The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2015

"Walk in faith……..”

St. Paul of the Cross

Mass Intentions for the Week

Feb. 7, Saturday, Weekday
12:05 Alicia Hughes
5:15 Stephen Pron

Feb. 8, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Donald Green Morse
11:00 Filomena Berarducci
12:30 Silvia Rivera
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Feb. 9, Monday, Weekday
7:15 Antonio Donato
12:05 Maria Severa

Feb. 10, Tuesday, St. Scholastica
7:15 John Marchetti
12:05 Dolores Krupicka

Feb. 11, Wednesday, Our Lady of Lourdes
7:15 Joan Marchetti
12:05 Frederick Koons, Jr. (L)

Feb . 12, Thursday, Weekday
7:15 Mary Ann Hagan
12:05 Maria Vu This Hoan

Feb. 13, Friday, Weekday
7:15 Michael F. Newell, Jr.
12:05 Special Intention Novena

Feb. 14, Saturday, Saints Cyril & Methodius
12:05 Elizabeth J. Masi
5:15 Janet A. Mattei

Feb. 15, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Elisa Ionata
11:00 Antonietta Berarducci
12:30 Manuel Garcia
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

CATHEDRAL PARISH RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT FOR CHILDREN! What is it? This is a new parish initiative. The religious education for our parish children takes place in a variety of Catholic Elementary Schools, Religious Education Programs (PREP or CCD), or at home. The *Cathedral Parish Religious Enrichment for Children* provides a supplemental opportunity for these same children on Sundays here at the Parish. For now, the school age candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, First Penance and First Holy Communion will benefit from this opportunity. We are fortunate to have the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarà (see http://ssvmusa.org/) assist us with this important work, as well as two experienced lay catechists.

Parents and children will come on occasional Sundays to the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass and after Mass will assemble in the Neumann Room for presentations on preparing for and living a sacramental life today. Mother Mary of the Incarnation, SSVM, will assist Patricia Smith with our candidates for Confirmation. Bridget Lyons will help with our candidates for First Penance and First Holy Communion. These supplemental opportunities are for all our parish children preparing at this point for the Sacraments. If you are a parent or guardian of a school age candidate for the Sacraments, and have not heard from us about *Cathedral Parish Religious Enrichment for Children*, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for the success of this new parish initiative!

This week, **Wednesday, February 11, 2015**, is the worldwide *Day of the Sick*. Pope Saint John Paul II initiated this observance in 1992 to coincide with the *Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes,* as an occasion to remember the sick and those who care for them in an intentional way. Lourdes, France is a famous place of one our Blessed Mother’s apparitions and a great pilgrimage site to ask the heavenly help of Our Lady for healing. I invite you to remember the sick, and those who care for the sick as well, in a special way in your prayers on February 11. We will certainly do so during the parish Masses. Please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office if you are sick in your home or in the hospital to request our parish prayers and the Sacraments of Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

The Holy Season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015**, which is around the corner. Look for an insert in next week’s Parish Bulletin with the Lenten Opportunities here at the Cathedral Parish.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

Please contact the Parish Office for parish registration. One of our parish priests will follow up to register you in the parish. You may also see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday to register.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes, again please call the Parish Office to insure your address is registered correctly.

Parish Office phone number is ***215-561-1313****.*

World Meeting of Families
How Can I help?

So many people have asked "How can I help with the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015?" We have one way!

We expect thousands and thousands of visitors from around the U.S. and the world to join us next September and there is now a host family program to supplement the hotel rooms in the region. We need host families!

Homestay, a Dublin company, works every day to match host families with visitors with an online system and they created a special online host family site just for WMOF 2015. Parishioners, school families, and other area residents can easily sign up online to be host families. Hosts list specific accommodations they can offer, household rules, and language preferences on the web site and visitors search for a match.

To host a family please visit this website: http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/host-a-family/.

If you have any questions about Homestay, please email host@worldmeeting2015.org.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

Feb. 9 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Feb. 10 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Feb. 10 Cantor training, Chapel, 6:30 PM

Feb. 11 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Feb. 12 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 12 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Feb. 14 Boy/Girl Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 AM

Feb. 14 Joy of the Gospel, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Feb. 15 Men's Discernment Group, Neumann Room, 7:30 PM

Feb. 17 Cantor Training, Chapel, 6:30 PM

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS AFTER CHRISTMAS

"The Early Church" and
"History of the Church"

Thursday, February 5, 2015, 7:00-8:30 PM
Neumann Room
(entrance at 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, is invited to call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona

Celebrating our 150th Anniversary, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul presents this 10 day trip. **October 16-25, 2015**

Highlights include: Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Snatarem, Cathedral of Burgos, Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Carcassone, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia.

