

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

*When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"*

—John 19:26-27a



### Mass Intentions for the week



#### May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Nicola Berarducci  
11:00 John Antonucci  
12:30 Jorge y Carmen Santiago  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

#### May 2, Monday, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 7:15 Jesus, Teresa and Atticus Garber  
12:05 Adolfo and Bertha Garber

#### May 3, Tuesday, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

- 7:15 Essie Mae Rubin  
12:05 Angie and Victor Gabriel Guzman

#### May 4, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

- 7:15 Boris A. Garber  
12:05 Bianca, Nick and Jordan Katherman

#### May 5, Thursday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 5:15 Vigil Mass on Wednesday  
Intention of the Priest Celebrant  
7:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant  
12:05 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
12:35 Intention of the Priest Celebrant  
5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant  
7:00 *Mass in Extraordinary Form*

#### May 6, First Friday, Easter Weekday

- 7:15 Geneva Lee Lichliter  
12:02 Dennis Cox

#### May 7, First Saturday, Easter Weekday

- 12:05 Leone Family  
5:15 Special Intention

#### May 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Tom Fiordimondo  
11:00 George Piccoli  
12:30 Por todas las madres difuntas  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

*This Thursday, May 5, 2016, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.* The Acts of the Apostles describe the life of the early Church after the Resurrection of the Lord and his appearances among his followers. Forty days after the Resurrection, the Lord ascended to the right hand of his heavenly Father as part of the single Easter Mystery. Often we compact the Easter Mystery to include only the saving Death of Jesus and his glorious Resurrection. These parts of the Easter Mystery push toward its completion, the Ascension of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. At the right hand of the Father and with the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus continues to save and redeem us and is present to us in his Death and Resurrection in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. The Ascension of the Lord then forms a principal moment in the unfolding of the whole of the Easter Mystery. Christians from the earliest days of the Church faithfully observed the Ascension. They were **aware** that it makes possible a true communion with Jesus in glory with his Father and the Holy Spirit. We continue to do and believe the same. Now, we await in prayer for the following nine days for a new sending of the Holy Spirit to us, a new grace of Pentecost, so to be more faithful followers of the One who gave his life for us and shows us the life we are to live so to be with him one day forever in heaven. In our part of the country we observe this Holy Day on the fortieth day after Easter which is a Thursday. In other parts of the country the Holy Day is moved to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

*The Holy Day of the Ascension, like all the Holy Days of Obligation, requires Catholics to participate in the celebration of Mass and—as much as possible—to observe the day in a Sunday like manner.* This is often difficult for many today. However, carelessly to pass over this obligation is a grave sin. Plan now how you will keep the Holy Day.

#### *The Masses for the Ascension Thursday Holy Day here at the Cathedral Basilica are:*

**5:15 PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening in the Cathedral Chapel**

**7:15 AM in the Cathedral Chapel**

**12:05 PM in the Basilica**

**12:35 PM in the Cathedral Chapel**

**5:15 PM in the Cathedral Chapel**

**7:00 PM in the Extraordinary Form in the Basilica**

*Next Sunday, May 8, 2016, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass, we will observe the Fifty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood for Monsignor Louis D'Addezio.* We offer Monsignor our prayers as he continues to serve God and all of us with the gift of his vocation. May the Lord keep him faithful and in good health.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed *to the poor and needy in the Cathedral Parish neighborhood.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the *Appeal for Catholic Charities.* Happy Easter!

Father Dennis Gill



**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.

Thank you for your continued generosity,  
God bless you.

**GIVE TO GROW** *Together*

**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 at 7:00 PM. 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](http://AugustinesBrothers.org) or call 800-348-0758.



***The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica***

*For the intentions of Rose Giuliano*

***The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Chapel***

*For the intentions of Tom Reeves*



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.

**Readings for Mass for this Week  
in English and Spanish**

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

**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.

The Offertory Collection for Sunday, 4/24/16 was \$7,499.50 This generosity demonstrates the support, interest and encouragement of so many for the ministry and service of the Cathedral Parish to carry out the work of the Gospel.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support.

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



*Pearl Hammond, Loretta Braccili, Dorothy Tomassini, Pam Bucelli, Barbara Denny, Charlotte McLaughlin, Amberlyn Boland, Wendy Cornel, Michelle, Oscar Rodriguez, Enrique Rodriguez, Linda Watson, Randy Burbage, Rosa Maria Santos, Amy Fife, Theodore Barry, M.D., Marissa Kostrzewa, David Kaplan, Marilyn Mullen, Kathleen Aponik, April DeMatto, Paula Cohen, Janice Holshin, 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, 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, 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.***

