readings for Sunday, November 10: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.



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 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	James Foster	Wife, Jamelle & family
5 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Lauren Francis & All Babies born at rest	Jane Perkins
6 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	Special Intention	
7 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	Nicholas Lenhardt	Kathy Bernhard
9 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
10 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Gerry Pennypacker	Wife, Kathy



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.



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.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM in the social hall. This will be a working meeting. We will be working on Christmas decorations, including hanging window



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.

baskets and window sill swags. Hostesses: Melanie Warzeski and Maria DiMarco. Desserts and coffee will be provided. If you prefer a different beverage, please bring your own. We welcome all new women looking for a fun activity and a way to get to know our group.

LOST WEEK

Collections with PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 27, 2024..... \$4,190
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections..... \$68,932

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, November 9 and 10, will be the Gold 50/50 Envelope to support Religious Education.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

POTTSTOWN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
610-326-7880

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 26/27:

4:00 PM Mass - 135

9:00 AM Mass - 133

Total Attendance - 268



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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on November 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Due to the recent hurricanes, blood drives have been canceled in those areas. We urge you to consider donating blood. Help us help those in need during this difficult time. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org.



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

October 21 - #578 - unsold

October 22 - #946 - unsold

October 23 - #099 - unsold

October 24 - #101 - Ann Discher - \$50.00

October 25 - #879 - unsold

October 26 - #819 - James Bracaglia - \$50.00

October 27 - #593 - unsold

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



SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see "Noah." Cost: \$170.00 which includes motorcoach

transportation, lunch, tax & gratuity for lunch, show and tip for the bus driver. Leave from Church at 10:30 AM; Family-style lunch at Hometown Kitchen at 11:45 AM; Show at 3:00 PM; Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM. Reservations and payment due by February 17, 2025. For more details or reservations, contact Kathy at 610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org. Make plans now to attend!

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH
MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of:
PAUL BARR from Maria, Steve & Tyler Boyer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 9/10

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Willemsen

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

Altar Server - Pomponio

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Griffin & Miller

Greeter - Carr

The Corner

"Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms."

— St. Francis de Sales



HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS are being sold by St. Gabriel Women's Society. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPE PROGRAM

- Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this program goes towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder - the Redner's register tapes only count when you use your Redner's card and the information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. Containers for the register tapes are in the vestibule of Church.



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 Church,
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.



"Pray for all seminarians, that they may persevere in their calling. Please pray for all priests and for the success of their ministry among God's people. And please pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, the Church."

Pope St. John Paul II
Address to Seminarians
St. Martin's Chapel
October 3, 1979

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets as follows: 1st prize - \$5,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000; and four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall, Conshohocken. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email raffle@stmarypolish.org. Proceeds support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Veterans Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, November 9 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Come join us for a Baked Ziti and Meatball Dinner with a salad and dessert. All money collected goes to Local Veteran Center. Cost is \$20.00. Reserve your spot at www.caseyservice.net or call Franco (484-433-9160).

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Casey Service Club, Stowe. Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selections.



POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL PAWS PROGRAM

- The PAWS (Panthers Achieving Worthwhile Success) Program at Pope John Paul II High School supports the individual needs of students with learning differences through

instruction and academic accommodations within the Panthers' Learning Center, our hub of academic support. We will be hosting an information session about the program on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 PM in the Panthers' Learning Center at PJP to outline the program objectives and support structure, enrollment process, fee, and financial aid opportunities. To register and for more information, contact Mr. Joseph Rogers, Director of Academic Support (jrogers@pjphs.org).



Vocations Awareness Week

**GOD CALLS:
YOUR UNIQUE
ROLE IN
SANCTIFYING
THE WORLD**

**A presentation
by the Saint
Aloysius
Vocations
Ministry**

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:45 a.m.

Saint Aloysius Church
Lower Level of the Gathering Center



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SATURDAY
1:00 PM - 10:30 PM
NOV 23

THE WELL
YOUNG ADULT
CONFERENCE

SHERATON HOTEL
DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA 6
CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



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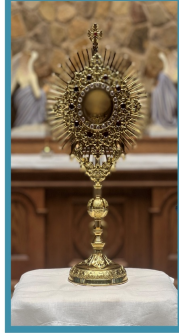
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Adoration for Vocations

2ND MONTHLY WEDNESDAYS
6:15 PM – 7:15 PM
NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

HOLY HOUR INCLUDING...
CONFESSIONS
MEDITATION | TESTIMONY
BENEDICTION

The Church needs your prayers for holy marriages, families, priests, and religious vocations. Will you pray with us?

Join us at 6:15 pm for an evening of unified prayer for the church!



Vocation
Action
Network

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908-334-7590

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart"



**A TIME OF
PRAYER**
*for our
country*

As Election Day approaches on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, we have a duty as Christians to pray for the nation, for the election and our elected leaders.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
18TH STREET
AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Let us turn with confidence to Jesus
in the Holy Eucharist with our prayers!
All are welcome!

