

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 1 JULY 2018

**Readings for Sunday, July 1:** Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Because of sin, sickness and death have entered the world, but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. He made himself poor that we might become rich.

**Readings for Sunday, July 8:** Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Monday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Monday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Chapel.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
2 July	MON. 9:00 AM Rev. Patrick A. Duddy	
4 July	WED. 9:00 AM George & Mary Harbacs	The Family
5 July	THU. 9:00 AM Anthony Demark	Jack & Lori Carr
6 July	FRI. 9:00 AM Dominic & Marcella Vitacco	Bob & Linda Zomolsky
7 July	SAT. 4:00 PM David Oberley	The Family
8 July	SUN. 9:00 AM People 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 PEARL BAUER.

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE - NEW SUMMER HOURS - June 15 to September 14.** Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Fridays - 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM - the office will be closed Friday afternoons.**

**MAGNIFICAT BOOKS** - Those who purchased the Magnificat may pick up their JULY issue at the parish office.

**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 special Marian Devotions.

**“CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL”.** For further information, please call the parish office.

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 7/8:</b>
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Lector - John Nester
Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tammaro, Mara Tammaro, Nikki Gambino, Terry Donnelly
Altar Server - Maeve Donnelly
Greeters - Ginger Scheidt and Maria DiMarco
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie
Extraordinary Ministers - Rita Templin, Cindy Nore, Chris Gerasimowicz
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

Our Nation's Birthday

1776-2018

242 years

The Web of Life

Good and Gracious God,  
Source of all Life,  
All creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite our spark within us,  
That we may know ourselves  
As truly human and holy,  
Irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

All creation,  
Each star and every flower,  
Each drop of water and every person,  
Each and every atom, down to its very electrons,  
Explodes with the revelation  
Of your Sacred Mystery.

May we always walk gently upon this earth,  
In right relationship,  
*Nurtured by your love.*  
*Taking only what we need.*  
*Giving back to the earth in gratitude,*  
*Sharing what we have,*  
*Honoring all with reverence,*  
*Reconciling and healing,*  
*Mindful of those who will come after,*  
*Recognizing our proper place as part of,*  
*Not apart from, your creation.*

Grant us strength and courage, we pray,  
For such radical transformation into your kingdom.  
Then, we too, with the very stones will shout  
"Hosanna."

- Suggestion: Choose an italicized passage to meditate on during the day in the context of your own life. (For example, "Sharing what we have"; Am I generous in spirit in every instance? Do I give of myself in every encounter with others, or do I share after my own needs are met?)

This week, we celebrate the birthday of the United States of America. We remember all those who sacrificed for us that we could enjoy the freedoms that we presently enjoy. Enjoy this Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your family and carry on the traditions that you have formed as a family.

We will be having a special Mass on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. There will be music which will reflect the readings of the day as well as patriotic music.

I cannot take the credit for this beautiful poem but I think it reflects the beauty of what we celebrate as a nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Enjoy this week!

Fr. Hickey

**Reference:**

Michelle Balek, OSF. Abridged from her "Prayer for Global Restoration" for Pax Christi USA. Pax Christi USA is a national Catholic peace movement that promotes nonviolence and social justice. Used with permission.

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 24, 2018.....	\$3,711
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,621
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,289)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$260,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$231,290
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,448
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$28,710)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$552)

*June 25, 2017*

Deposit.....	\$3,688
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$32,383)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,673



**Raffle Drawing**

**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. Tickets are available after the Masses on weekends and at the parish office on weekdays. **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 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- June 18 - #670 - Cathy Keck - \$50.00
- June 19 - #315 - Don Hegedus - \$50.00
- June 20 - #405 - unsold
- June 21 - #246 - Victor Schue - \$50.00
- June 22 - #462 - unsold
- June 23 - #101 - unsold
- June 24 - #529 - John S. Voychik - \$100.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE for June 23/24:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 179
- 9:00 AM Mass - 144
- Total Attendance - 323
- Mass Attendance for June 24/25, 2017 - 327