**¡Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia  
María, la Madre de Misericordia**  
archphila.org/mercy

¿Le ha sido alguna vez difícil perdonar? Si es así, recurra a María, la Madre de Misericordia. Ella es la Madre de Dios, cuya «misericordia perdura para siempre» (Salmo 118: 1), la Madre de Jesús, quien oró: «Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen» (Lc 23:34.). Ella es nuestra ayuda más segura cuando luchamos con sentimientos de resentimiento o el deseo de «desquitarnos». Porque, ¿no tenía ella razones para desear vengarse, para despreciar a los que traicionaron y abandonaron a su amado Hijo? ¿No tenía ella razón para desear venganza contra la hipocresía de los líderes religiosos que tergiversaron la verdad de sus palabras y la bondad de sus poderosos hechos para justificar su condena como un charlatán que merece la muerte? Y, ¿no tenía ella razones para desear venganza contra la cobardía de Pilato, la crueldad de sus verdugos y la burla de los espectadores que despectivamente se reían de su amado Hijo desnudo muriendo en la cruz sin poder hacer nada? ¡Por supuesto, tenía todas las razones para clamar a Dios pidiendo venganza contra los autores de semejante crueldad bárbara! Pero, no, no lo hizo. Ella aprendió a perdonar; ella fue testigo de Jesús pidiendo a su Padre que perdonara.

Así que recemos la Salve todos los días durante este Año Santo de la Misericordia, pidiendo a María, la Madre de Misericordia, que nos ayude a ser misericordiosos cuando sintamos deseos de venganza o «desquite». Que María, la Madre de Misericordia sea «nuestra vida, nuestra dulzura y nuestra esperanza», al ver cuán «felices son los compasivos, porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia». (Mt 5, 7) -Hna. Annette Pelletier, IHM, Prof. de Teología, Universidad Inmaculada.

**Cómo vivirlo**

Lea la historia de Immaculée Ilibagiza. En su libro, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* (acerca del genocidio en Ruanda, África), ella narra cómo sobrevivió el genocidio de Ruanda y cómo llegó a perdonar a través de la oración del rosario a los que asesinaron a su familia, especialmente los Misterios Dolorosos. Entonces, considere rezar el rosario y pedir a la Virgen que lo ayude a perdonar a los que lo han herido.

**Citas de los santos:**

«A quien Dios quiere hacer muy santo, lo hace muy devoto de la Virgen María.» □ San Luís María Grignon de Monfort

«Dios no nos salvará sin la intercesión de María.» □ San Jerónimo

**Lectura recomendada para el mes:** *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Madre de la Civilización del Amor*, por Carl Anderson, monseñor Eduardo Chávez Sánchez

**REFLEXION**

**Los Regalos de Despedida de Jesús**

De cuando en cuando oímos que una anciana o anciano, conscientes de que su muerte no está lejos, da consejos a sus hijos e hijas: “Cuando yo falte, haz esto o aquello para tu propio bien y felicidad. --- Las palabras de despedida de Jesús se dirigen también a nosotros; son como una especie de testamento, de última voluntad. Jesús nos está diciendo que si encontramos aquella escurridiza paz verdadera que solamente él puede dar, tenemos que amarle a él y al Padre, y también amarnos unos a otros. Tenemos que seguir escuchando al Espíritu Santo que nos recuerda las obras y las enseñanzas de Jesús.

**Alcohólicos Anónimos**

**Martes y jueves 8:00 a 10:00 PM**  
**Viernes y domingos 7:00 a 9:00 PM**  
Grupo Feliz Amanecer, Iglesia San Jose.  
16 South Spring Garden St., Ambler, PA.

Si necesita ayuda favor llamar al  
**(215)500-5215 • (267)407-3561 • (267)210-4959**

***What's Happening at the Parish  
Outside the Liturgical Schedule***

**May 2** Archdiocesan Choir rehearsal  
Chapel Hall, 6:00 PM

**May 3** Augustine's Brothers -  
Prayer and Support group for Men  
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**May 4** Charismatic Prayer Group  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**May 5** Catechetical Session,  
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Mass in the Extraordinary Form,  
Basilica, 7:00 PM

**May 6** First Friday Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
Chapel, 11:00 AM

**May 7** Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Basilica, 5:15 PM

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS  
THIS WEEK

*Final Discussions  
and Certificate Presentation*

May 5, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Neumann Room

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, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office.

**HOLY DOORS OF MERCY**



The Holy Door in the Cathedral  
Basilica is Open

**Weekdays 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Saturdays 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

For information on the Holy Doors please see the  
website [cathedralphila.org/mercy/](http://cathedralphila.org/mercy/)



**DO YOU HAVE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian and would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information - 215-561-1313

# YOUNG ADULT GROUP

## Upcoming Events for the Young Adults at the Cathedral Parish

**Friday Evening Bible Study:** We are adjusting Bible Study back to **EVERY OTHER Friday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM** in the Neumann Room (room entrance is from the outside on the backside of the church). Our group gathers to reflect on the readings and the Psalm for the upcoming Sunday. We look forward to having you join us – Upcoming Bible Study: **May 13.**

**Food and Fellowship Dinner:** Each 2nd Sunday of the month **after the 6:30 PM Mass** we walk over to Con Murphy's (1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway) to enjoy dinner over laughs and conversation. Join us for our next dinner - **Sunday, May 8.**

**GAME NIGHT!:** Game Night has returned! We will be hosting another Game Night on **Monday, May 2** from **6:30-8:30 PM** in the Neumann Room. This will be an evening of friends, board games of all varieties, snacks and fun! We will have Board Games available but please bring a group game if you have one. We hope to see everyone there, the first game night was a blast!

