



The Most Holy Body and Blood Sunday ***June 7, 2015***

“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him”

John 6:56



June 6, Saturday, St. Norbert

12:05 Gildo Cionci & family
5:15 Marie Badolato

June 7, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galipo & Greco family
11:00 Luigi Ranalli & family
12:30 Oscar Nava
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

June 8, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Felix Navarro
12:05 Gerard E. Market

June 9, Tuesday, St. Ephrem

7:15 Kathryn Dineen Wriston
12:05 Antonio & Elisa Peduto

June 10, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Janice Price
12:05 Edward L. McBryan

June 11, Thursday, St. Barnabas

7:15 Antoinette Angela Gasper
12:05 Dale Klush

June 12, Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:15 Paul Tighe
12:05 Rose Calabree

June 13, Saturday, St. Anthony of Padua

12:05 Michelle Ranalli & family
5:15 Brendan Patrick Tevlin

June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Arthur Quici
11:00 Carmela Berarducci
12:30 Teodoro Sanchez
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ!* Traditionally this observance took place on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and calls to mind the great event and mystery of the Holy Eucharist commemorated on Holy Thursday. In our time, the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*, popularly called *Corpus Christi*, is transferred to a Sunday when the Thursday date is not kept as a Holy Day of Obligation. From its beginnings in the thirteenth century—with many of the liturgical texts written by Saint Thomas Aquinas, the solemnity encourages a renewed and deeper faith in the real and true Presence of Christ in the bread and wine that becomes completely his Body and Blood with the consecration at Mass. As our faith is renewed so should our practices surrounding the reception of Holy Communion be reviewed. *Corpus Christi* is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves to receive Holy Communion with great joy for such a gift, the holy Body and Blood of Jesus. This means that we approach Holy Communion free from serious sin. We observe carefully the Communion Fast of nothing to eat or drink, except for water and medicine, for one hour before receiving the divine food of the Lord. Our posture and gesture, whether receiving on the tongue or in the hand, is deliberate and confident showing signs of reverence and adoration. Finally, our *Amen* is a sincere response to the acclamation, *The Body of Christ*, announcing that we believe in the Holy Eucharist, we are in moral communion with the Church and the Body of the Lord, and we are one in Christ with everyone who receives Holy Communion.

Last Sunday, at the end of the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass, the bronze statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe - to the left of the sanctuary - was unveiled and blessed. The Cathedral is hosting this statue, the fine work of Steve Kilpatrick, for a short period until it is installed at an outdoor shrine on South Broad Street. The work is the inspiration of Sister Mary Paula, IHM, an artist and sculptor herself, whose untimely death, led others to work to bring about her desire that Our Lady be visible, in South Philadelphia, to pray for us, our City and for the protection of human life, especially from the first moment of conception. Please take the time to read the inscription at the base of the statue. Also, our *Jesus Breaking Bread* statue on the south lawn of the Basilica was recently refurbished with the help of the Parkway Council. The following website gives a fine presentation on this famous work of art: <http://museumwithoutwallsaudio.org/interactive-map/jesus-breaking-bread>

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be to supplement the utility costs for the Cathedral Parish. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill



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

Michael Lacovara

Request of Sis Santino



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 collection basket.

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Session

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

A *Baptism Preparation Session* will take place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office to register for the Baptism Preparation Session. **The next Baptism Preparation Class will be June 21 following the 11 AM Mass.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

June 9 Filming of Spanish Mass, Basilica, 6 PM

June 9 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 7:00PM

June 10 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

June 13 60th Anniversary of the Legion of Mary in the Archdiocese, Prayers and Mass, Archbishop Chaput, celebrant, 9:30 AM

June 14 Men's Discernment Group, Neumann Room, 7:30 PM

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 5/31/15 was 8,884 dollars. Additional weekly income comes to approximately the same amount. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

Capilla San Pedro San Pablo

Queremos informarles que la Capilla de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo ofrece preparación para los siguientes sacramentos: bautizos, matrimonios, primera comunión y confirmación. La preparación y celebración de estos sacramentos se ofrece tanto en español como en inglés. Para más detalles sobre los requisitos por favor comunicarse con el sacerdote. Para más información busque en la página web <http://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/sacramentos-en-espanol/> ahí encontrará un enlace con más detalles.

GIVE TO GROW

Together

HOSPICE SUNDAY
NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated. Also needed are men's socks, shirts and small individual toiletries.

Thank you for your continued generosity, God bless you.

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: AugustinesBrothers.org or call 800-348-0758

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.

