

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 15 JULY 2018

**Readings for Sunday, July 15:** Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:13-14; Mark 6:7-13.

The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In him have we been chosen to be full of love.

**Readings for Sunday, July 22:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34.

**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>
16 July	MON. 9:00 AM Sister M. Electa Barlok	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
18 July	WED. 9:00 AM LCpl. Matt Snyder	Jane Perkins
19 July	THU. 9:00 AM George & Helen Koren	Son & Daughter
20 July	FRI. 9:00 AM Betty Ann Daily	Jack & Lori Carr
21 July	SAT. 4:00 PM William Oberley	The Family
22 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.

**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 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.

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS** received in memory of: GRACE PAVLIK from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family; RALPH FONTANA from Dennis & Paula Bolonski.

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

**OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS** - All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers for the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call Kathy at the parish office to volunteer.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 21/22:

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Melanie Warzeski  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Nikki Gambino, John Nester  
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes  
 Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Rita Templin, Kathy Bernhard, Chris Gerasimowicz  
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz  
 Greeters - Marie Hildebrand

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

### New classes will start in the Fall

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life? Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another Christian denomination but never received any formal religious instruction? Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful? Are you yearning for something more in your life? Maybe you have been looking for enrichment in your life in all the wrong places.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Christian Community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is Our Lord and Savior. "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me. For I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28-30). Please feel free to contact Fr. Hickey or Mrs. Maria Boyer, who is the Director of Religious Education (DRE), for more information about the process.

Each parish is responsible for the formation of prospective members. This formation is guided by the needs of those who seek membership, the resources of the local community, and the norms of the Catholic Church. All parishes of a diocese are united through the ministry of the bishop who, as chief Pastor, is responsible for the initiation of new Catholic Christians. The bishop's role is clearly seen when he meets the catechumens for the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent. The liturgy, celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, beautifully demonstrates the diversity and unity of the Church into which new members are initiated. This and other liturgies lead to the goal of Christian initiation.

#### **The Order of Christian Initiation:**

**Period of Inquiry:** This is a time of introduction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a reflection on one's own life. It is an unstructured time for questions and discernment.

**Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens:** This is the beginning of the journey of faith. They accept the way of Jesus, receive the Sign of the Cross, and join in the Liturgy of the Word of God.

**Period of the Catechumenate:** This is the time to discover the love and power of God in their lives and in the Church. Along with their sponsors, catechumens celebrate the Liturgy of the Word each Sunday, receive anointings, participate in prayers of faith, and take part in the mission of the Church of the world.

**Election or Enrollment of Names:** This usually takes place on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral when Archbishop Chaput formally acknowledges the readiness of the Catechumens and calls them to the Sacrament of Initiation. Catechumens - the elect - respond by expressing their desire for these sacraments.

**Period of Purification and Enlightenment:** During the Season of Lent and before the Easter Vigil is a time of intense immediate preparation. Through prayer, study, and the Scrutinies, the elect experience the death and resurrection of Jesus in their own lives.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** This takes place at the Easter Vigil. The elect celebrate initiation in the threefold sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. They are anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the Holy Spirit, are welcomed to the Eucharistic Table, and are incorporated into full membership in the Church.

**Period of Mystagogy:** This is the 50 day Eastertime following the celebration of Christian Initiation. The newly baptized now participate fully in the life of the Church. This is also a period of a more in-depth sacramental catechesis and reminds everyone that growth in faith is ongoing and lifelong.

#### **Some terms that you may hear in Church:**

**Apostolic Witness:** How we live out what we believe

**Candidate:** A person who is baptized into another faith tradition who is seeking membership in the Church. Candidates are different than catechumens who are not baptized. Candidates are brought into full Communion in the church with a Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

**Catechumen:** An unbaptized person who seeks entrance into the Church

**Catechumenate:** The process of formation leading to entrance into the Catholic Church

**Time limit:** Depends on the person but is anywhere from one to two years

**Doctrine:** What Catholics believe

**Liturgy:** How the community worships

**Prayer:** How we communicate with our God

**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist

The entire church of Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother would like to welcome you to our faith community. All you have to do to begin the process is to contact Fr Hickey or Mrs. Maria Boyer, DRE. Have a good week and I hope you are taking some time this summer with family and friends to renew your spirit. Everyone is welcome to be in RCIA who wants to deepen their faith experience.

Fr. Hickey

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 1, 2018.....	\$3,942
Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,852	
Parish Giving - \$90	
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,058)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$5,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$3,942
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,942
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$1,058)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,058)

*July 2, 2017*

Deposit. ....	\$4,216
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$784)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$274)

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 8, 2018.....	\$3,921
Regular Sunday Collection - \$3,791	
Parish Giving - \$130	
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,079)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$10,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$7,863
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,932
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$2,137)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,068)

*July 9, 2017*

Deposit. ....	\$3,648
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$2,136)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$1)

**MASS ATTENDANCE for June 30/July 1:**

4:00 PM Mass - 173  
9:00 AM Mass - 142  
Total Attendance - 315  
Mass Attendance for July 1-2, 2017 - 325

**MASS ATTENDANCE for July 7/8:**

4:00 PM Mass - 167  
9:00 AM Mass - 144  
Total Attendance - 311  
Mass Attendance for July 8/9, 2017 - 348

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME**

610-326-1510

**REDNER’S TAPES** - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner’s register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from this fund raiser is put towards our Parish Religious Educational Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner’s tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints out at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use a card, we can not use your tapes. You can obtain a Save-A-Tape card at the Customer Service Desk at any Redner’s. Containers for the Redner’s labels are in the vestibule of church or you may bring them to the parish office.

**MOO MONEY FUND RAISER PROGRAM** - Our parish is a participant in the Moo Money Program offered by Turkey Hill. For every 500 milk lids turned in with the Moo Money Label, the parish will receive \$25 from Turkey Hill. Money the parish receives is used to offset our PREP expenses. Containers for the Moo Money lids are in the vestibule of church or you may bring them to the parish office.



**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 25 - #405 - unsold
- June 26 - #034 - Annie Stockmal - \$50.00
- June 27 - #927 - unsold
- June 28 - #451 - unsold
- June 29 - #355 - Birthright of Pottstown - \$50.00
- June 30 - #510 - John Yergey - \$50.00
- JUNE FIGURES: 358 tickets sold - \$1,790.00. Payout to winners - \$700.00. Printing of tickets - \$100.00. June Profit - \$990.00. Thank you for your support!
- July 1 - #499 - unsold
- July 2 - #401 - unsold
- July 3 - #728 - Fr. Gregory J. Hickey - \$50.00
- July 4 - #976 - unsold
- July 5 - #136 - unsold
- July 6 - #831 - Cliff & Barb Keller - \$50.00
- July 7 - #357 - Marie Johnsen - \$50.00
- July 8 - #339 - unsold

**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. Tournament includes Door Prizes, 18 Holes of Golf, Breakfast at the Course, Lunch will be provided, Beer & Water throughout the day, Team Prizes as well as Skills Competition Prizes, Dinner/Banquet. Net proceeds go directly toward the Father Bally Council #1192 Charitable Works Fund. This is a 100% pre-paid event and limited to 36 foursomes. Contact Joseph Barrase (856-885-0687) for more details or registration.

**BIRTHRIGHT OF POTTSTOWN** has been helping pregnant moms and babies in need since 1980. They are in need of volunteers to continue their life-affirming mission. Anyone interested can stop in to visit at 327 King St., Pottstown or call one of the co-directors: Carole (448-366-2065) or Lori (610-731-7012). A training session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8.

**ARCADIA AT LIMERICK POINTE** offers truly special and unique new senior living options in our area. Spacious and modern independent living apartments, many with balconies and patios. À la carte services so you can make sure you are only paying for what you need, when you need it. Faith-based ties to St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish that will create and inclusive, family-like atmosphere for all who reside at the community, regardless of affiliation. For more information, brochures are available at the church entrances.

**RETROUVAILLE** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. Next program is at the Family Life Center, Malvern on August 17-19. For more information or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. Inquires are strictly confidential.

**THE JOY OF RESTORATION RETREAT** for men and women on August 3-5 at Malvern Retreat House. Cost is \$265 per person and includes accommodations and meals. This retreat will look at restoration in terms of: forgiveness and accountability, impediments to evangelization and spiritual growth, relationships with God and others, mercy and healing. This retreat will feature nationally acclaimed speakers and experts from disciplines and perspectives such as Damon Owens, Devin Schadt, Dr. Peter Kleponis, Megan Murphy, David Abel, Marty Rotella and Msgr. William King. For more details or to register at [www.malverretreat.com/register](http://www.malverretreat.com/register) or call 610-644-0400.

**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: Tuesday, July 17 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville - Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM - Speaker - Jessica Lim; Tuesday, July 24 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM; Sunday, July 29 - Summer Picnic. Visit [www.metanoiayoungadults.org](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org) for more details.