



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert... - Mark 1:12

Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Please Include in Your Prayers

If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, please contact the Parish Office to request their name to be put on the prayer list. The list will be updated monthly.

This week we remember the following:

Jane DiPaula, Andre DeBels, Tauton Welsh, Romy Carreon, Virginia Corsino, Celia Pelina, Antonio Pelina, Renato Zalamea, , Cynthia Norris, Debbie Davis, Fernando Rodríguez, Madeline Ricketts, , Rick Hyer, Carol Deigelman, Kathy Smith, Tom Reynolds, Romy Inserto, Andres Sabio Jr., Stephen Pohl, Augusto Vega, Mary Lou Young, Iluminada Ilaw, Kristie Massey, Mary Kidwell, Yvonne Santos, James Cordova, Patrick Gruno, Lloyd Butler, Dolores Mitchell, Bob Moscati, and all other members of our parish who are sick or shut-ins.



If someone is sick at home and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Eucharist, please contact Sr. Sonia at the parish office. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please remember that you must give the hospital explicit permission to inform the parish of your hospitalization. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from giving visiting clergy access to patient information without the patient's permission.



**Please Remember
Our Deceased Family & Friends**

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

Readings for the Week

Mon	02/19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tues	02/20	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wed	02/21	Jon 3:1-10; PS 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs	02/22	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19 Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
Fri	02/23	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Sat	02/24	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

This Week's Mass Intentions

9AM Feb 19 Communion Service
9AM Feb 20 Wilbur & Mary Hamilton
7PM Feb 21 Aida Pita- Fernández
9AM Feb 22 Edward Hayes
9AM Feb 23 John Lappin Family
4PM Feb 24 Philip & Elizabeth Guarisco
8AM Feb 25 Asongwe Nicolas
10:30 Feb 25 Caterina Pennisi
12:30 Feb 25 People of St. Gabriel

During Lent we will have morning prayers on Wednesdays at 9 AM and Evening Mass at 7 PM.

Winter Weather Information

If Baltimore County Schools are opening 2 hours late or closed, we will not have 9AM Daily Mass. For the weekends, check out WJZ, WMAR, WBAL or Fox 45.

LITURGY

Many thanks to all those who serve at the Altar of the Lord at our Weekend Liturgies.

Assignments for next week – February 24th and 25th

EMHC	Piechowiak, D	Randel, E	Fon, Rita
EMHC	----	----	Adeuyan, A
Lector	Hiebler, C	Vefonge, J	Nkafu, Mike
Lector	Piechowiak, Ed	Wiggins, J	Demeo, D
Greeter	Reed, B	Slowe, G	Confirmant
Greeter	McAulay, C	Randel, S	Confirmant
Altar Server	Quedit, Jaylen	Adeuyan, Olaleken	Omonua, Emmanuella
Altar Server	Quedit, Justin	Tita, Nancy	Nkafu, Njaka
Altar Server	----	----	Shonaiya, Chima
Usher	Duerbeck, Jack	Osuji, Emmanuel	Adeuyan, A
Usher	Johnson, Marisa	Raymond, Ray	Dailey, Don
Usher	Johnson, Mia	Spencer, H	Eboh, Dianne
Usher	Patalics, Tibor	Turner, Bruce	Hill, B
Usher	Reardon, John	----	Izekor, Victor
Usher	Taylor, Ted	----	Jasmin, Arthur
Usher	Thomas, Lloyd	----	Jasmin, Carolyn
Usher	----	----	Kppuyuf, Gillaume
Usher	----	----	McNair, Garfield
Usher	----	----	Omonua, Lawrence
Usher	----	----	Shonaiya, Babs
Usher	----	----	Tchomnou, Rachele
Usher	----	----	Wharton, Ricardo

Scripture Reflection

Lent is a time to remember that God first reached out to us. This was not a meagre, one-time gesture like those we often make and withdraw, but a profound, lasting and healing covenant.

During this season, we reflect on and ask forgiveness for our own alienating, sinful actions.

We ponder in deep prayer and silence that God has invested everything, including a beloved Son, into this relationship.

GENEROSITY REPORT

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

The way we use our time, talent and treasure for God, enables us to always put God first in our lives... Deuteronomy 14:23

“Give God what is right, not what is left.”

February 10th and 11th

Mass	Envel.	Loose	Total
4:00 pm	\$976	\$174	\$1,150
8:00 am	\$637	\$1,117	\$1,754
10:30 am	\$597	\$717	\$1,314
12:30 pm	\$55	\$788	\$843

Income	\$ 5,061.00
Expense	\$ 2,846.00
Net	\$ 2,215.00

Contribution Statements for 2017 for tax purposes, are available upon request. Call the office on business hours.

This Week at St. Gabriel

February

Monday 19,

6:45 pm Spanish Prayer Group, Church

Tuesday 20,

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish House.

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Annex.

Wednesday 21,

7:00 pm English Prayer Group, Annex.

Thursday 22,

2-5 pm Confessions, Fr. Roger. (Spanish)

6:00 pm Living Rosary, Church, Spanish

7:00 pm RCIA, Annex.

