

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 28 OCTOBER 2018

**Readings for Sunday, October 28:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52.

An "oracle of consolation" regarding the restoration of Israel finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus, our merciful high priest. His healing of the blind man witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom.

**Readings for Sunday, November 4:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-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>  |
|-------------|--------------|--|----------------------|
| 29 Oct.     | MON. 9:00 AM | Joseph & Helen Pota  | Kathy & Ron Bernhard |
| 31 Oct.     | WED. 9:00 AM | Joseph Hane, Sr.   | Wife, Anna           |
| 1 Nov.      | THU. 9:00 AM | Marie Dellaquila   | Husband & family     |
| 1 Nov.      | THU. 7:00 PM | James Diamond  | Cliff & Barb Keller  |
| 2 Nov.      | FRI. 9:00 AM | All the Faithful Departed  |                      |
| 3 Nov.      | SAT. 4:00 PM | People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish                       |                      |
| 4 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.



Flowers on the Altar are in honor of PHILOMENA BRACAGLIA'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, October 29 at 7:15 PM in the convent building.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY** is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. No Vigil Mass on October 31.

**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 invited to join in these special Marian Devotions.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 3/4:

#### 4:00 PM Mass

Lector -Phyllis Villano  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Frank Durante, Sherry Durante, Nikki Gambino, Shelly Stockmal, John Nester, John Bracaglia  
 Altar Server - Michael Holmes  
 Greeters - Marie Hildebrand and Maria DiMarco

#### 9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Sylvia Marcheskie  
 Extraordinary Ministers - Cindy Nore, Tony Vitacco, Rita Templin, Jim Bucciaglia, Denise Bucciaglia  
 Altar Server - Tommy Miller and Madelyn Miller  
 Greeters - Jack and Lori Carr

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF FR. GREGORY HICKEY

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

I would like to thank you for the countless numbers of get well cards, the messages on Facebook, your prayers and the meals that the ladies have provided to me. I never thought that when I had this surgery in August that it would have turned into the situation that I have found myself in these last two months.

I am now in the care of Dr. Dennis Monteiro and his nurse practitioner, Diane Bragoli, R.N. at Pottstown Hospital. The medical leave of absence will be extended up to Christmas when they project the wound will be healed. It has been a long and painful process. Just yesterday, the pain is significantly less. I also have visiting nurses every two days to change the dressing.

Last week I had Doppler tests to measure blood flow both in the arteries and the veins. Last Wednesday, I received positive news. The tests came back that there are no problems with my arteries and there is sufficient blood flow for healing. There is a problem with my veins which we have known about and it was suggested that I see a vascular doctor to see if they could correct the blood flow. The doctors are working with compression stockings presently. The wound is smaller than it was two weeks ago.

The medication has been changed from Calcium Alginate with Silver Nitrate to Prisma which builds up the Collagen in the skin. Eventually, a skin graft will take place. I inquired about the hyperbaric chamber that pumps oxygen into the body but was told that with my wound I do not fit the protocol for that procedure.

I have an appointment on October 30, 2018 with Dr. John Flanagan, a vascular surgeon, located in Phoenixville who will also read the Doppler results and make recommendations as how to proceed with the edema and the vein problems. I do not have any blood clots and the arterial flow is fine. Dr. Flanagan was recommended by three trusted friends in the medical field. There are no heart issues. My blood pressure has been running 128/70 and cholesterol is between 106 and 110 without medication. Pulsox ranges from 95 to 98.

Fr. Russ Ortega will be here until November 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. James Burke and Fr. James Grant will cover the month of November and Fr. Ortega will be back for December. If I can come back for Christmas, that will be the greatest gift.

Presently, I am confined to the rectory and cannot drive. I can only go to the hospital or to the doctor.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I am not out of the woods but I can see the light at the edge of the woods and remain optimistic. The wound is still open but after each visit, it is debrided and dressed.

I had an appointment with my eye doctor this week. Good news - 20/20 vision in both eyes.

I miss no seeing each of you on the weekend.

I thought an update would be good instead of an article.

Have a good week!

Fr. Hickey

## Parish Support

|                                    |            |
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| WEEKLY BUDGET.....                 | \$5,000    |
| DEPOSIT FOR OCTOBER 21, 2018. .... | \$3,614    |
| Regular Sunday Collection -        | \$3,534    |
| Parish Giving -                    | \$80       |
| WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....               | (\$1,386)  |
| Year to Date Budget.....           | \$85,000   |
| Year to Date Collections.....      | \$65,409   |
| Average per week Collection.....   | \$3,848    |
| Year to Date Deficit. ....         | (\$19,591) |
| Average per week Deficit.....      | (\$1,152)  |
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| <i>OCTOBER 22, 2017</i>            |            |
| Deposit. ....                      | \$4,639    |
| 2017-2018 Deficit to Date. ....    | (\$17,989) |
| Difference from previous year..... | (\$1,602)  |



**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 15 - #920 - unsold
- October 16 - #050 - unsold
- October 17 - #043 - unsold
- October 18 - #945 - unsold
- October 19 - #880 - unsold
- October 20 - #476 - unsold
- October 21 - #049 - unsold

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE for October 20/21:**

4:00 PM Mass - 187  
 9:00 AM Mass - 130  
 Total Attendance - 317  
 Mass Attendance for October 21/22, 2017 - 397

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the victims of Hurricane Florence. It will help address the humanitarian and Church needs caused by Hurricane Florence and the subsequent flooding.

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

#### “ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”

**CATAGNUS FUNERAL HOME**  
 610-323-4440

**KIELBASA FOR SALE:** Limited amount of frozen kielbasa for sale. Cost: \$10.00 for 5 pounds. Call the parish office if interested.

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

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:** 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.

**ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER** presents “Epic Saints of the Early Church” on Tuesday, October 30 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Call 215-679-2237 for details.

**WEEKEND RETREAT** - *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life* on Friday, November 2 to Sunday, November 4 sponsored by Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist. The Retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and 1999-2018 EWTN host of “Eucharistic Journey.” Held at the Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown. Includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, Conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours and much more. For more information contact Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist ([olme@aolme.org](mailto:olme@aolme.org) or 610-582-3333 or visit [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org)).

**IMPORTANT ST. ALOYSIUS CEMETERY INFORMATION:** It’s that time of year for the cemetery to be cleaned up. The cemetery will be cleared for the holiday season beginning Monday, November 5. Only dead, worn, broken or items in disarray will be cleared.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Pottstown-Stowe Lions Club on Sunday, November 11 from 8:00 AM to Noon at the West End Fire Co., Stowe. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee. Cost: \$7.00 - adults; \$6 - seniors; \$5 - children 4-12 and kids under 4 years eat free.