



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday *September 14, 2014*

“How splendid the cross of Christ!”

St. Theodore of Studites



Sept. 13, Saturday, St. John Chrysostom

12:05 Filomena DiCandillo
5:15 Pfizenmayer & Linaugh Families

Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 For the People
9:30 Mary Simonis Rush
11:00 Jill
12:30 Por las benditas animas del Pulgatorio
6:30 For the People

Sept. 15, Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:15 The Sherry Family
12:05 Dr. Joseph Hanna

Sept. 16, Tuesday, Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

7:15 Mary Dimonis Rush
12:05 Eugene Morris

Sept. 17, Wednesday, St. Robert Bellarmine

7:15 Edward Nagin
12:05 Eugene Morris

Sept. 18, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Laura B. Heiland
12:05 Harvey Bixby

Sept. 19, Friday, St. Januarius

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Juan Chico

Sept. 20, Saturday, St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

12:05 Deceased friends of San Giacomo
5:15 Edward Frankowski

Sept. 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Reverend John Freeman
11:00 Deceased friends in Piano dei Fiori
12:30 Proteccion de la familia Jimenez-xel Hua
6:30 For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord!

Next Sunday is *Catechetical Sunday*. The Bishops of the United States provide this September commemoration so that parishes have the opportunity to highlight and bless the members of their communities who assist the priests with the duty of teaching our Catholic Faith in a more formal way. *Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness* is the theme for this year's observance, encouraging teachers of the Faith to give greater emphasis to understanding and celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in the course of this academic year.

The word *catechesis* comes from a Greek word meaning “to echo” or “to resound.” So, catechesis describes the important work of the Church to bring to others the Faith of the Church. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. This *Catechetical Sunday* gives our parish the occasion to acknowledge our own parish catechists. We are fortunate this year to have a number of new catechists—men and women—in English and Spanish—assisting with the formation of parents and godparents for the Baptism of their children, for school age children and adults for the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Communion, as well as with on-going formation in the Catholic Faith. Next Sunday, we will observe *Catechetical Sunday* at the Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass at 5:15 PM with a blessing of our parish catechists. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to be a parish catechist, please call the Parish Office. *Catechetical Sunday* is also a reminder that all of us share in the duty to learn more fully our Faith and to pass it on to others.

Also, next Sunday, the Second Collection at all Masses will be for the Black and Indian Missions. The example of our own Saint Katharine Drexel in her own life's work on behalf of the Black and Indian Mission encourages our prayerful and financial support of these missions. Thank you much for your generosity to these special collections and to our parish collections.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

Living Stewardship Now

Stop and Think

Some of us are reluctant to volunteer for parish ministries and programs. We come to Mass and try not to get involved beyond that. People hang back for many reasons. One reason is fear—fear that anything they give will not be good enough. Others worry that if they offer just once they will be pressured into long-term commitment. Perhaps some don't want to risk being asked to do things they have no interest in or ability for. Not all reluctant volunteers are lacking in generosity; they may put more than their fair share in the collection, give generously to those undergoing hardship at Christmas and Thanksgiving, or send donations to a good cause. If you are one of the hesitant ones, perhaps you need to think hard about what your God-given abilities and interests really are. Perhaps you are good at listening, like to cook, enjoy making things, have good accounting or computer skills. Are you a leader, or do you like to be part of a team? Do you prefer to work behind the scenes? There is something in this parish only you can do! Even if you are sick, homebound, or travel for business, you can pray more. If you are a ministry leader now, how well do you communicate the purpose and activities of your ministry to parishioners? Do you explain the value and success of what you do? Is the name of your ministry confusing to newcomers? Are you truly welcoming and appreciative when someone shows an interest? If you are a committed volunteer, do you share your enthusiasm with other parishioners and invite them to join you and see how they like it? Our parish *survives* if only a few people are committed, but it *thrives* if everyone is included.

Living Stewardship Now: Have you committed your abilities, your time, and your financial resources to your parish for God and the Church? Is your involvement a true reflection of your gratitude to God? Do you need to give more, or give differently?

A Letter from Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies:

Summer is winding down, and we hope everyone is enjoying some well deserved vacation time. Here at the Blessed Margaret Home we reflect upon the many gifts we received. Although the women we serve, fortunately, do not need a place to live, they are still in need of the many services we can provide, such as case management, pregnancy/parenting classes and information and pantry assistance. The Home also continues to provide these services for a year or more after these babies are born. We strive to help our moms and dads to be the best parents they can be.

On behalf of our moms and babies, I extend my sincere thanks to you for the recent, kind donation and delivery of diapers, wipes and formula for our needs. Always know that by your charity, you touch the lives of so many in need.

God bless,
Pam Barnett, Director

2014 Archbishop's Lecture Series

7 pm in Vianney Hall Auditorium
at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.
donation is \$5 per lecture - information and
online registration: www.phillyevang.org/lectures.
Next Lecture is:

Tues., Sept. 30 *What is Marriage,*
Professor Robert George, lecturer



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

Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, 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.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

If you are a single woman between age 25 and 40 interested in joining with other women to pray the Rosary to discern your vocation, please email vocationprayergroup@gmail.com for additional information. Thank you!

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

The Bible

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 7:00-8:30 PM
Neumann Room
(entrance from the rear of the Basilica)

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

Augustine's Brothers

Augustine's Brothers is a support/accountability group for men who struggle with pornography as well as other excessive sexual behaviors. Many men try to break themselves of this habit/addiction alone and fail time after time. This is something that cannot be done alone. The chains of bad habits and addiction are heavy but with God's grace and the support of other men who understand the struggle, you can break the chains! **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** You can find the freedom and peace to become the man God created you to be.

