

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

127 E. Howard Street, Stowe, Pennsylvania 19464

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(Chaplain - Pope John Paul II
High School)
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Parish Office

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9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Other occasions by
appointment

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Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Monday-Thursday:
9:00 AM
Holydays: As announced

Kathy Kulp

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Confessions

Saturday
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
Other times by appointment

Parish Contact Information

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•P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Programs)

Grades PreK to 8: Sundays 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after Mass
 - Choir Practice: Tuesdays 7:00 PM
 - Senior Citizens: 2nd Tuesdays 1:30 PM
 - Women's Society: 1st Thursdays 6:30 PM
 - Parish Council: Bi-Monthly
 - Finance Council: Bi-Monthly
 - O.C.I.A.: As needed
 - Grief Counseling: Consult the Parish Website
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May

Month of Mary,

Our Blessed Mother

Baptisms: Arrangements for Baptism can be made at the Parish Office prior to or after the baby's birth. A Pre-Jordan session is required of new parents. Please call the Religious Education Office for these arrangements. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. A Certificate of Eligibility from the Sponsor's Parish is required.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with the Pastor in order to provide for all Archdiocesan requirements.

Sacrament of the Sick: All are encouraged to receive the Sacrament prior to hospitalization for surgery or if suffering from a serious sickness. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Registration: New people or families that are moving into the parish are asked to call the Parish Office to register in the Parish. We welcome you to the Parish! If you have moved, please let us know so we can update our records. Please email the office and give us your current email as we are trying to "go green."

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Mondays, 9:00 AM. Requests should be typed or printed and can be sent by mail, e-mail or fax. We reserve the right to edit.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 MAY 2026

Readings for Sunday, May 3: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

We are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood” called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of fath.

Readings for Sunday, May 10: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.



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 May	MON. 9:00 AM	Ronald Bernhard	Cheryl, Eric & Grayson
5 May	TUE. 9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	
6 May	WED. 9:00 AM	Lauren Francis & All Unborn Children	Jane Perkins
7 May	THU. 9:00 AM	Stanley & Philomena Weil	Patti & Bruce Pollock
9 May	SAT. 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
10 May	SUN. 9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish	



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 Devotions.



Flowers on the Main Altar are in memory of the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY** requested by the Women's Society.
 Flowers on the St. Joseph Altar are in memory of **RONALD BERNHARD** requested by his wife Kathy, Cheryl, Eric and Grayson.



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.



Candles in front of the Blessed Mother Altar are burning in memory of the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY**.

LOST WEEK

Collections THANK YOU

DEPOSIT FOR APRIL 26, 2026. \$5,132
2025-2026 Year to Date Collections. \$197,948



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL - Our Parish Goal for the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal is \$20,000. Consider making a donation to the Appeal. You can use the envelopes found in the vestibule of Church or use the envelope mailed to your home.

2025-2026 SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL - Our parish has made meaningful progress and is close to surpassing the amount we raised during last year's appeal. Your support is a source of profound encouragement for all at the Seminary. Your generosity is a reminder that this work is shared – that priests and lay people across the Archdiocese are united in forming men for service to the Church.

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE for April 25/26:

4:00 PM Mass - 168
9:00 AM Mass - 126
Total Attendance - 294



WOMEN'S SOCIETY PLANNING MEETING on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.



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

- April 20 - #902 - unsold
- April 21 - #505 - unsold
- April 22 - #239 - unsold
- April 23 - #341 - Maria Boyer \$50.00
- April 24 - #462 - unsold
- April 25 - #758 - unsold
- April 26 - #701 - unsold



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

on May 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Summer is a season of joy, fun and celebration, bringing people together for things like graduations, family reunions, and community events. Blood Drives are an opportunity to turn summer celebration into a lifesaving impact. Consider donating blood for those in need. All those who come to give between May 1 and 17 will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email, thanks to our partners at Amazon. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 9/10

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

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

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

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

Altar Servers - Francis & Griffin

Greeter - Neiman



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.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE - Bags will be available at Masses next weekend, May 9 and 10. Kindly return your filled Manna Bags on Saturday, May 16 or Sunday, May 17. Canned food items in greatest need are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soup and beans (red, black, pinto).



