

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 JULY 2018

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

Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

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

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>
9 July	MON. 9:00 AM	Walter Lesik	Wife & family
11 July	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary Rudy	Daughter, Mary
12 July	THU. 9:00 AM	Adeline Amador	Susan Gratti
13 July	FRI. 9:00 AM	Andrew Pinder	Francis J. Czeiner Family
14 July	SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
15 July	SUN. 9:00 AM	Marie Dellaquila	Husband & family



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.

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.

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.

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. You may volunteer as a family or an individual.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 14/15:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers - Sherry Durante, Frank Durante, Shelly Stockmal, John Bracaglia

Altar Server - Michael Holmes

Greeters - Maria DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio

Extraordinary Ministers - Lori Carr, George Siver, Cristin Bucciaglia

Altar Server - Tommy and Madelyn Miller

Greeters - Sylvia and Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

"Reflections on Your 80th Birthday"

Author: Mrs. Christine B. Hyde, R.N.

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The greatest joy in life is to love and to be loved. I know it's a great feeling because you have loved me since I first entered your life and became your daughter-in-law over 30 years ago. How do I know this? You have always loved me with respect, without judgment and without regard for my faults, and I have many...and you loved me anyway!

Knowing you and loving you has shaped my life. You have been an exemplary model – as a woman, a mother, a grandmother, and a friend. You have demonstrated your love in many ways to the people around you. Gratitude is a wonderful trait. Every day, you thank God you are alive and well, and ask yourself, "What can I do to make this world better or to help those most in need?"

Your dignity and faith carried you through much adversity in your life. No matter how much pain life sent your way, you stood tall and had faith that God would carry you through. Meredith quoted you one day when we were discussing a problem. She said to me, "God carried you this far...He is not going to drop you off now." That is a powerful statement. See how you touch people. They are words of wisdom.

You lived your passionate vocation to marriage with gusto. You loved Dad with a fire that sometimes burned so hot it exploded. This passion taught us about God's passionate love for us and about God's fidelity through times of stress. Your strong, quiet, and independent presence at his death taught us about the unique qualities of feminine strength – qualities that the Virgin Mary must have exhibited at the Cross of her son. Your care for Mommy in her illness taught us what it means to sacrifice for those you love.

You have a knack for bringing people together. That's the true gift of hospitality. You have used this gift to bring friends and family together. You have kept track of cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and friends and made sure that we have stayed connected to each other. It was in this way that you offered the most profound gift to us all.

We have had thousands of meals that you prepared at your home over the years. When we came, we were hungry, thirsty, and tired. There were no expectations of us – only to come, sit down, enjoy the meals and share some time with each other. I wasn't kidding when I said "that was the best ravioli I ever had!" I may have had ravioli over 50 times but each and every time, it seemed like the best I ever had. The same applied to your Genovese, Boudino (the ultimate comfort food), Roast Beef and Yorkshire and the list goes on and on. I sounded like a broken record and I meant it.

When the kids were little and we vacationed for a week at the shore in the summer, we invited you to come. The greatest thing about that was the kids needed two mothers. It meant an extra pair of eyes, and extra pair of hands, and an extra lap to sit on. They were so small and close together in age and demanding as kids can be. You were there to share the load. I remember you prepared dinner every night which was the last thing I wanted to do when I got off the beach at the end of the day.

You were always willing to lend a hand and offer your assistance to me. When I was incapacitated following my surgeries, you came and took over. You handled the kids and the house and I didn't have to worry about anything.

My fondest memory is our trip to Italy. I was so happy for you that you got to visit your native land...this time accompanied by your children and your grandchildren. It was a wonderful experience for me. Andrew, Steve, and Meredith will never forget it. The relationship of a grandmother to her grandchildren is the most special of all.

Thank you for a lifetime of good times together and great memories. Your loving and caring, kindness and sharing, has made a difference in our lives.

