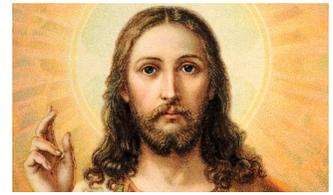


Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

*"I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me"*

- Jn 14:6



Mass Intentions for the Week



Aug. 20, Saturday, St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

12:05 Clara English
5:15 Peppino DiFonzo

Aug. 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Deceased Friends in Scerni
11:00 Dora D. Miglionico
12:30 Santurino y Primitiva Flores
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Aug. 22, Monday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 Emily Dupree Dosch
12:05 Richard (Dick) P. Mc Evoy

Aug. 23, Tuesday, Weekday, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:15 John Decker
12:05 Verona Berish

Aug. 24, Wednesday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:15 James J. Cullen
12:05 Vincent M. Chiro Jr.

Aug. 25, Thursday, Weekday, St. Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:15 Monsignor M. Burke
12:05 Tony Furnari

Aug. 26, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Charles Sheridan
12:05 Alfonso Altobelli

Aug. 27, Saturday, St. Monica

12:05 Richard and Veronica Ennis
5:15 Roz Cirino

Aug. 28, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Deceased Members of the League
of the Sacred Heart
11:00 Roberta Christine Catanzaro
12:30 Luis E. Tellado
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

For the last several months, a search has been taking place for a new Director of Liturgical Music for the Cathedral Parish. Eight international and ten domestic candidates applied for the position that was widely advertised especially through a number of liturgical and sacred music agencies locally and throughout the country. In the end, four candidates were selected for an extensive interview process. Three of the four brought significant talent and interest to the interviews.

The complete job description for the Director of Liturgical Music for the Cathedral Parish can be found on the parish website. This is a summary of the responsibilities of the new director:

The Director of the Cathedral Liturgical Music Program is a full time position and is supervised by the Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Parish. The Director is responsible for the overall execution of the Cathedral Liturgical Music Program, Choir, Scholae and Cantors. In cooperation with the Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica, reviews all liturgical music programs, policies, procedures, and budgets for the Cathedral Liturgical Music Program. In terms of Archdiocesan celebrations and events, confers with the Director of the Office for Divine Worship.

After serious deliberation, the position was offered to Charlene Angelini and she accepted. Many of you may already know Charlene Angelini for her excellent ministry among us at the Cathedral Parish as a cantor for parish and archdiocesan liturgical celebrations. She comes to this new position with years of experience as a liturgical musician, choir director, cantor and teacher of liturgical music and praxis. The pastoral dimension that she brings to this position stands out as a singular strength. Her official start date is Monday, August 29, 2016. Please join me in welcoming Charlene Angelini to our Parish Staff. Also, take the opportunity to greet Charlene Angelini over the next few weeks and offer her your support and prayers.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the Missions. Please see the information elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin about next weekend's Missionary Visitors. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION
OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

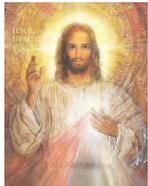
**Friday, October 2, 2016
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cathedral Chapel**

**The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
for adoration before the 12:05 PM Mass.
*Please come to adore the Lord!***

**The Sacrament of Penance will be available
on the First Friday of each month,
beginning at 11:00 AM.**

**“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle
expressly for you - for you alone?” - St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

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**

Passage through a Holy Door is a sign of our decision to enter into the life of Jesus Christ and Make the passage from sin to grace. During a Jubilee, pilgrimage to a Holy Door offers the possibility of obtaining a Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. To learn more, visit:

cathedralphilila.org/mercy/ & archphilila.org/mercy/liturgy

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution-envelopes that are mailed to your home. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish.

If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution-envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you.



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



*For: Dora D. Miglionico
From: Her Children*



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. uscgb.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, 8/14/16 was \$5,653.50. 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.