CONGRATULATIONS to our Parish Women's Society as they celebrate their 50 years of service to our Parish!



PASCHAL CANDLE - Thank you to an anonymous parishioner who paid for our Paschal Candle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



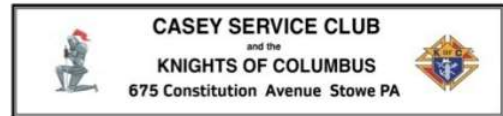
Final PREP class for this year is today! THANK YOU to our wonderful Catechists: Debbie, Judie, Simon, Nicole, Mara, Leah, Sherry; our aides: McKenna, Morgan, Dylan, Natalie; students; and parents who helped make this year fantastic!

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) 2026-2027 - Registration for new families with preschoolers ages 3, 4, and 5 years old, and school age children in Grades K through 8 are encouraged to register their children for PREP. Information as well as the registration form is available on the Parish website or feel free to contact Maria Boyer, DRE (information on front of bulletin) with any questions/concerns.



BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 3
(And every first Sunday of the month)
9 AM to 1 PM

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🕒 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Conference

Saturday, May 9, 2026, \$50.00 Per Person, includes lunch!
Age 12 to 18 is \$25.00, and under age 12 is Free! Scholarships available if needed
9:00 AM to Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Mass with The Most Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla
Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 3050 Walton Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Register now at <https://archphilaccr.org> tickets are transferable but not refundable

"The Joy of the Lord is my strength and my shield." Nehemiah 8:10



Sr. Mary Gianna, D.L.C.: Religious Sister serving at The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center. She proclaims the hope of Jesus Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!



Patrick and Joy Campbell: International Catholic Evangelist and founder of the Cross of St. Benedict Society and Joyful Hope Missionaries. Creator of the Cross of the Renewal for the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at the Ark and the Dove.



Maria Carmel Richardson
Emcee, Delegate, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Philadelphia
mrichardson@archphila.org





HEART TO HEART

An Archdiocesan Gathering of
Young Adult Women

MAY 9, 2026

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

📍 NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Join women in our 20s & 30s for fellowship, keynotes, adoration, lunch, and much more of heart speaking to heart!

THEME: SISTERHOOD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jeannine Yousif
Walking with Purpose
Women's Bible Study
Ministry Coach

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Sr. Marie Faustina Wolniakowski, RSM
Delegate for Consecrated
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Thursday May 28 - Sunday May 31



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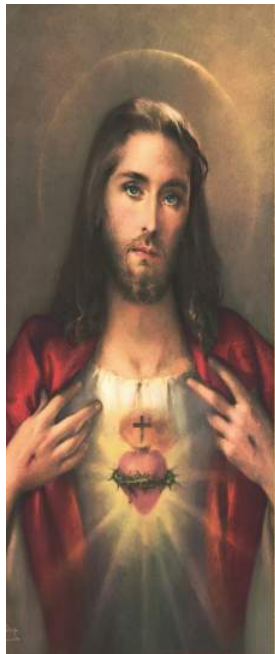
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In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

ENTHRONE
an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace

CONSECRATE
yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Find resources and more information at
ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD

WORLD YOUTH DAY
 SEOUL KOREA: AUGUST 3RD - AUGUST 8TH, 2027





WYD 2027 NEXT STEPS

- Scan the QR Code to join our interest list
- Information Sessions TBA
- Those who commit early on will receive increased chances of grant money for travel

"Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)

HOPE IN CHRIST:
 Spiritual Support for Addiction




Find Catholic support for you or your loved one struggling with addiction at:

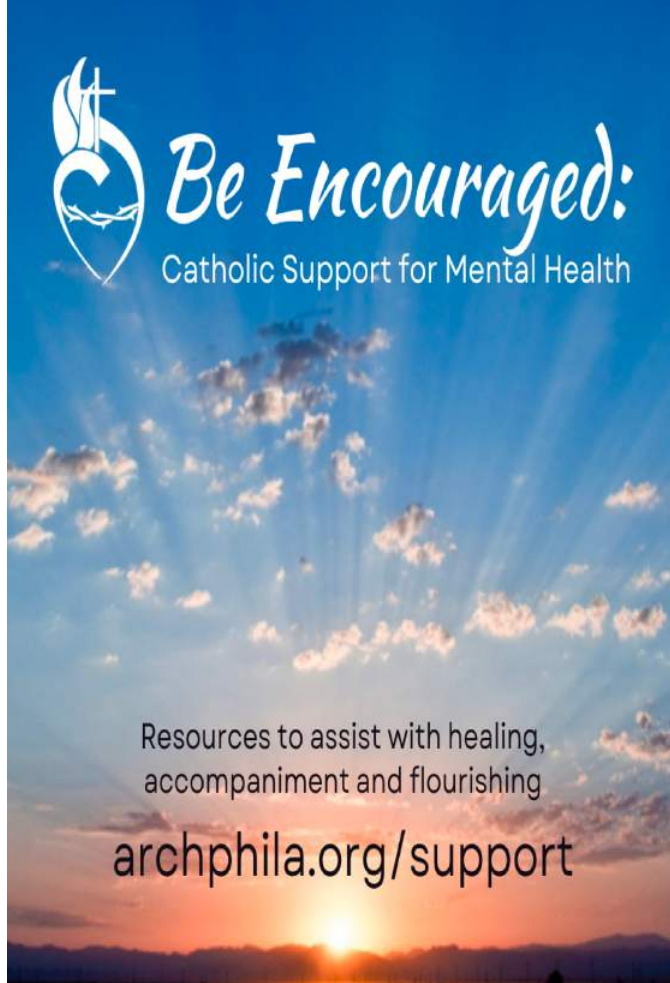
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Catholic Events • Support Groups
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 Archdiocese of Philadelphia



Be Encouraged:
 Catholic Support for Mental Health

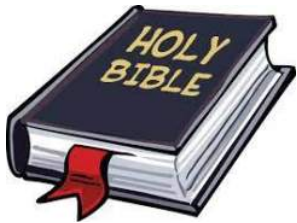


Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

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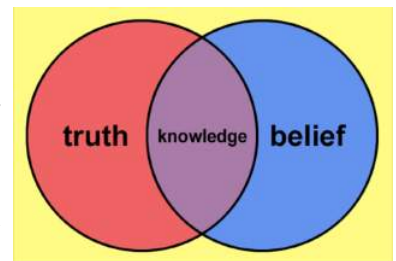
The young man, a high school freshman or sophomore, approached with a question. It was a good question, a fundamental question, and ultimately, one which all must ask. It was asked in all seriousness and not in a flip way. Perhaps he and his buddies had a certain discussion at the lunch table or maybe a teacher referenced something in a class that had him pondering and thinking and desiring an answer. *How do we know that it's true; how do we know that*



the Bible is true – you know – that the words are true? The short and easy answer to his question is Faith. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We know it to be true because of the Certitude of Faith. Without Faith, then the Bible simply becomes a rather interesting collection of stories that have impacted world history and cultures in a quite unique way. If that's all it was, it would still be an interesting book. However, again it is our Faith that tells us that the Bible is, in fact, so much more. As one might expect, I

hadn't personally pondered the young man's question for a very long time – perhaps going back to my own grade school days when at some point, I realized that indeed, it all comes down to Faith. However, his question caused me to ponder anew how his question can better or best be answered. *How do we know that the Bible is true?* The question hinges on knowledge, Bible, and truth. Knowledge can simply be defined as awareness. I know that the sun is out today, because I can see it and feel its warmth; hence it's a sunny day – and I know it! As for the Bible, it is for sure an interesting collection of stories that have indeed impacted world history and cultures.

The Book that is the Bible was written by various writers and compiled by the Church. It is She that teaches that it is the Inspired Word of God. Its writers were inspired by God Himself in the Person of the Holy Spirit. This *is* a matter of Faith and Belief and can only be understood in light of that same Faith. Because of this the Bible is a Book that should not simply be read, but *engaged*. This prompts that age old question



asked by philosophers and the likes of Pontius Pilate: *what is truth?* Truth is that which is; it is what's real. In the end, through Faith, what one discovers is that Truth is not an object or thing, but a Person. Jesus is Truth. He is Reality – the Greatest Reality. The entire Bible, in the end, is about Him. When we realize this and know this that's when we realize and know that the Bible really is True – and its words are there to inspire anew teenage friends along with you and me, each and every day for a lifetime!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

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