With my love and deepest affection,

Tina

P.S. Tina is one of my closest friends and has been a great support to each of my four sisters and my Mom over the years. She, like her Mother-in-Law, is always there to lend a helping hand and nothing is too much for her. Tina wrote

this thirteen years ago when Adele Hyde turned 80. Now Adele is enjoying her heavenly reward. The message is timeless and I have Tina's permission to share it with each of you. May someone write such beautiful sentiments about each of us someday!!!

We don't have to wait until someone passes away to tell them how much they mean to us. Perhaps, you can take the time to write to someone and tell them how much they have meant to you in your life. There is no greater gift you could give to someone than to thank them for what they have meant to you.

I will be visiting Brother Bill Hudson, FSC in Beltsville, Maryland from July 9th to the 16th and Fr. James A. Grant will be here covering for me, both for all Masses and for Pottstown Hospital. Since we have had so much rain this year, I may even have a sunny week. I always live in hope.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

Due to an early printing schedule, figures from the July 1 collection will be printed in the July 15 bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 14 AND 15

will be the monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope for Religious Education.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

ST. GABRIEL LODGE
610-326-4137

HAND-MADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. Cost is \$10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new-born baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. To purchase the blankets, please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

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



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.**

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
RAYMOND LUFT from Tony & Theresa Vitacco;
EDWARD OTTAVIANO from Anna Nester & John, Mary Ann Karpinski;
GRACE PAVLIK from Jeanette & Bill Gatta, Anna Nester & John, Joann & Gregory Brusko, Andy & Pat Brusko, Dom & Janet Gentile, Ginger Scheidt, George Siver, Tom, Zachary & Cassandra Buszta, Syl & Dot Buszta, Bob & Vivie Fitch.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SCHOOL - Prospective parents who are looking to enroll their child(ren) in a high-quality Pre-K program or Grades K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year, come see the value of Catholic education by touring St. Aloysius Parish School. Contact Cathy Remick (610-326-6167, ext. 427) to schedule a tour.

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.

FATIMA EVENING on Wednesday, July 11 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. Fr. Harry McCreedy, a prominent Fatima pilgrimage guide, 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. All are welcome - bring a friend! Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated. To register: 610-582-3333 or olme@olme.org.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - Join the Discalced Carmelite Nuns for these nine days of prayer with confidence that our Lady takes our intentions to her Divine Son. Begins on July 8 and ends on July 16. Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30 PM - Confessions are available during this time; Mass at 7:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form. Homilist is Fr. Kenneth C. Brabazon. The Novena Prayer will be recited before the homily. The closing Mass on July 16 will be a Solemn High Mass. Held at the Carmelite Monastery, 66th & Old York Road, Philadelphia.

OPEN HOUSE at Guiding Star Ministries, a maternity home for single, pregnant women and their children. Held on Saturday, July 14 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM - located at 1940 Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia. Bring a friend and enjoy touring our home, meeting residents and staff, and learning about our mission.

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 10 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM; 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 for more details.

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT on July 13-15 at Malvern Retreat House with Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Philip Scott, Kathleen Beckman and Susan Brinkman. Also offering a **Benedicta Leadership Institute** on July 12-13 and a **Young Women of Grace Retreat** on July 14 for girls ages 13 to 17 years of age. To register: www.malvernretreat.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples who have made a weekend. Next weekends in the Philadelphia area are July 13-15 and October 19-21 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more information or to register go to www.wwme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645. Help us celebrate 50 years by experiencing a Weekend of Discovery and a Lifetime of Love.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - **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. A passion for mission inspires them, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to put the teachings of the church into practice by providing ways for their parish to encounter and respond to excluded and suffering people around the world. Join us for an evening to learn about their experiences and see if it is right for you. RSVP 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 - Celebrants are Monsignor Ralph Chieffo and Fr. Jorge Reyes, OSA. Homilist is Fr. Jorge Reyes, OSA. Bring your own lunch - 12:30 PM. Talk on the Vision and Zeal of Tony Mullen at 1:30 PM. Concludes with Benediction at 2:30 PM. For more details visit www.flameoflove.us.