If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail [youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com). Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

## *Mother's Day Gifts!*

Please Visit the Cathedral Shop, located at the front right corner of the Cathedral through the double doors, and check out our fine selection of jewelry and inspirational gifts for Mother's Day, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Cathedral Shop Hours:

Saturday 11:00 am – 5:15 pm

Sunday 10:30 am – 6:30 pm

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**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
**Mary, the Mother of Mercy**  
[archphila.org/mercy](http://archphila.org/mercy)

Have you ever found it difficult to forgive? If so, turn to Mary, the Mother of Mercy. She is the Mother of God whose “mercy endures forever” (Ps 118:1), the Mother of Jesus who prayed, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Lk. 23:34). She is our surest help when we struggle with feelings of resentment or the desire to “get even.” For did not she, of all people, have reason to feel resentment, to desire revenge, to despise those who betrayed and abandoned her Son? Did not she have reason to wish for revenge against the hypocrisy of religious leaders who twisted the truth of his words and the goodness of his mighty deeds to justify his condemnation as a charlatan deserving death? And, did not she have reason to wish for vengeance against the cowardice of Pilate, the cruelty of his executioners, and the mockery of the bystanders who scornfully laughed at her beloved Son stripped naked dying helplessly on the cross? Indeed, she had every reason to cry out to God asking for vengeance against the perpetrators of such barbarous cruelty! But, no, she did not. She forgave. She witnessed Jesus asking His Father to forgive.

So let us pray the “Hail, Holy Queen” every day during this Holy Year of Mercy, asking Mary, the Mother of Mercy, to help us be merciful when we feel the desire for revenge or for “getting even.” May Mary, the Mother of Mercy be “our life, our sweetness, and our hope” as we learn how “blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.” (Mt 5:7). —Sr. Annette Pelletier, IHM, Prof. of Theology, Immaculata University

**How to Live It**

Read the story of Immaculee Ilibagiza. In her book, *Left To Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, she recounts how she survived the Rwandan genocide and was brought to forgive those who murdered her family through the prayer of the Rosary, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries. Then, consider taking up the Rosary and asking Our Lady to help you forgive those who have injured you.

**Quote from Catholic Tradition:**

"Seek refuge in Mary because she is the city of refuge. We know that Moses set up three cities of refuge for anyone who inadvertently killed his neighbor. Now the Lord has established a refuge of mercy, Mary, even for those who deliberately commit evil. Mary provides shelter and strength for the sinner." -Saint Anthony of Padua

“Even while living in the world, the heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no-one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children.” -Saint Jerome, Father and Doctor of the Church

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

- **Recommended Book for the Month:**  
*The World's First Love*, Archbishop Fulton Sheen
- **Lighthouse Catholic Media CD:**  
*Mary: Handmaid of the Lord* by Blessed Mother Teresa

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW**

*Uniquely You*

We may think only special people have a vocation, either to the priesthood or religious life. The fact is that each baptized Christian has a vocation to be a disciple of Jesus. The Lord knows us individually and intimately, including our personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, and our destinies. God has a purpose in mind for every one of us. Pope John Paul II held that God’s eternal plan is only revealed to us in the unfolding of our lives. Every life is unique, which is also to say that every vocation is unique. Fortunately, our vocations are best lived out in the community of faith where we can help one another hear the Lord’s voice and respond to it. Baptism is the beginning of each Christian vocation—in other words, the why of being a Christian—while stewardship is the how. Stewardship is a way to discern, accept, and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities, and roles to which God calls us. Here in our parish community, refracted through the prism of all our individual vocations, is a way of life embodying and expressing the one mission of Christ: to do God’s will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one another, to live life to the fullest as Jesus did. Fortunately, we do not have to do this by our own efforts. As Jesus assures us in today’s Gospel, there is help. The strength of the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of all who love the Lord and follow in his way. The call to live this way is urgent. Jesus does not tell us to follow him some time in the future, or whenever we feel like it. The moment is now.

*Living Stewardship Now*

Have you made a commitment to share your unique abilities with your faith community? Check out all the opportunities to serve in today’s parish bulletin, and find one that appeals to you and that you know you can fulfill. Sign up today.

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**Basilica Tours**



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please meet in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Altar.

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