Augustine's Brothers meets weekly in the Neumann Room on Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm. All inquiries are kept in strict confidentiality and one's wish to remain anonymous is highly respected. There is no need for registration, just come and join us.

For information visit: AugustineBrothers.org or call 800-348-0758

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

- Sept. 13/14** Black & Indian Missions Collection
- Sept. 15** Archdiocesan Choir Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 pm
- Sept. 16** Augustine's Brothers Men's Group, Neumann Room, 6:30 pm
- Sept. 17** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 pm
- Sept. 18** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room
Topic: The Bible, 7 pm
- Sept. 20** Archdiocesan Boy & Girl Choir Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 am



Sanctuary Candles

Donations are accepted for the Sanctuary Candle in the Basilica and in the Cathedral Chapel. This candle burns always as a reminder to all who enter that Jesus is truly present in the Tabernacle. If you wish to make a donation (\$15) for your personal intentions or for others, please come into the Parish office to make arrangements.

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



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 9/7/14 was \$6,110. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

14 de Septiembre del 2014

Domingo vigesimocuarto durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Eclesiastico 27, 30—28, 7.* Esta lectura nos ofrece una enseñanza que anticipa el Evangelio: perdona la ofensa de su prójimo y entonces por su oración se le remitirán sus pecados.

Segunda lectura: *Romanos 14, 7-9.* La diversidad no debe contraponer a las personas; todos, y siempre, somos del Señor y tenemos que obrar para Él.

Evangelio: *Mateo 18, 21-35.* El perdón cristiano-si es verdadero-no conoce límites de personas, de pueblos, de circunstancias. Es siempre como el amor de Dios que ama perdonando.

¿Buscan información sobre cómo puede recibir los sacramentos de iniciación tales como el bautismo, comunión y confirmación?

Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándoles en la nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. (Mateo 28:19)

Las Sacramentos de iniciación reciben a los que buscan a Dios y desean aprender más acerca de la fe Católica. Nos alegra ayudar a la gente en su preparación para integrarse totalmente a la Iglesia Católica por medio de los sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía.

Nos reunimos para reflexionar sobre el significado del mensaje bíblico de Jesús en nuestras vidas personales, y poco a poco, venimos a ser parte de la Comunidad de Fe, aprendiendo más acerca de las creencias y tradiciones de la Iglesia y profundizando en nuestro compromiso con Dios y la forma de Vida Católica.

Algunas actividades específicas incluyen oración, participación en actividades parroquiales. Para más información, por favor, comunicarse con el Señor Jim Browne (habla muy bien el español) o con el Padre Angelo J. Hernández. Dios los bendiga.

Choir Auditions

There is still a place for you in the Music Ministry of the Cathedral Basilica. The Cathedral Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and sings on Sunday at the 11 AM Mass. Music reading is a must. It is a wonderful group of dedicated singers who give their time and talents to our parish choir. Our Archdiocesan Boy and Archdiocesan Girl Choirs are also in residence at the Cathedral. They rehearse on Saturday Mornings from 10 am until noon. These choirs are open to all, beginning in grades 3 through 8th grade for boys and through 12th grade for girls. For additional details and their complete choir schedules, see our cathedral website: www.cathedralphila.org. To schedule your audition, call the Music Office, 215-587-3696 or you can book your own audition at www.meetme.so/ArchChoirsAudition



Readings of the Week

Monday: September 15

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33/Psalm 40:7-10, 17
John 19:25-27

Tuesday: September 16

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a/Psalm 100:1b-5
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: September 17

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13/Psalm 33:2-5, 12, 22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: September 18

1 Corinthians 15:1-11/Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday: September 19

1 Corinthians 15:12-20/Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: September 20

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49/Psalm 56:10c-14
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: September 21

Isaiah 55:6-9/Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a

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.....

Martyrdom: The Highest Degree of Witness

To proclaim the gospel, two virtues are essential: courage and patience [acceptance of suffering]. They [Christians who are suffering] are in the Church of "patience." They suffer, and there are more martyrs today than there were in the early centuries of the Church. More martyrs! Our own brothers and sisters. They are suffering! They carry their faith even to martyrdom. However, martyrdom is never a defeat; martyrdom is the highest degree of the witness we must give. We are on the way to martyrdom, as small martyrs: giving up this, doing that... but we are on the way. And they, poor things, they give their lives, but they do so... for love of Jesus, witnessing to Jesus.



'Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me.'

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.

Las inscripciones para los niños comenzaron el **17 de agosto** y las clases empezarán el **21 de septiembre a las 9:30 am**.

Lugar de encuentro será en la **Capilla de la Catedral**.

Para mayor información llamar al **(215) 386-5016** y preguntar por la **Hermana Silvia Robalino** o si desea hablar con ella en persona, el domingo **después de la Misa en Español de las 12:30pm** en la Capilla de la Catedral.

¡Le Esperamos con gran entusiasmo, a nuestro Señor Jesucristo ese gesto le agradecerá!
¡Qué Dios los bendiga!

Catholic Vigil for Life with Father Christopher Rogers

Saturday, September 20, 2014
St. John the Evangelist Church
21 S. 13th Street, Philadelphia
7:00 am Holy Mass and
Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood

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!