



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015

"For God so love the world, that he gave his only Son....."
John 3:16



May 16, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 NO MASS— Ordination of Priests
5:15 Andrew Stephen Quinn

May 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Arnold Quici
11:00 Pro Populo - For the People
12:30 Carmen Santiago
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

May 18, Monday, St. John I

7:15 Louis Messina
12:05 Brother Michelangelo (L)

May 19, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Rita Elizabeth Johnson Elburn
12:05 Col. Wendell Oren Jones

May 20, Wednesday, St. Bernardine of Siena

7:15 Anthony Calabree, Jr.
12:05 Joe Best (L)

May 21, Thursday, St. Christopher Magallanes

7:15 James Drakeley
12:05 John Chambers

May 22, Friday, St. Rita of Cascia

7:15 Robert E. Vogelbacker
12:05 Lisa Marsella

May 23, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 Carmela Bane
5:15 Gina Gentile

May 24, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Quici, Galipo & Greco family
11:00 Carmela Pomponio
12:30 Epifanio DeJesus, Sr.
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Pentecost Sunday, the Eighth Sunday of Easter, is next Sunday and brings to a close our fifty day celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. The Paschal Candle will move from its Easter location near the ambo to the Baptistry until next Holy Saturday. The highlight of our parish observance on Pentecost Sunday will be the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults from all over the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This will take place at the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop. All are welcome! Let us continue to keep in prayer our own parishioners and all those in the Archdiocese who received the Easter Sacraments over these fifty days.

I want to update you on the air conditioner/heater for the Chapel, Chapel Hall and the Sacristy. The unit which is original to the sixty-some year old Chapel building—and after years of band aid maintenance—completely died midway through last summer. Several studies were conducted over this past year to determine the best course of action to replace the unit. These studies included the replacement of the Chapel unit only, separating the system (Chapel and Basilica) from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center or upgrading the air conditioner/heater in the Basilica. The replacement of the Chapel unit only—which includes asbestos abatement—will cost approximately one million dollars. At the Parish Finance Council meeting at the end of April, the Cathedral Parish budget was balanced for the first time in many years. Our budget and our savings do not provide for such an incredible expense. We may have to organize an independent funding source to replace the air conditioning and heater. I have also begun conversation with the Archdiocesan Officials to determine how the Archdiocese might support the parish in this project. Finally, I am looking at the possibility of a temporary unit for the summer. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience with any inconvenience because there is no air conditioning available in the Chapel, Chapel Hall and Sacristy at this time. I will keep you posted on this project. *A generous donor would be a miracle!*

The second collection next Sunday will be to supplement the grounds maintenance and landscaping cost for the Cathedral property. Thank you for your on-going generosity to the Parish and to the Archdiocesan *Catholic Charities Appeal*.

God bless you and Happy Easter!
Father Dennis Gill



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica for:

Carmine Vitanza

Request of Nicholas & Louise Pascale and Family



Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Basilica and the Cathedral Chapel. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle. If you wish to make the suggested donation of fifteen dollars for an intention for a Sanctuary Lamp, you may contact the Parish Office directly or place your intention and offering in the collec-



Communion of the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, and Watermark.**

Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know.

There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313.**

Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others.

God bless you always and *in all ways.*

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

May 19 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 7:00PM

May 19 Concert, 7:00 PM, see bulletin for details

May 20 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

May 21 Liturgy of the Word and Academic Honors Convocation, 6:15 PM, Basilica

May 21 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

May 23 Boy/Girl Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 AM

May 24 Adult Confirmation, Archbishop Chaput, 6:30 PM Mass

May 25 Memorial Day - One Mass at 9:00 AM in the Chapel and the Parish Office will be closed

Jesus the Messiah: Early Jewish Expectations and Christian Interpretations

Dr. Robert Kraft, Berg Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus at University of Pennsylvania, will be the speaker. He has written extensively on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the life & letters of Paul, Philo of Alexandria and other Jewish scholars. Snacks will be provided and time reserved for discussion and Q&A.