Pamphlets are available in the vestibules and in the Parish Office. Contact Father Ken Brabazon for details: fatherken.cathedral@gmail.com or call 215-561-1313.

Young Adults at the Cathedral Bible Study

First and Third Friday of every month at 7:00 pm
Location: Neumann Room
Next Bible Study: Friday, February 20th

We will be discussing and reflecting on Sunday Mass readings. The Bible Study will be kept to an hour to honor everyone's time. Refreshments will be provided. As such, please RSVP by emailing **youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com** if you plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Catechesis for the World Meeting of Families 2015

In order to help us prepare for the World Meeting of Families and the anticipated visit from Pope Francis, a catechism on family life entitled, Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, *has been prepared. Each month for the next several months, our parish will reflect on one chapter from this catechism. You can order a copy of this beautifully illustrated catechism and learn about the World Meeting of Families at WorldMeeting2015.org.*

Two Become One

Our first three chapters reviewed basic Christian faith. We saw how confidence in Jesus opens the door to faith, enabling us to know God and what God has done in history. God creates male and female in his image, and makes a covenant with Israel and the Church. God is faithful to his promises, even when we sin. Because God loved us in this way, we spend our lives trying to return our love to God and share it with our neighbor. In this month's chapter and in the chapters to come, we will study the implications of these doctrines for marriage and the family. When husband and wife promise to love each other as God loves us all, they make a commitment to love not only romantically, but also with mercy and forgiveness. Our culture sometimes teaches us to think of marriage as a negotiable contract between two individuals who happen to feel sexual chemistry. This view of love is a recipe for instability, since it is still premised on individualism and the waxing and waning of romantic feelings. The Church's alternative account of love enables us to transcend the culture of individualism and become who we were created to be. Founded on Christ, sustained in the sacraments, Catholic marriage builds humility and self-sacrifice into the dynamic between male and female. As this month's chapter explains in more detail, sacramental marriage creates intimate communion even in times of suffering and hardship. "Love is our mission," as our catechism's title declares, because Christ's love frees us from false, shrunken accounts of love and makes us fully alive.
Christopher C. Roberts, catechism editor

Did you know? The World Meeting of Families is for everyone, whether you are married, single, celibate, or consecrated! Talk topics include marriage, parenting, grandparenting, celibacy, dating, fostering vocations, family life and much more. Visit the website for the list of speakers and talk titles: WorldMeeting2015.org.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:
Darren Gardner, Laura Emerson, Regina Carberry, Patrisha Bollinger, Anna Marie Burgio, Jeanine Tingeter, Bobby Mitchell, Shirley King, Thomas Sabol, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, 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, Brother Thomas Chadwick and *those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.* ***Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list.***

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS……

We will offer short excerpts taken from Pope Francis' addresses and homilies……...

Pray to the Spirit

This a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God; make my heart open to goodness; make my heart open to the beauty of God every day." I would like to ask everyone a question: how many of you pray every day to the Holy Spirit? There will not be many, but we must fulfill Jesus' wish and pray every day to the Holy Spirit, that he open our hearts to Jesus.

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 commitment to our Parish!

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
Retreat - March 20-22

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God; grieve your loss; and forgive yourself and others. Please call for more information: 215-906-6337. All contacts are confidential.

Living Stewardship Now

SPEAK LIFE

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

Living Stewardship Now……..

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

Weekly Collection

The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 2/1/15 was $6,586. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

Women's Retreat

Anne Trufant, wife, mother, recording artist and dynamic fait-filled retreat presenter will lead this weekend retreat. "So often we live in the midst of trials, hardships and weaknesses, even with powerful experience of God's love and presence in or lives. Join the group as they dig deeper into the mystery of suffering and God's unending love and faithfulness.

Mather Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia
267-350-1830
February 27-March 1, 2015
Fee:$160

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!

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.

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

8 de Febrero del 2015

Domingo quinto durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Job 7, 1-4. 6-7.* En sus lamentaciones, el libro de Job nos recuerda lo efímera que es nuestra vida.

Segunda lectura: *1 Corintios 9, 19-19. 22-23.* Pablo se hace servidor de todos para ganar "*aunque sea a algunos*" a la causa de Cristo.

Evangelio: *Marcos 1, 29-39.* Jesús es presentado en su misión sanadora, en su evangelización dirigida a todos y en su vida de oración con el Padre Dios.

Readings of the Week

Monday: February 9
Genesis 1:1-19/Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: February 10
Genesis/Psalm 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: February 11
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17/Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-30
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: February 12
Genesis 2:18-25/Psalm 128:1-5
Mark 7:24-30

Friday: February 13
Genesis 3:1-8/Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: February 14
Genesis 3:9-24/Psalm 90:2-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: February 15
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/Mark 1:40-45