La vida esté en sus manos

En nuestra cultura, hemos perdido la verdad básica proclamada en Job (12:10), que cada vida es hecha y permitida a vivir bajo la soberana autoridad de Dios. Somos gente que nos orgullecemos de nuestra independencia, así que tenemos dificultad reconociendo nuestra dependencia en Dios. Peor aún, hemos asumido el papel de Dios, decidiendo cual vida creada por Dios continúe y cual se termina.

Que el Autor de la Vida convierta las mentes de Su gente a tener mayor respeto por la vida humana, oramos.

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:

April DeMatto, Paula Cohen, Janice Holshin, Vincent Abbruzzese, 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 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 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.



National Catholic Bible Conference

The Conference is returning to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This is a must-attend Bible conference of the year. The theme of this year's conference is "Scripture and the Family of God." There, you will discover how God is calling you to do more than just believe in him. He is calling you to a life-changing and life-giving relationship with him. You will also learn how you can live out your calling as a witness to the Father's unfailing love for each and every person in your life.

Registrations are currently being taken. For more information on the conference and to register, please visit CatholicBibleConference.com or call 1-888-842-2853.

June 19 & 20
Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road
Doylestown, PA

CUERPO DE CRISTO

Lo esencial del mensaje de Jesús, el resumen de una vida vivida según las consignas del Padre es esto: Tomad, comed, éstos son mi cuerpo y mi sangre. Palabras tremendas, que deberíamos tomar más en serio de lo que solemos, y que da sentido a cualquier vida, a cualquier tarea y a cualquier destino. Porque dejándonos comer por los demás es como llegamos a la esencia de nosotros mismos, y entregándonos hasta el fin, con ánimo dispuesto y corazón generoso es como conseguimos dar la auténtica medida de lo que somos.

La fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo debe servirnos para recordar, renovar y actualizar el compromiso que nos valida como cristianos: darnos hasta el fin, hasta lo más hondo y aún más allá. Como Jesús nos enseñó. Como se entregan los padres a sus hijos. Como nos exige la experiencia del amor infinito que supone ver, en nuestra vida, la acción de la mano de nuestro Padre.

7 de Junio del 2015

Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Exodo 24, 3-8.* Moisés retifica, ante el Señor y con el Pueblo, la alianza del Sinaí. La sangre con que rocía a todos anticipa en su figura la sangre redentora, derramada por Cristo en la cruz.

Segunda lectura: *Hebreos 9, 11-15.* Cristo, viniendo, nos redime con su sacrificio. Los sacrificios antiguos, que eran figura y signo, desaparecen.

Evangelio: *Marcos 14, 12-16. 22-26.* En el relato de Marcos están presentes los elementos de la redención realizada por Cristo: la sangre derramada por muchos, la alianza y la comunión con el cuerpo de Cristo.



Readings of the Week

Monday: June 8

2 Corinthians 1:1-7/Psalm 34:2-9
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday: June 9

2 Corinthians 1:18-22/Psalm 119:129-133, 135
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: June 10

2 Corinthians 3:4-11/Psalm 99:5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: June 11

Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Psalm 98:1-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: June 12

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Isaiah 12:2-6
John 19:31-37

Saturday: June 13

2 Corinthians 5:14-21/Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday: June 14

Ezekiel 17:22-24/Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10/Mark 4:26-34

Living Stewardship Now
THE GREATEST GIFT

Today is Corpus Christi, the feast of the Eucharist, a celebration that dates back to the thirteenth century. In some ways, every Sunday is a feast of the Eucharist. In the last century attention to Eucharistic devotions declined, while more people received frequent Communion. Recent efforts to revitalize adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist through Perpetual Adoration, Corpus Christi celebrations, and Eucharistic Congresses have brought us back into balance. At Mass, when we receive Communion we are honoring and celebrating the precious gift of the Lord's own Body and Blood. Communion is a fulfillment of Christ's promise to be always with us. And Jesus in the Eucharist always requires a response from us. At the end of every Mass we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord. He gives us his very self—the greatest gift of all—so that we can go into the world and give in return.

Living Stewardship Now

Pray for the willingness to make the love of Christ, as shown to us in the Eucharist, present in our world.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood.

May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love.
May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**WORDS FROM
POPE FRANCIS**

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

God Can Change Any Situation

Let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened, and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts; let us not lose confidence; let us never give up. There are no situations which God cannot change; there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him.

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!

Full Time Teaching Position

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full time teaching position in a combined roster of secondary physics and chemistry for the 2015-16 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants asked to email a cover letter and resume by Monday, June 15 to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.