

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JULY 2018

Readings for Sunday, July 29: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens his hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In him we form one body.

Readings for Sunday, August 5: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

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>
30 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Vittorio D'Emilio
1 Aug.	WED. 9:00 AM	Wife, Lucy and family
2 Aug.	THU. 9:00 AM	James Diamond
3 Aug.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Charles Browne Family
4 Aug.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Francis J. Czeiner Family
5 Aug.	SUN. 9:00 AM	St. Gabriel PREP Staff & Students
		People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
		Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund



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.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Our Parish's 11th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 21 at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville beginning at 11:00 AM. Our goal is to have 72 golfers this year. More details in future parish bulletins. Make plans now to join us for a day of fun and invite all your friends to join you!

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.

MAGNIFICAT - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their AUGUST issue at the parish office.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed all day on Friday, August 3.

<u>MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 4/5:</u>	
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>	
Lector - John Nester	
Extraordinary Ministers - John Bracaglia, George Siver, Nikki Gambino, Shelly Stockmal, Frank Durante, Sherry Durante.	
Altar Server - John Nester	
Greeters - Patty Wade and Monica Bauer	
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	
Lector - Rocco D'Emilio	
Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Chris Gerasimowicz, Rita Templin, Lori Carr	
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz	
Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie	

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

I am taking off a week from writing and repeating a favorite from 2014 and 2017

God's Voice Mail

Most of us have learned to live with "Voice Mail" as a necessary part of our daily lives. We have it on our phones. We learn to live with it when we call others. We yearn to hear a friendly voice when we call our doctors. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing the following.

Thank you for calling Heaven.

For English, please press 1.

For Spanish, please press 2.

For all other languages, please press 0.

Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for Requests.

Press 2 for Thanksgiving.

Press 3 for Complaints.

I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to God the Father, press 1.

Jesus Christ, press 2.

The Holy Spirit, press 3.

If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm, while you are holding, press 4.

To find a loved one that has been assigned to Heaven, press 5, and then enter his or her Social Security Number, followed by the pound (#) sign. If you receive a negative response, please hang up and try Area Code 666.

For reservations at Heaven, please enter J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 3-1-6.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computer shows that you have already prayed today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow. The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9:30 a.m. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor. Thank you and have a Heavenly day!

Thank heavens that Voice Mail is something that we have made up on earth and that we can go to God at any hour of the day or night and do not have to get involved with such impersonal messages. The Lord is waiting for our calls and He will answer them personally. I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful summer and are not bothered too much by Voice Mail.

I had a very enjoyable week in Beltsville, Maryland with the Christian Brothers. Brother Bill Hudson is now stationed there. He had been the Director of Liturgy and the Head Sacristan at the Malvern Retreat House for many years and came here practically every Sunday through Tuesday. I broke the spell on this trip by having sunny weather every day. It must have been all of your prayers. Brother Bill sends his best wishes to all of our parishioners who know him as well to the many men and women of our parish who have made retreats at the Malvern Retreat House.

Have a good week and enjoy the rest of the summer with family and friends. After the 4th of July, it tends to go quickly!!!!

Fr. Gregg Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 22, 2018.....	\$3,721
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,631
Parish Giving -	\$90
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$1,279)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$20,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$15,068
Average per week Collection.....	\$3,767
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$4,932)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,233)

July 23, 2017

Deposit.	\$3,475
2017-2018 Deficit to Date.....	(\$5,269)
Difference from previous year.....	\$337



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

- July 16 - #682 - Kathy Bernhard - \$50.00
- July 17 - #735 - Joseph Donnelly - \$50.00
- July 18 - #007 - Karen Levan - \$50.00
- July 19 - #275 - unsold
- July 20 - #832 - unsold
- July 21 - #856 - unsold
- July 22 - #289 - unsold

MASS ATTENDANCE for July 21/22:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 151
- 9:00 AM Mass - 141
- Total Attendance - 292
- Mass Attendance for July 22/23, 2017 - 351

WINNER OF THE MONTHLY GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

JULY DRAWING - M/M James Mich - \$289.00.

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be the Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal. Help support the Dominican Friars - Province of St. Joseph who bring the Good News of Jesus and much needed material support to every corner of the world. This appeal is sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who help build up Churches in 1,111 Dioceses, mostly where Christianity is new. The Societies care for and support these Churches until they are self-sufficient. Please pray for the work of this Missionary Group and Missionaries throughout the world and show your generous support. A representative from the Dominican Friars - Province of St. Joseph will be here to speak at the Masses next weekend. Envelopes for this collection will be in the pews next weekend. Extend your heart-filled witness to the whole world through your prayers and offering.

SECOND COLLECTION on July 28/29 and September 1-2 will be for donations to purchase items for the Basket Raffle for the Parish Golf Outing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER
610-323-4440

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION received in memory of: **RALPH FONTANA** from Jeannine Ferrante.

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.

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 at 9:00 AM. Golfers - \$100.00. Banquet only - \$30.00. This is a 100% prepaid event and limited to 36 foursomes. Contact Joseph Barrase (856-885-0687) for more details or registration. 085 St. Gabriel, page 3