Wednesday, May 20, 7 PM

Old St. Joseph Church

321 Willings Alley

(between Walnut & Locust, 3rd & 4th Streets)

Please not relaxed parking rules apply on Wednesday night-park at metered spaces free. For more info call 215-284-7070.

Creating the Future

To prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis's visit, we are studying a catechesis on family life called *Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*. Each month, our parish is reflecting on one chapter. Previous monthly reflections are online at PhillyEvang.org/wmof.

Light in a Dark World

Pope Francis observed that the Church is popular with the world when Catholics work for social justice. But, the Pope continued, with respect to "the cultural crisis" facing the family, "we find it difficult to make people see that when we raise other questions less palatable to public opinion, we are doing so out of fidelity to precisely the same convictions about human dignity and the common good." This chapter carefully examines subjects such as pornography, contraception, and so-called same-sex marriage. These are topics where Catholic teaching tends to be at odds with current worldly opinion. Reading this chapter in its entirety is an opportunity to consider the reasons for the Church's teaching. Each one of these issues deserves more space than this summary paragraph can offer. But as we said at the start of this catechesis, all Church teaching about marriage, the family, and sexuality flows from Jesus. Catholic moral theology builds upon basic Christian convictions about God's creation and covenant, humanity's fall, and Christ's incarnation, life, crucifixion, and resurrection. These teachings involve costs and suffering for all who would be Jesus' disciples, but they also open up new opportunities for beauty and human flourishing. This chapter is your chance to explore how it all fits together, even when it might mean taking unpopular stances in our culture. This chapter explains how every time the Church says "no" to something which secular society accepts, it is for the sake of enabling a deeper "yes" to God and his plan for our lives.

Christopher C. Roberts, catechism editor.

Did you know? The World Meeting of Families needs thousands of volunteers to help make this international event a wonderful experience for all. Volunteers are needed to serve as Guest Services Associates, Volunteer Captains, Digital Diplomats, Special Services Coordinators, and Language Service Associates. To learn more about the different ways you can help, visit:

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.



Blessed Margaret of Castello
Home for Crisis Pregnancies

Philadelphia and South Eastern Pennsylvania
215-245-8039

We have designated the 4th Sunday of each month for collecting donations to the

Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies. Items most in need are: Similac Advance Formula, Sensitive & Alimentum, wash cloths, twin sheet sets and cleaning supplies. You can bring in your donations **NEXT** Sunday and leave them in the sacristy. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fairmount Water Works

Lunch and Learn

Third Wednesdays at Noon (next date 5/20)

Special monthly programs for adult learners that combines an intimate tour of the Fairmount Water Works with an outdoor lunch on the grounds overlooking the Schuylkill River.

Fee: \$15

2 hours

Register at www.fairmountwaterworks.org/tours



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

Vincent Abbruzzies, Lauri Mitchell, Maryann Healy, Darren Gardner, Barbara Elaine, Nicholas Tiziano, Christopher Browne, 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 Sujun, 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 Sujun, Linda Brigandi, Elizabeth Grinder, Joe Capozio, Linda Watson, Michael Roman, Diane Motley, Jason Toomey, 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.

La Ordenación

La Oficina para Católicos Hispanos tiene el gusto de anunciar la ordenación al diaconado de Samuel Ortiz, Cristobal Chavac, Víctor Pomales, Manuel Beltrán, Francisco Henríquez y Andrés Carrillo. La ordenación será el 6 de junio del 2015 en la Catedral Basílica de los SS. Pedro y Pablo con el arzobispo Charles Chaput O.F.M. Cap.

Nuestras oraciones están con ellos en esta ocasión tan especial al empezar sus nuevas vidas como diáconos. ¡Que Dios los bendiga!



REFLEXIÓN PARA HOY

¡Es el momento en el que Jesús regresó al Cielo con su Padre, después de haber cumplido su misión en la tierra! En el Evangelio de [San Lucas 24, 50-53](#) se narra como, después de dar las últimas instrucciones a los Apóstoles, los llevó cerca de Betania y mientras los bendecía, alzando las manos, subió al Cielo. Los Apóstoles lo vieron alejarse hasta que desapareció en una nube.

