

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 17 JUNE 2018

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

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

**Readings for Sunday, June 24:** Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80.

**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>
18 June	MON. 9:00 AM	Joseph T. Hickey	Rev. Gregory J. Hickey
20 June	WED. 9:00 AM	Inge Fehrle	Jack & Margie Buccigliaglia and family
21 June	THU. 9:00 AM	Timothy Reilly	Donna & Ed Stover
22 June	FRI. 9:00 AM	Jeanette & Bill Gatta - 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	
23 June	SAT. 4:00 PM	Helen Oberley	The Family
24 June	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.

**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.

**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.

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 23/24:**

##### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Phyllis Villano  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent Tamaro, Mara Tamaro, Nikki Gambino, John Nester  
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes  
 Greeters - Maria DiMarco and Ginger Scheidt

##### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Rocco D'Emilio  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Lori Carr, Kathy Bernhard, Chris Gerasimowicz  
 Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz  
 Greeters - Sylvia & Tom Marcheskie

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

### *"Father's Day Weekend"*

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers and grandfathers! You deserve our respect and appreciation for the care and love and sacrifice you make for your family. Today is that special day within the year where we honor our Dads and all father figures in our lives. For me it is a special day for it is the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Dad's death. He was a wonderful man, a great role model, a listening ear, and one who was always there, but a man who let me make my own decisions and stood by me.

There are many stories behind the man we each call Dad. Many of our Dads are here today in church. They protect their children and watch out for them. They take their children to ball games, cheer them on in their academic pursuits, help their older children financially, and partner with their wives to give their children everything they can. There are some Dads who have left us and are now with the Lord in Heaven but nonetheless, we still feel their presence in our day to day decisions.

I remember a little plaque that was in our kitchen growing up and it said: "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." This is so true and remember our Dad's greatest gift is his children and grandchildren. Try to make his day special.

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make and have made to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting. Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, many countries, including the United States observe the day on the third Sunday in June.

To give you a little history on this day, it is celebrated on a variety of days. It is celebrated in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States on the third Sunday in June. It is also observed in countries such as Argentina, France, Greece, India, Ireland, Mexico, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, and Venezuela. In Australia and New Zealand, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in September. In Thailand, it is celebrated on December 5<sup>th</sup>, which is the birthday of the country's king. Brazilian Dads are honored on the second Sunday of August. No matter what the date, it is so important that a day is set aside to honor our Dads.

On Father's Day, many people make a special effort for their Dads. Some families visit their Dads, while others give cards, flowers, or other gifts such as clothing or sporting equipment. Some play golf or go bowling. Other Dads tell me they have been given many shirts or ties. Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday, so different families have different traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or a greeting card to large parties honoring all father figures in an extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and even other male relatives.

The idea of a special day to honor our Dads was introduced from the United States. There, a woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebration to plan a day to honor fathers in the USA. Father's Day has been celebrated in June since the year 1910.

If you are still lucky to have your Dad with you, tell him how much you love him and do something special for him on his special day. Let him know how grateful you are to have him in your life. If your Dad is in Heaven, take the time today to speak to him in prayer and thank him for his presence in your life.

Happy Father's Day!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Hickey

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JUNE 10, 2018.....	\$3,480
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,350
Parish Giving -	\$130
WEEKLY DEFICIT.....	(\$1,520)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$250,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$224,406
Average per week Collection.....	\$4,488
Year to Date Deficit.....	(\$25,594)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$512)

*June 11, 2017*

Deposit.....	\$3,313
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.....	(\$29,510)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,916

**MASS ATTENDANCE for June 9/10:**

- 4:00 PM Mass - 181
- 9:00 AM Mass - 148
- Total Attendance - 329
- Mass Attendance for June 10/11, 2017 - 318



**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 4 - #050 - unsold
- June 5 - #977 - unsold
- June 6 - #328 - unsold
- June 7 - #820 - unsold
- June 8 - #421 - unsold
- June 9 - #822 - John Bracaglia, Jr. - \$50.00
- June 10 - #496 - unsold

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 Soon our diocese will take the Peter's Pence Collection. This global collection supports the Holy Father as he reaches out in mercy and charity to people who are suffering. Your generosity will help Pope Francis ease the suffering of some of the most marginalized throughout the world and show them the tender love of God.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at those around us with the eyes of mercy. He says, "We encounter so many weary and oppressed people today...And how is our heart? Is it merciful? And our way of thinking and acting, is it inclusive?" (Jubilee Audience, Nov. 12, 2016). I invite you to reflect on how you feel moved to answer the call to mercy.

In Iraq, many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. This has left many displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to gain stability. But with the support of your diocese to the Peter's Pence Collection, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraq Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country.

This year the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of June 23 and June 24, 2018. Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
*+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.*  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

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

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**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.

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> graders to graduated 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 19 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville, 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](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

**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](http://www.flameoflove.us). Free of charge - register by calling 610-622-4257.

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.malvernretreat.com). For more information on the retreat contact Mark Christmyer at [mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org).