

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 JUNE 2018

Readings for Sunday, June 10: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

With the Lord there is mercy and redemption for the reign of sin has come to an end in the person of Jesus. Hence we must never lose heart for we believe we shall be raised up with him.

Readings for Sunday, June 17: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34.

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>
11 June MON. 9:00 AM	Martha Gordon	Tom & Cathy Reilly
12 June TUE. 11:00 AM	St. Gabriel Senior Citizens Anniversary	
13 June WED. 9:00 AM	Sandra Smith	Paula & Dennis Bolonski
14 June THU. 9:00 AM	Pauline Neff	Steve, Maria & Tyler
15 June FRI. 9:00 AM	Berhosky Family	Cathy & Tom Reilly
16 June SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
17 June 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.

NO SECOND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY in June, July or August. Second Sunday Hospitality will resume on September 9.

SENIOR CITIZENS Anniversary Mass on Tuesday, June 12 at 11:00 AM, followed by a Luncheon in the social hall.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS - Cost for a one year subscription is \$34.95. Subscription begins with the September 2018 issue. Anyone interested in subscribing or renewing their subscription, please call the parish office. Deadline for subscriptions is June 22. Payment is due when you place your subscription.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 16/17:

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Phyllis Villano
 Extraordinary Ministers - John Bracaglia, Helen George, John Nester, Shelly Stockmal
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes
 Greeters - Marie Hildebrand

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie
 Extraordinary Ministers - Gary Huster, Debbie Huster, Cristin Buccaglia
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller
 Greeters - Sylvia & Tom Marcheskie

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

“The Symbolism of the Pelican”

I was visiting a church, and I noticed a carving on the altar of a pelican feeding little pelicans. I have never seen this before. What does it mean?

The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her little baby pelicans is rooted in an ancient legend which preceded Christianity. The legend was that in time of famine, the mother pelican wounded herself, striking her breast with the beak to feed her young with her blood to prevent starvation. Another version of the legend was that the mother fed her dying young with her blood to revive them from death, but in turn lost her own life.

Given this tradition, one can easily see why the early Christians adapted it to symbolize our Lord, Jesus Christ. The pelican symbolizes Jesus our Redeemer who gave His life for our redemption and the atonement He made through His passion and death. We were dead to sin and have found new life through the Blood of Christ. Moreover, Jesus continues to feed us with His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

The tradition and others is found in the *Physiologus*, an early Christian work which appears in the 2nd century in Alexandria, Egypt. Written by an anonymous author, the *Physiologus* recorded legends of animals and gave each an allegorical interpretation. For instance the phoenix, which burns itself to death and rises on the 3rd day from the ashes, symbolizes Christ who died for our sins and rose on the 3rd day to give us the promise of everlasting life. The unicorn which only allows itself to be captured in the lap of a pure virgin, symbolizes the incarnation. Here too the legend of the pelican feeding her young is described: “The little pelicans strike their parents, and the parents striking back, kill them. On the 3rd day, the mother pelican strikes and opens her side and pours blood over her dead young. In this way, they are revived and made well. So Our Lord Jesus Christ says also through the prophet Isaiah: ‘I have brought up children and exalted them, but they have despised me’ (Is 1:2). We struck God by serving the creature rather than the Creator. Therefore He deigned to ascent the cross, and when His side was pierced, blood and water gushed forth unto our salvation and eternal life.” This work was noted by St. Epiphanius, St. Basil, and St. Peter of Alexandria. It was also popular in the Middle Ages and was a source for the symbols used in the various stone carvings and other artwork of that period.

Clearly the pelican became a symbol of charity. Reference to the pelican and its Christian meaning are found in Renaissance literature: Dante (1321) in the “*Paridiso*” of his Divine Comedy refers to Christ as “our Pelican.” John Lyly in his *Euphues* (1606) wrote, “Pelicane who striketh blood out of its owne bodye to do others good.” Shakespeare (1616) in Hamlet wrote, “To his good friend thus wide, I’ll ope my arms/and, like the kind, life-rendering pelican/Repast them with my blood.” John Skelton (1529) in his *Armorie of Birds*, wrote, “Then sayd the Pellycan: When my Byrds be slayne/with my bloude I them revive. Scripture doth record/The same dyd our Lord/and rose from deth to lyve.”

The pelican also has been part of our liturgical tradition. As mentioned in the question posed by the reader, the image of the pelican feeding its baby pelicans was a popular artwork in an altar frontal. In early times, when tabernacles were sometimes suspended over the altar, they were shaped like pelicans: for example, Durham Cathedral, to which was attached a Benedictine monastery prior to the suppression of the monasteries by Henry VIII 1538, had the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a tabernacle fashioned in silver like a pelican and suspended over the High Altar. In the hymn, “*Adoro te devote*,” the 6th verse (written by St. Thomas Aquinas and translated into English by Gerald Manley Hopkins) reads: “Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican: Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy Bosom ran; Blood that but one drop of has the pow’r to win; All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.”

Therefore, the image of the pelican is a strong reminder of our Lord, who suffered and died for us to give us eternal life and who nourishes us on our pilgrim way with the Holy Eucharist. May that image move us to show the same charity and self-giving love toward all?

This article was written by Fr. William Saunders, who is the Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, Virginia. It is being reprinted with permission of Fr. Saunders.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 3, 2018.....	\$6,408
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$5,285
Parish Giving -	\$90
Elevator Maintenance Collection -	\$1,033
WEEKLY SURPLUS.....	\$1,408
Year to Date Budget.....	\$245,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$220,926
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,509
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$24,074)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$491)

June 4, 2017

Deposit.....	\$5,369
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$27,823)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,479

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 2/3:

- 4:00 PM Mass - 204
- 9:00 AM Mass - 142
- Total Attendance - 346
- Mass Attendance for June 3/4, 2017 - 319

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

“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 16/17 will be the Monthly 50/50 Gold Envelope to support our Parish Religious Education Programs.

We are collecting cards for Sister Carolyn as she will celebrate her 70th Jubilee on June 30. You can place cards for her in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. **THANK YOU!**

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

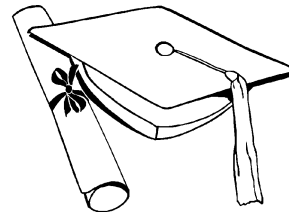


PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening

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

- May 28 - #159 - unsold
- May 29 - #930 - unsold
- May 30 - #858 - unsold
- May 31 - #610 - Gene Harding - \$50.00
- MAY FIGURES: 349 tickets sold - \$1,745.00. Payout to winners - \$800.00. Printing of tickets - \$100.00. May profit - \$845.00. Thank you for your support!
- June 1 - #928 - Gene Hunter - \$50.00
- June 2 - #412 - Luke Esposito - \$50.00
- June 3 - #365 - unsold



CONGRATULATION TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM GRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS YEAR!

HAND-MADE 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. Please call the parish office to purchase a baby blanket.

RADA CUTLERY - The Women’s Society is selling RADA Cutlery. Please call Louise Roberts (610-323-5765) for more information or to purchase the cutlery.

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

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 the Fatima Evening of Prayer for Peace and the Protection of the World. This event includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction, and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To register contact Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333. All are welcome - bring a friend!

BROTHERS OF BORROMEVO VOCATION CAMP (B.B.V.C.) - July 13: Boys in Grades 6 to 8 (rising 6th graders to graduated 8th graders), are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of fun, food and faith with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The day includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer and Mass, lunch and dinner. Registration fee is \$25.00. Visit www.HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC for more information. Registration deadline is June 30.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES - Join us on Monday, June 25 at Citizens Bank Park for the Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees - game time 7:05 PM. Seating is available in the following areas: Outfield (101-107) - \$43 per ticket; Pavilion (201-205) - \$34 per ticket; Pavilion Deck (301-305) - \$23 per ticket. A portion of all tickets sold will directly support the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA). Our Lady of Calvary School Choir will sing the National Anthem, and a CCA beneficiary from Catholic Social Services will throw out the first pitch of the night. To purchase tickets visit www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS! Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a Weekend. The next Weekends in the Philadelphia area are July 13-15 and October 19-21, both 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!

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. June Activities: Tuesday, June 12 - Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM; Tuesday, June 19 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville, Doors open at 7:00 PM, Talk starts at 7:30 PM, Speaker is Mark Houck; Tuesday, June 26 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM. For more information contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com.

SCHOOL OF SPIRITUALITY - *When The Saints Go Marching In*: Twelve Short Talks will get you marching. Saturday, June 23 at Annunciation BVM Parish, Havertown. 8:30 AM Parish Mass. Ends at 2:00 PM with Closing Benediction and Receiving the Flame - bring your own lunch. For more details visit www.flameoflove.us. Free of charge - register by calling 610-622-4257.

3RD ANNUAL POLKA FEST at the TK Club, Conshohocken on Sunday, June 24 from Noon to 4:00 PM to support St. Mary Polish American Society. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. We would appreciate if people could buy their tickets by Wednesday, June 13, so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email stmaryconshy@gmail.com.

CHARISMATIC RETREAT with Sr. Ann Shields and Fr. James Blount on June 29 to July 1 at Malvern Retreat House. Music will be led by Firehill Worship and Mark Griswold. The retreat will feature a healing service, preaching, uplifting music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, private time and adoration. For more information visit www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE: NAVIGATING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AMIDST THE CHAOS OF ADDICTIONS - Join us for a 24-hour spiritual healing retreat sponsored by Malvern Retreat House and Gethsemani Way on June 22-23. This retreat is for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, spouse or family. It is an ecumenical retreat. To register call 610-644-0400 or go online at www.malvernretreat.com. For more information on the retreat contact Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org.