FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9 JULY 2017

Readings for Sunday, July 9: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

Readings for Sunday, July 16: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.

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

Date			Intention	Requested By
10 July	MON.	9:00 AM	Mary Rudy	Daughter, Mary
12 July	WED.	9:00 AM	Rita Bernas	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
13 July	THU.	9:00 AM	Mary Dolhanczyk	Irene Lopuski
14 July	FRI.	9:00 AM	Dominic Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
15 July	SAT.	4:00 PM	Rosemary Rice	Husband, Ken
16 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.

'CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH" Night with the Reading Phillies: Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 7:05 PM vs. The Harrisburg Senators. Enjoy the game, Fireworks, faith discussion with R-Phillies players, and a post-game concert by the band "Boundaries." Yellow reserved seats - $10 each. Please contact Maria Boyer (610-506-2455 or mboyer@sgsm62.org) if interested.

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 devotions.

SAVE THE DATE! Our 10th Annual Parish Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 22 at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville with an 11:00 AM shotgun start. Mark your calendars - come out for a day of fun! More details in future parish bulletins.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 15 and 16

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - John Nester

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Terry Donnelly, Cindy Nore, Shelly Stockmal, John Bracaglia

Altar Servers - Brigid Donnelly, Kiersten Donnelly

Greeters - Phil Bracaglia, Maria DiMarco

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Lori Carr, Chris Gerasimowicz, Cristin Bucciaglia.

Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz

Greeter - Marie Hildebrand

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

New Classes are starting 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. Yours souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28-20). Please feel free to contact Fr. Hickey or Maria Boyer 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 ones'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 to 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 prayers, 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. **Remember, new classes are starting in the Fall of 2017.** Have a good week and I hope you have done something fun to celebrate July 4th last Tuesday, the birthday of our country.

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Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.. . . . . $5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JULY 2, 2017.. . . . . $0,000
Regular Sunday Collection - $0,000
Parish Giving - $00
WEEK DEFICIT. . . . . ($0,000)

Year to Date Budget. $000,000
Year to Date Collections.. . . . . $000,000
Average per week Collections. $0,000
Year to Date Deficit. . . . . ($00,000)
Average per week Deficit.. . . . . ($000)

JULY 3, 2016
Deposit. $0,000
2015-2016 Deficit to Date. . . . . ($00,000)
Difference from previous year.. . . . . ($0,000)
Due to an early print deadline, figures from the July 2 collection will be published in the July 16 bulletin.

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.**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsored by the Women's Society

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser: Tickets currently available. When you purchase your ticket for ONLY $5.00, you can shop all day on October 17 with a shopping pass good for a 25% discount on purchases on that day from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Buy them also for family members and friends. Tickets available at the parish office.

Movie Night on September 8.

Zook's Homemade Amish Apple Dumplin's Sale on September 16.

Kauffman's Chicken BBQ on October 8.

More information to follow on these events. Thank you for supporting the Women's Society and your parish.

HANDMADE BABY BLANKETS - The Women's Society is selling hand-made baby blankets. The cost is $10.00. The blankets make a very nice gift for a new baby or as an additional something when giving a gift card. To purchase the blankets, please see a member of the Women's Society or call the parish office.

RADA CUTLERY: The Women's Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Items available for purchase are: paring knife, vegetable peeler, server spoon, utility steak knife, large slicer and serrated knife. Please call Louise Roberts (610-323-5765) for more details or to purchase any items.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

CROCKER & CROCKER, PA
610-323-5770

NEEDED: - A friend of Fr. Hickey is making lap top tables using yard sticks for senior citizens. Any donations of yard sticks are greatly appreciated. Please give any donations to Tony Vitacco or drop off at the parish office.

OUR PARISH HAS ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT every Monday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel. We are in need of parishioners to make a commitment to spend at least a half-hour each Monday with Our Lord. Please prayerfully consider coming for Adoration, then call the parish office to sign up for a specific time.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:
HENRY DROEGE from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family;
MARY DEFRANCESCO from Jack & Margie Bucciaglia and family, Pete & Lori LaRosa;
VICKI BARLETTA from Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer.

Due to renovations and re-surfacing of our church parking lot, the lot will be closed from Monday, July 10 to Sunday, July 23. Parking is available in the Lodge parking lot or on the streets around the church.

MEN AND YOUNG MEN: Only two weeks remain until our amazing Retreat Weekend at St. Joseph's in the Hills, Malvern on July 21, 22 and 23. Do not pass up this chance to join fellow parishioners in the quiet presence of God. He reaches out to us in many ways and a retreat gives us a special way to respond in thanksgiving for His love. Won't you join us? For more information see or call Tom Vagasky (484-949-4409).

REDNER'S TAPES - Thank you to everyone for collecting the Redner's register tapes for our parish. Money we receive from these rebates are put towards our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Just a reminder that the Redner's tapes only count when you use a Save-A-Tape card and that information prints our at the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use the 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 tapes are in the vestibule of church.

MOO MONEY FUND RAISING PROGRAM - Our parish is a participant in the Moo Money Fund Raising Program offered by Turkey Hill. Thank you to everyone for collecting the Moo Money lids for our parish. 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 and in the PREP office.

OFFERTORY GIFTS: All parishioners are encouraged to be Offertory Gift Bearers at the Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Holydays. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

FATIMA DAY, JULY 13 - Fr. Harry McCreedy will lead the July 13 celebration at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, Birdsboro. For the past 21 years, Fr. McCreedy has led Candlelight Rosary Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at his parish on the anniversary of Our Lady's sixth and final apparition to St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, and Blessed Lucia. He is a prominent Fatima pilgrimage guide due to his special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. This event is from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To register or for more details about Fatima Day contact Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at olme@olme.org, 610-582-3333 or www.olme.org.

CELEBRATE ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA on Saturday, July 15, Native American Day at the National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel, Bensalem. 10:00 AM - Blessing of the 4 Directions; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Various activities and presentations including Cherokee Nation Community Round Dance - Chief Buffy Red Feather; 1:15 PM - Prayer for Healing. Lunch available. For more information call 215-244-9900, ext. 380 or visit www.KatharineDrexel.org.

FATIMA PRAYER SERVICE at Visitation BVM Church, Norristown on July 13 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Church. Come pray for world peace. The Prayer Service will provide an opportunity for a plenary indulgence. This date is the 100th anniversary of the third apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. For more details, call Bob Hehn (484-557-1371).

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics. July events: Tuesday, July 11 - Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, July 18 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville, Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM, Speaker is Dr. Angie Corbo; Sunday, July 23 - Picnic at Green Lane park at 12:00 PM; Tuesday, July 25 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information.