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
is also available beginning at 5:30 PM
Parking is available



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Over the course of

the experience three couples and a priest will provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help you work through common themes we can all relate to such as exploring our personality styles, appreciating our differences, listening in a new way, communicating intimately, addressing difficult topics, discovering God's desire for our marriage and continuing the journey. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome. The next program is on November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information visit www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz (Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859).



RACHEL'S VINEYARD - A Place to Heal from Abortion. If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul

transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. Next Retreat is on November 8-10 at IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern. For more details or to register contact Susan (610-716-4795 or Susiemck@comcast.net) or Georgeann (484-955-4278 or geemcgarry@gmail.com).

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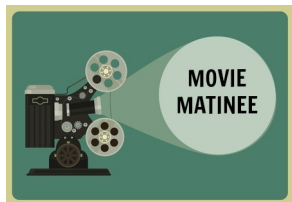
Catholic Charismatic Renewal

LEADERSHIP DAY, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting. Speakers:

Rev. Stephen DeLacy, Main Celebrant and Maria Richardson, Emcee. For more details or to register go to www.archphilaccr.org/events/.

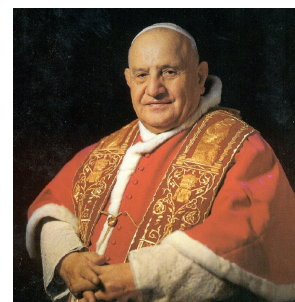
Bamboozled! Snookered! Hoodwinked! These are perhaps not the best words to use for a movie review. *Be advised: the following contains spoilers!* There were few people in the theater for the matinee showing. As the film abruptly



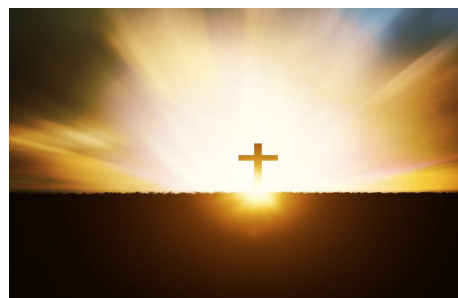
ended after two hours, all appeared stunned. We simply looked at each other. Fr. Wesly jumped up immediately ready to walk out – or better – run out as the credits began to roll. The trailer had been enticing. It looked like it would be a good movie, despite being sprinkled with fictional political intrigue of an ecclesial nature. The cardinals would gather in *Conclave* to elect a pope. It's way above my pay grade, but I could just imagine the hushed and discreet canvassing conversations of the sequestered clergymen of highest rank. From among



their number, the next pope would be chosen. The papacy is not an enviable job and no man on earth is truly worthy. A newly elected pope immediately goes to a small antechamber in the Sistine Chapel known as the "Room of Tears," (*Stanza delle Lacrime*) so immense will his burden now be. Here he will don a white cassock for the first time. The film is a typical Hollywood portrayal of the Church such that I expected the flaws of more than a few of the gathered clergyman to be exposed. As we're all now well aware, even cardinals are mere human beings subject to Original Sin. So, a cardinal exposed as having fathered a child many years ago and another caught-up in a heretofore unknown financial scandal didn't surprise me. Both men were eliminated from among the *papabili*. Other men were seen either as too liberal or too conservative. Still others were too ambitious. Only one was portrayed, in my opinion, as truly humble having absolutely no desire or interest to sit upon the papal throne. He actually desired to leave Rome and enter a religious community. Furthermore, he harbored some doubts, which all holy men and women do at times. Recall the much publicized writings of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. No, the one finally elected was the one least expected. Sometimes, in the course of Church history that has been the case. It's not that John XXIII's election was a complete surprise, but this so-called "place-holder pope" calling a Second Vatican Council most certainly was. In the film, the unlikely surprise came at the very end as a rather new and obscure Prince of the Church was elevated to the Throne of Peter. The problem in the surprise ending was, quite literally, physical. "He" who had been chosen, had been scheduled to have a hysterectomy! As I said, "surprise!" At the end of the film, after the confession was made, the screen went black. I thought to myself that this is perhaps the hope of many in Hollywood and elsewhere for the Church – that it might just turn off all the lights, go black, and go away as a relic of ages past having no place in a modern world of gender fluidity where walls between men and women; people and nations no longer stand. I sat for a moment surprised and bamboozled. The reality is that the Church is more relevant for our world now more than ever. She is not a "black screen." but that



Light shining in the often thick darkness of modern days. There are far, far better films to be seen on "Vatican intrigue." *Cabrini*, for instance, was a well done film. All of us need to be alert so as not to be "taken for a ride." There is much slick promotion of this, that, or the other thing in today's world especially in election season. All folks want is some Quality and Truth, whether it is a show out of Hollywood or a production made in Washington, DC. The Church, Herself, founded by Our Lord remains now and always as a Beacon of Light shining forth that Quality and Truth



that folks so much desire. Our "show" doesn't involve turning down the lights, but rather turning them up. Our Surprise isn't at the end, it's at the Beginning just as It always has been – and always will be. So, turn up the lights! Enjoy the "Show," but stay alert! Don't allow yourself to be bamboozled!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson