



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2014

“God pardons sin; but He will not pardon the will to sin.”

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



August 30, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Peppino Pachioli & Family
5:15 Fadal Ashmar

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8:00 For the People
9:30 Merriel Wallace
11:00 Raffale Giacomucci & Family
12:30 Las Beditas Animas del Pulgatorio
6:30 For the People

Sept. 1, Monday, Labor Day

9:00 The Sherry Family

Sept. 2, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Mary Ann Hagan
12:05 Souls in Purgatory

Sept. 3, Wednesday, St. Gregory the Great

7:15 William Dalton
12:05 Elizabeth Morris

Sept. 4, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Nancy Finley
12:05 William T. Dalton

Sept. 5, Friday, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Mary Ann Paolene

Sept. 6, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Umberto Giacomucci & family
5:15 Elizabeth J. Masi

Sept. 7, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Norma McCann
11:00 Antonia Gomez-Cruz
12:30 Michele DiCandilo
6:30 For the People

Dear Parishioners - Greetings in the Lord!

Our parish convent has been closed for one year since the departure of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill. For almost sixty years the convent was the home to the Sisters who served the Cathedral Parish, the parish school, archdiocesan high schools and a variety of ministries within the Archdiocese. As a parish—and many of us personally—are most grateful for the consecrated life of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and we miss their presence among us. The diminishment of their numbers as a congregation led to the decision for the Sisters to no longer be able to maintain this convent home. Our prayers continue for the Sisters who have served the Cathedral Parish so faithfully and generously over the years. Our prayers also include the intention for an authentic renewal of the consecrated life here in the Archdiocese so we may once again see many responding to this beautiful vocation.

With the closing of the convent there were no immediate plans for its use by the parish or the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. So, it stood empty for the past year. Within the last two weeks I was approached by the Neo-catechumenal Way, a community that has recently established itself in the Archdiocese in three of our parishes and with a seminary, to rent the convent for at least a year. A Catholic family—parents and eleven children—belonging to the Neo-catechumenal Way was in need of a temporary home. I discussed the proposal with the Archbishop, members of the parish staff and several parishioners. A few concerns were raised but in the end the motive of Christian charity prevailed. So, we have new neighbors! We welcome them and pray God will bless them in their new home.

Also, you may have noticed that now on both sides of the front lateral banks of pews in the Basilica that there are “pew cuts.” These “pew cuts” have been made with the recommendation of our archdiocesan *Office for Persons with Disabilities* to provide a welcoming and comfortable place for those who make use of wheelchairs and their companions. The pew cuts are a reminder to us of how important it is for our buildings to provide as much as possible for the access of all. Our parish greeters have been asked to indicate the optional use of these new areas for persons with disabilities.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

Living Stewardship Now

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We convince ourselves that life will be better after we finish school, find a good job, get married, or have children. Then we are impatient because our youngsters need so much time and attention, or we're frustrated dealing with teenagers. Better days must be just around the corner. We tell ourselves that our real life will start when our spouse gets the big promotion; when we can find that better job, take a vacation, or retire. Yet life will always be filled with challenges and hard times. It's best to admit this and decide to live in the here and now! Someone once said, "For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin—real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles *were* my life." So treasure every moment that you have, beginning today. Stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your ship comes in, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die—to decide that there is no better time than right now. Living is something you do now or never.

Living Stewardship Now: If today were your last day on earth, what is the one thing you would need to do to die in peace? Make that happen.

Labor Day
Monday, September 1
Mass: 9:00 am only

The Cathedral Basilica will close
after the 9:00 am Mass.

The Parish Office will be
closed all day.

Official Painting and Prayer of the
World Meeting of Families
Comes to the Basilica
Next Sunday September 7th

The official painting of the World Meeting of Families 2015 will be unveiled next Sunday prior to the 6:30 PM Mass. The painting of the Holy Family is the work of local famous artist, Neil Carlin.

The official prayer of the World Meeting will be formally introduced by the Archbishop. A framed copy of this prayer will be located near the side altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At this same Mass, trained Parish Presenters will be blessed for their work of catechizing about the family throughout the Archdiocese.

Basilica Tours



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the Sunday 11 am Mass**. Please meet in front of the side altar of the Sacred Heart, which is to the right of the Main Altar.



Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:

*Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Nancy Tomaszewski, Laura Emerson, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, John Ruddick, Sr., Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Patrick Gallagher, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Sujan, Edward Endrich, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle, Bernard Thompson, Larry Ross, Samada family, John DeMelas, Nick Capozio, Linda Brigandi, Dottie Bianci, Alexia Mervine, Sarah Murnghan, Pauline Cope, Ted Rice, Rita Borsaris, Bernie Brill, Molly Sujan, Linda Brigandi, Elizabeth Grinder, Joe Capozio, Linda Watson, Michael Roman, Diane Motley, Jason Toomey, John Bradford, Brother Thomas Chadwick, Nick Pella, Maritza Gonzalez, Catalinaun bebe, Isaac Hernandez, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. **Please call the Parish Office with the names of anyone who is sick to be included in our prayer list.***

**John Jay Institute
Invites you to.....**

This year marks the centennial of “the guns of August,” the beginning of the First World War, a conflict that brought great suffering, disillusionment, and loss of faith. Yet for two extraordinary authors and friends, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, the Great War deepened their spiritual quest. Both men served as soldiers on the Western Front, survived the trenches, and used the experience of that conflict to ignite their literary imaginations.