Friday 23,

7 pm Stations of the Cross, English, 7:45 pm

Spanish, Church.

Parish Social

Thank You to our **Charismatic Prayers Groups** for hosting our Fellowship Social after the masses this weekend.

Next week our Fellowship Social will be hosted by our **Ushers Group**.

Mass Attendance

February 10th and 11th

Saturday	4:00 PM	70
Sunday	8:00 AM	100
Sunday	10:30 AM	228
Sunday	12:30 AM	210
TOTAL:		608

Super Raffle Winners

From February 11th to February 17th

\$25 Daily Winners:

Joyce & Clyde Thompson, Carlton Thomas, LeRoy Lonon, Keith Randel, Dolores & Larry Schaeffer, Theresa L. Davis, Yenis Contreras.

Notes from Social Action

Food Pantry

Lent begins this coming Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Traditionally this is a time of sacrifice and doing good works. At the end on Lent on Holy Saturday, March 31st, we will prepare and distribute food baskets to our neighbors in the community. To make this happen, we need everyone's help to stock the food shelves.

We are in need of all types of non-perishable food items, paper goods and cleaning products, pet foods, and personal hygiene products. Any of the following non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated: canned meats and fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, all types of canned beans, canned pasta, canned soup, pasta & pasta sauce, dry beans & rice, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, hot & cold cereal, sugar, flour, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice and dessert items.

If everyone could bring just one item every time he or she came to church, the food pantry would always remain fully stocked.

Children's Food Basket

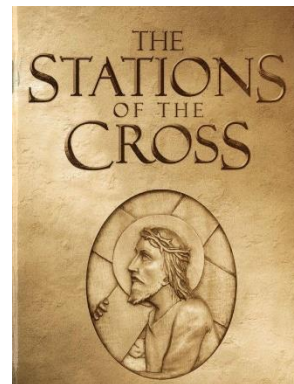
Well over a year ago we placed a basket at the foot of the altar so that children could bring in a food item to share with our hungry neighbors. Unfortunately, this food basket is only used by children from a small handful of families. Parents, please help your children select a food item that they can bring to the basket on the altar during the Offertory to share. Thank you.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

ENCOUNTER MAJD

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday in the church, beginning this FRIDAY, February 16.
7:00 PM English and
7:45 PM Spanish.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a community of faith, gathered in the name of Jesus to unify, plan, reconcile and energize the goals of a parish. In this context, the Council shares responsibility with the pastor for the mission and ministry of the Parish. The council is meant to bring together the wisdom, time, talent and other gifts of the community and plan the local mission. At St Gabriel Parish Council is comprised of 4 elected members (2 each year), as well as 11-13 parishioners that represent the Pastoral, Finance, Social, Spiritual and Service aspects of our parish.

The planning over the last five years has seen many victories, most notably a growing parish, the new parish hall, a robust welcoming process as well as many other smaller victories.

The time is now to plan the next phase of the Council and the commitments for the 5-10 years. As a result, the council, is interested in a review to determine the following:

Does its membership represent the parish needs, its objectives, serve its wider purpose. If changes are needed, then the framework should be reviewed and modified appropriately.

We invite **any** parishioners who want to contribute in this review and planning for the next 5 years. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please call Dan Reese at 484-802-8672. The next meeting is 2/20 at 7pm in the parish office.

OPERATION MATO GROSSO

Food Drive for South America

We are a group of young people who meet in our free time to carry out work projects to support Operation Mato Grosso's missions in 110 different communities across Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for people of the local communities to remain in their villages to earn an income and improve their lives.

DURING THIS *LENT* KEEP IN MIND PEOPLE IN NEED

If you like to help place a basket in your dining room, and during the 40 days of Lent, every day put **one item** of food (listed below) in the basket. Every day before dinner, keep in mind that there are some people around the world that do not have enough to eat. It is a nice way to be thankful for what we have.

We collect 6 staple food items:

PASTA

RICE

SUGAR

CANNED FOOD (veggies)

FLOUR

COOKING OIL

Food will be used in our programs – in our schools, where we provide free meals to our students, in soup kitchens where we feed elderly people or people who are not able to provide for themselves, to patients in our hospitals and clinics, and more.

Our objective is to fill an entire shipping a container of food to send to Peru, right after Easter. The Baltimore & Anne Arundel communities have already shown their generosity last year when we collected 38,000 lbs. We're not looking to match it; we aim to double this amount!

Thanks for your collaboration

For more information: Matteo 443-831-1127 / matteosantiamantini@yahoo.it or visit our website www.artesanosdonbosco.com - click on CHARITY!

FISH FRY

DINNER

ST GABRIEL CHURCH

**March 9th and 16th,
From 11:30 to 6:00 pm**

St. Gabriel School Hall
6946 Dogwood Road

MENU

Fried Fish, Choice of Bread, Beverage,
Choice of 2 Sides:

Potato Salad, String Beans, Greens, Coleslaw,
Candied yams

\$10.00 per dinner

NEW THIS YEAR!!!!!!

Lunch Special
Fish sandwich,
bag of chips and a drink
for \$7.00

**Pre-orders are required
for baked fish**

Please Call: 410-298-0853

We thank you for your support!!!