**"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"**

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**WINNER OF THE MONTHLY 50/50 GOLD ENVELOPE  
DRAWING to support Religious Education:  
JUNE DRAWING - M/M Vincent Leskusky - \$312.00.**



**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET** sponsored by Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 10 at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville - held rain or shine. Shotgun start for an 18-hole Scramble format at 9:00 AM. Banquet and awards presentation at approximately 2:30 PM. Golfers - \$100.00. Banquet only - \$30.00. Contact Joseph Barrase (856-885-0687) for more details or registration.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write today to invite your continued generosity in support of the annual collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, which for nearly a half century has been a concrete expression of the Church's genuine concern for the poor, many of whom live in our own communities.

In our country today, amid the plentitude of blessings most of us enjoy, there are tragically still more than 46 million people living in poverty. A third of that number are children - in fact, one in five children in the United States lives below the poverty line. Being a child in a low-income or poor family is not their choice, nor a matter of pure chance. Their family circumstances are often due to the lack of good educational or employment opportunities that would yield a living wage, sometimes compounded by racial discrimination, violence, drug abuse, and other social problems. Together, these challenges form a vicious cycle of systemic poverty that prevents future generations from realizing their God-given promise.

Our Holy Father's thoughts are never far from the plight of the poor, or those "living on the margins of society." What that means is that they are too often left out or left behind, invisible to the mainstream of society, unless we heed the Gospel mandate to "have eyes to see and ears to hear" the cry of the poor. In declaring the first *World Day of the Poor* last November, Pope Francis drew his theme from the First Letter of John, exhorting us to "love not with words but with deeds," (3:16). Francis contrasts "the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deed against which we are called to measure ourselves," and reminds us, "Love has no alibi."

The poor do not want to remain so, nor pass that sad legacy on to their children. They want to make their own meaningful contributions to society, but that requires the opportunity to access resources to realize their goals and dreams. The Catholic community is called to solidarity with their efforts to achieve living conditions worthy of their inherent dignity as human beings. CCHD has been an effective means of making that possible, by funding community organizations working with and among those living on the margins to promote their active participation in efforts that address the root causes of their poverty.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors an annual collection in support of the Church's firm commitment to reduce poverty in our midst. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the CCHD collection will take place at Masses on the weekend of July 7-8. Your contribution to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can help your neighbors near and far to break the cycle of poverty and achieve a brighter future for themselves, their families, and their communities. Our Holy Father reminds us, "The poor are not a problem; they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel." I urge your support and ask God's blessing upon you for your generous response to this year's appeal.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

**FATIMA EVENING** on July 11 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. Fr. Harry McCreedy will lead this Evening of Prayer for Peace and the Protection of the World. Evening includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction and Mass. To register: 610-582-3333 or [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples who have made a weekend. Next weekends are July 13-15 and October 19-21 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more details or to register go to [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org) or call 484-393-1645.

**WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT** on July 13-15 at Malvern Retreat House with Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Philip Scott, Kathleen Beckman and Susan Brinkman. To register: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com).

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** - Begins on July 8 and ends on July 16. Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30 PM; Mass at 7:00 PM. Held at the Carmelite Monastery, Philadelphia.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** - Parish Ambassadors: **Come and See** on Tuesday, July 17 from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Rosemont. PAC Ambassadors enliven parishes by responding to the inspiration of Pope Francis to live their faith in new ways. Join us for an evening to learn about their experiences and see if it is right for you. RSVP [aayella@archphila.org](mailto:aayella@archphila.org) or 215-907-9436.

**THE WITNESS OF ONE DISCIPLE - Spreading the Flame in the Footsteps of Tony Mullen** - Saturday, July 21 at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media. Begins with Procession & Rosary at 9:30 AM. Mass at 11:00 AM. Concludes with Benediction at 2:30 PM. For more details visit [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us).

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County who support Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming events: Saturday, July 7 - Young Adult Union Game at 7:00 PM, ticket purchase required - visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more details; Tuesday, July 10 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM - visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more details.