September 25, 2014 - 7:00 pm
The Merion Tribute House
625 Hazelhurst Ave.
Merion Station, Pennsylvania

Speaker:

Dr. Joseph Leconte - author of *God and the Great War: J.R.R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis and the Crisis of Faith in the Modern Age*

Reception to follow. For more information:
kdoran@johnjayinstitute.org
215-987-30

Catholic Life Congress 2014

This year's Catholic Life Congress “A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization” features dynamic speakers, inspiring breakout sessions, vibrant music and life-giving prayer, all of which are designed to allow the Holy Spirit to ignite our hearts and our communities with living faith and the courage to proclaim the Gospel everywhere.

November 1, 2014 - 9 am to 4 pm
Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia
17th Street (behind the Cathedral)

For more information & registration see:
www.PhilllyCongress.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

Sept. 1 Labor Day, 9 am Mass only, then the Cathedral will be closed for the rest of the day

Sept. 7 Religious Jubilarian Mass, 11 am,
Archbishop Chaput, celebrant

Sept. 10 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 pm - Topic: Your Journey of Faith

Sept. 11 First Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7 pm

Sept. 13 Archdiocesan Boy & Girl Choir
Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 am

**Climate Change:
The Local and State Response**

Join neighbors for a panel discussion featuring Robert McKinstry, Practice Leader of the Ballard Spahr law firm's Climate Change and Sustainability Initiative and Sarah Wu, Policy and Outreach Manager, City of Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Sustainability.

- What efforts have Philadelphia and Pennsylvania made to conserve energy and lower carbon emissions?
- What is the impact of multi-family dwellings (condos and co-ops) on climate change?
- What are the legal options available to the state under proposed new EPA regulations to reduce emissions from coal-fired plants?
- What progress has Philadelphia made in reducing its impact on climate change?

Monday, September 15 - 7:30 pm
Parkway Central Library
1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia
Room 108

31 de Agosto del 2014

Domingo vigesimogundo durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Jeremías 20, 7-9.* Nadie, tal vez, como Jeremías ha sentido el peso de la vocación profética y lo difícil que es anunciar la palabra salvadora. Pero ella lo devora como un fuego abrasador.

Segunda lectura: *Romanos 12, 1-2.* Pablo exhorta a los cristianos a ofrecer sus cuerpos en sacrificio agradable a Dios. Es una fuerte llamada a la fidelidad cotidiana, a la voluntad de Dios.

Evangelio: *Mateo 16, 21-27.* A Pedro, que no entiende por qué Jesús debe ir a Jerusalén a padecer y morir, éste lo reprende duramente y le aclara que tomar la cruz es el único camino para ser verdadero discípulo.

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians

The second reading for our Sunday Liturgies are taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This series of lectures will study the letter and get in touch with this community of believers whom Paul loved so much.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia
Tuesdays: Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7 at 7:30 pm
Free will offering
Call 267-350-1830 to register

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday, September 5, 2014
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cathedral Chapel

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration before the 12:05 PM Mass.
Please come to adore the Lord!

Confessions will be available on the First Friday beginning at 11:00 AM.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

**Monday, September 8th, 2014
7:00—9:00 PM Cathedral Chapel**

The evening will consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk based on the theme "Prayer and Entering into the Sacred Heart of Jesus," time for adoration, group, and private prayer, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and refreshments. The purpose of the evening is to provide time for prayer and spiritual formation. Fostering a personal relationship with God is crucial in our lives if we are to remain close to Him. He is the friend who is always there for us and time contemplating Him is a marvelous opportunity for spiritual growth.

This evening is the first in series to take place throughout the Archdiocese over the next several months and is sponsored by the Saint John Neumann Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Readings of the Week

Monday: September 1

1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Psalm 119:97-102
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: September 2

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Psalm 145:8-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: September 3

1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: September 4

1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Psalm 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday: September 5

1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: September 6

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Psalm 145:17-21
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: September 7

Ezekiel 33:7-9/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

Reflecting on the words of any Pope helps us to grow in our faith—after all, he is our shepherd, the one who calls us on as one body in Christ. We will offer short excerpts taken from Pope Francis' addresses and homilies since his election which will reflect the themes that we can expect to hear again and again during his pontificate.....

The Holy Spirit Drives Us Forward

The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat; the Holy Spirit is the wind that fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is Gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ.



We Are the Simple Instruments of God

It is urgently necessary to find new forms and new ways to ensure that God's grace may touch the heart of every man and of every woman and lead them to him. We are all simple but important instruments of his; we have not received the gift of faith to keep it hidden but rather to spread it so that it can illumine a great many of our brethren on their journey



Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 am - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6

This Mass will be rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times:

- 9 a.m. DT-2, Channel 6 digital
- 10:30 a.m., LaSalle University 56
- 5:00 p.m., DT-2, Channel 6 digital

CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group has now arranged for a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intention and prayer request to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

For more information on the parish Charismatic Prayer Group, please call the Parish Office.

Tithing Online

You can make weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions or other donations on-line, either from your personal checking account or a debit/credit card. Go to our new website: www.cathedralphila.org and click on "Make A Donation" and follow the instructions.

One option is to manually make weekly or monthly donations or you can have your credit/debit card or checking account automatically debited each week/month.

We hope this service will provide convenience and ease to our parishioners and visitors. Thank you for your truly generous support during this difficult financial time and for your continued interest in our Parish!



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 8/24/14 was \$6,573. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.