Con su Ascensión al Cielo, Jesús nos abre las puertas para que podamos seguirle. La Ascensión es para todos los cristianos un símbolo de esperanza, pues sabemos que Cristo está sentado a la derecha del Padre, intercediendo por nosotros y que un día podremos llegar con Él a gozar de la felicidad eterna. Por esto, celebramos la fiesta con una Misa solemne. Durante la celebración de la Misa, puede haber una procesión solemne, con incienso. El crucifijo se adorna de blanco, se llevan luces y flores.

¿Qué nos enseña la Ascensión?

Debemos luchar por ser perfectos y buenos para poder ir al Cielo con Jesús. Él vivió como todos nosotros su proyecto y lo fue perfeccionando día a día. Su proyecto no terminó con la Muerte, sino que siguió con su Resurrección y su Ascensión. Con la Ascensión, Jesús alcanza la meta final y es exaltado; se hace Señor y primogénito de sus hermanos. La plenitud sólo se alcanza al final y es un don de Dios. Jesús ha ascendido al Cielo y nos espera en la meta. Nosotros debemos trabajar para cumplir con nuestra misión en la tierra. Hay que vivir como Él, amar como Él, buscar el Reino de Dios.

Debemos anunciar el Evangelio con la palabra y con la vida.

17 de Mayo del 2015

La Ascensión del Señor

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Hechos de los Apóstoles 1, 1-11.* Lucas narra la Ascensión del Señor a los cielos. Comienza ahora el tiempo de la Iglesia en el mundo hasta la vuelta de Cristo.

Segunda lectura: *Efesios 1, 17-23.* La Ascensión de Jesús compromete a los cristianos a una vocación de servicio, es decir: a vivir y orientar a la comunión eclesial los abundantes y diversos frutos del Espíritu Santo.

Evangelio: *Marcos 16, 15-20.* Al terminar su evangelio, Marcos relata el mandato de Jesús de anunciar el mensaje de salvación a todos. Él los asistirá en todas las situaciones.



Readings of the Week

Monday: May 18

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8/Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday: May 19

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27/Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday: May 20

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38/Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a
35bc-36ab/John 17:11b-19

Thursday: May 21

Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11/Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/John 17:20-26

Friday: May 22

Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21/Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/John 21:15-19

Saturday: May 23

Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30, 31/Psalm 11:4, 5, 7
John 21:20-25

Sunday: May 24

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11/Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/John 20:19-23



**Pope
Francis**

**WORDS FROM POPE
FRANCIS.....**

Short excerpts taken from
Pope Francis' addresses
and homilies.....

We Are All Equal in the Church

What does the Holy Spirit do among us? He designs the variety which is a wealth in the Church and unites us, each and every one, to constitute a spiritual temple in which we do not offer material sacrifices but ourselves, our life. The Church is not a fabric woven of things and interests; she is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Temple in which God works, the Temple in which, with the gift of Baptism, each one of us is a living stone. This tells us that no one in the Church is useless, and if from time to time someone says to someone else, "Go home, you are no good," this is not true. For no one is no good in the Church; we are all necessary for building this Temple! No one is secondary. No one is the most important person in the Church; we are all equal in God's eyes. Some of you might say, "Listen, Mr. Pope, you are not our equal." Yes, I am like each one of you; we are all equal, we are brothers and sisters!



*Concerts at the
Cathedral Basilica*

**Voices of Ascension
Chorus & Orchestra**

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 - 7:00 PM

Concerts at the Cathedral presents one of America's most beloved choral group, The Voices of Ascension. Hailing from New York City, The Voices of Ascension under the direction of Dennis Keene, have gained international acclaim as one of the finest choral groups in on the World.

Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$45. For more information cathedralphilaconcerts.org or call 215-587-3696 or email: concerts@archphila.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors.

This sacrificial offering—which benefits all—is greatly appreciated. Please consider an increase to your weekly offering. The operation and maintenance of the Cathedral Basilica and Parish is approximately 20,000 dollars a week.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 5/10/15 was 8,362 dollars. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

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!