

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 OCTOBER 2017

Readings for Sunday, October 29: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40.

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

Readings for Sunday, November 5: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b-8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12.

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 Oct. MON. 9:00 AM	John Hane, Sr.	Wife, Anna
1 Nov. WED. 9:00 AM	John & Helen O'Donnell	Catherine Miller
1 Nov. WED. 7:00 PM	Andrea Abbonizio	Cliff & Barbara Keller
2 Nov. THU. 9:00 AM	All the Faithful Departed	
3 Nov. FRI. 9:00 AM	Alfred Dori	Wife & family
4 Nov. SAT. 4:00 PM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
5 Nov. SUN. 9:00 AM	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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, October 30 at 7:15 PM in the Rectory.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Hostesses: Denise Bucciaglia and Carol Fry.

WINTER COAT AND OUTERWEAR COLLECTION - The Women's Society is sponsoring the collection of winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. The outerwear for men, women and children will benefit the Pottstown Cluster Outreach Center. All items must be clean and in good condition. Drop off items before and after Masses in the social hall. Last day of collection is November 19.

ALL SAINTS DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 4/5:
<u>4:00 PM Mass</u>
Lector - Melanie Warzeski
Extraordinary Ministers - Vincent & Mara Tammaro, Nikki Gambino, Cindy Nore, Tony Vitacco, John Bracaglia
Altar Servers - Michael Holmes
Greeters - Phil Bracaglia and Maria DiMarco
<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>
Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie
Extraordinary Ministers - Helen George, Chris Gerasimowicz, George Siver, Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia
Altar Server - Domenic Gerasimowicz
Greeter - Jack and Lori Carr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY J. HICKEY

There are more than 325 million people in the United States that cannot physically travel from Stowe to Cleveland. The reason is not that they cannot afford it, or their health is poor. It is simply that they do not live in Stowe and no one can travel from some place where they are not. You have to start where you are.

That is the same in the Spiritual Life. The Lord meets us where we are and moves us to where He wants us to be. It is a process that each of us must travel to be more connected to Him.

Father David Knight in his book, *Lift Up Your Eyes to the Mountain* wrote: "The spiritual life is interaction with God. On a deeper, more authentic level, the spiritual life consists in interacting with God as a person." He goes on to say as Christians, the spiritual life involves interacting with God humanly, the way a human being interacts with another. The spiritual life which we understand is something conscious and deliberate and it happens clearly when we realize that something is going on between ourselves and God when we choose to involve ourselves in it (p. 8).

There are many styles and yet one Spirit. Spirituality takes on many forms such as faith sharing, Sacred Scripture, devotional, contemplative, the Social Gospel, and ultimately spiritual direction. The spirit in spirituality is the Holy Spirit who leads us deeply into living an authentic life in the Lord.

Spirituality is the in thing these days. All types of books and articles dealing with spiritual topics abound. Retreats of all types are gaining in popularity. Sales are up for taped lectures and retreat conferences. People are definitely interested in living fuller, deeper, more personal human lives. In our chaotic world which is full of noise, there is a hunger for a more authentic spiritual life which is grounded in the language of the Lord, namely silence.

Christian Spirituality deals with the whole person which is body and soul. It takes into consideration our feelings, emotions, our hopes, and our fears, even our potential in our dreams for a perfect world. Each of us is called to live by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Living this spirituality takes courage. We all have times of doubt, confusion, and uncertainty but there are times of great hope and reconciliation that have to be grounded in our belief in Jesus Christ. I invite each of you to reflect on this statement as you ponder your spirituality: "Understanding who you are can deepen your relationship with God."

As I close, I would also like you to reflect on music which broadens our spirituality and enhances our sense of worship. This weekend we are dedicating our new organ which will provide music for us for many years. We are honored to have Rudy Lucente and Michael Stairs who will be giving the Concert in church on Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our soloist will be Mrs. Amanda Frederick. All three will also play and sing for the Mass at 4:00 p.m. This is an historical day for our parish and one we will never forget.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

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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.

ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:

JOHN R. SCHWENK requested by Kathy & Gerry Pennypacker;

STEPHEN LAROSA from Steve, Maria & Tyler Boyer;

DOROTHY SENDECKI from Bernadette A. Stoudt;

DIANE BONCHONSKY from Nicoletta Gambino & family;

In honor of: THOMAS ROBERTS from Jack & Margie Buccigliaglia and family.

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

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



DEDICATION OF OUR NEW ORGAN on Saturday,

October 28 at the 4:00 PM

Mass. Music by Michael

Stairs, former Organist for

the Philadelphia Orchestra and Rudolf A. Lucente, holiday

staff organist at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square.

Soloist will be Amanda Frederick.

Parish Support

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 22, 2017.	\$4,639
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$4,554
Parish Giving -	\$85
WEEKLY DEFICIT.	(\$361)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$85,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$67,011
Average per week Collections.....	\$3,942
Year to Date Deficit.	(\$17,989)
Average per week Deficit.....	(\$1,058)
 OCTOBER 23, 2016	
Deposit.	\$2,973
2016-2017 Deficit to Date.	(\$21,054)
Difference from previous year.....	\$3,065

MASS ATTENDANCE for October 21/22:

4:00 PM Mass - 184
 9:00 AM Mass - 213
 Total Attendance - 397
 Mass Attendance for October 22/23, 2016 - 342



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

October 16 - #603 - unsold
 October 17 - #952 - unsold
 October 18 - #518 - LuAnn Houck - \$50.00
 October 19 - #756 - unsold
 October 20 - #600 - unsold
 October 21 - #742 - Fr. Gregory J. Hickey - \$50.00
 October 22 - #296 - Steve Hersperger - \$100.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 will be for the Church in Puerto Rico. The destruction and suffering caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico is extensive and probably long-lasting. Addressing the needs will be ongoing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

WEEKEND RETREAT - *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life* - Friday evening, November 3 to Sunday at noon, November 5 - sponsored by Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown. Retreat is offered by Sr. Joan Noreen, Co-founder of OLME. Retreat includes daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours and much more. For more information: 610-582-3333 or www.olme.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, November 12 at the West End Fire Co., Stowe from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon. "All you can eat" breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Sponsored by the Pottstown-Stowe Lions Club. Cost: Adults - \$7.00; Seniors - \$6.00; Children - \$5.00; Children 4-12 eat free.

SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY SHOWS held at the St. Philip Neri Family Life Center, East Greenville. Monday, November 6 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler. Sam is America's only full-time deaf illusionist who combines magic and comedy with jaw-dropping illusions, music and audience participation. Cost: Adults - \$15; Children ages 6-18 - \$5; Children under 6 - free. Registration deadline is November 1. Monday, November 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - The Ringing Hills Chorus. Hear this chapter of the International Sweet Adelines as they celebrate 25 years by performing their special style of barbershop harmony with memorable songs from the 1960s. Cost: \$10 per person. Registration deadline is November 8. To register for either show: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.org or by mail with check payable to SPN CFLC, 26 East 6th Street, East Greenville, PA 18041 or phone 215-679-2237.

FUEL THE FLAME on Monday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Charles Seminary Vianney Auditorium. Designed to energize and mobilize the Archdiocese to support and promote vocations, thereby helping to create a Culture of Vocations. Special Guest Speaker Mike Patin will present practical strategies for promoting vocations. This event is free but all are asked to register at <http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame>.