**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 now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.

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

William Spiro, Scott Towers, James Duffin, Daniel Moyer Sr., Andrew Marconi, James Pinto, James Ross, Pearl Hammond, Loretta Braccili, Dorothy Tomassini, Pam Buccelli, 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, 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.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

August 23 Augustine's Brothers
Prayer and Support group for Men,
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

August 24 Charismatic Prayer Group
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

VIVIENDO LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

La Lucha

Si nos pidieran que mencionáramos a un santo o una santa de nuestra época muchos de nosotros diríamos: "La Madre Teresa". Nacida en Albania, comenzó su vida religiosa en una congregación de hermanas maestras, que la envió a enseñar en una escuela de niñas en Calcuta, en la India. Se quedó consternada al ver la pobreza tan deprimente que había por todos lados. En 1948 respondió con una fe incontestable al llamado interior de dejar la congregación de religiosas maestras e ir a servir a los desamparados en los suburbios de Calcuta. Muy pronto otras mujeres se unieron a la Madre Teresa y a sus obras de misericordia. Así se formó la congregación de las Misioneras de la Caridad. En el transcurso de los siguientes cincuenta años la Madre Teresa fue reconocida mundialmente como un símbolo de compasión y galardonada con el Premio Nobel de la Paz. Un libro publicado después de su muerte, cuyo contenido son cartas escritas por ella a amigos, superiores y confesores, revela que esta pequeña y vigorosa monja había pasado largos años en un desierto espiritual. Ella tenía un anhelo profundo de Dios, pero no sentía fe, amor o fervor. Su fama aumentó pero, excepto por unas breves semanas en 1958, su fe no volvió. Dejó escrito que su sonrisa era una máscara mientras luchaba inmensamente para ver qué valor tenía su obra, y que si no había Dios, tampoco podía haber alma y Jesús no es el Cristo. Hasta dejó de rezar por un tiempo porque no le parecía tener sentido. Aparentemente la Madre Teresa murió con sus dudas en 1997. Algunos ateos prominentes han dicho que esas cartas demuestran que toda fe religiosa es una farsa. Para aquellos de nosotros que luchamos con nuestra fe, el heroísmo de esa mujer nos anima. Al igual que san Juan de la Cruz, santa Teresa de Ávila y muchos otros, ella siguió haciendo la voluntad de Dios a pesar de su oscuridad espiritual. Su último deseo fue que se destruyeran sus cartas, pero la Iglesia decidió guardarlas. Tal vez ahora sabemos por qué.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Si alguien expresa dudas acerca de la fe y de las creencias religiosas, no discutan con ellos. Más bien digan palabras de aliento y oren por esas personas.

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Disciples of Jesus Today

Here we are, coming to the last few weeks of summer, 2016, and in some cases, we are still looking forward to vacation. Regardless, one thing remains, that our loving God is right there with us, yearning for our deep, sincere love no matter what time of year it actually is. We are the truly the object of God's envy, especially if we find ourselves being caught up with desires, sometimes, insatiable, for so many perishable things – even the love we want and need of our family and friends. Of course, these deep love relationships are integral to our very existence. God knows and wants that for us, but St. Luke makes it clear, that above and beyond these good and holy parts of life, our loving God calls us to make the most important relationship of all, the one we have with our beloved Lord.

Jesus makes it clear, that there will be narrow gates or even what seems to be a locked doors on this path: e.g., dealing kindly with challenging relationships and/or making sacrifices in faith for a greater good, so that we are following in His footsteps. He wants and needs us to spread His Word, His way of life. Why? He has a great and glorious banquet waiting for His followers, a life that will never die, a life of eternal bliss which comes at a high price, but He is there to help us.

Life's journey for us as Catholic Christians and Disciples of Christ, can be seen in Jesus' own stories and parables, be they of the little lost sheep, the lost coin or lost son. We see behind the scenes, the shepherd who leaves the "other 99" to find one who has gone astray, or the woman who tares her house apart to find that lost coin, or the father who throws a lavish party for the returning, lost son, contending with the jealous atmosphere of the faithful sibling at home. Each story clearly demonstrates the depth of love which God has for us, especially when we have strayed away, developed new priorities or lost sight of our own interior, spiritual life. Am I ready to extend the same compassion, Mercy and love to others who may have hurt us, as Jesus did in his parables?

Our Lord even tells us the parable of a steward who served his master in very selfish ways and wants us, his Disciples to see how wrong such choices are. It is a grace to be shrewd but be honest at the same time: His disciples are to be clever but transparent and trustworthy as well. One of our recent Psalm verses gives us great hope by our faithful discipleship:

Psalm 119: 7-8

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
From the dunghill he lifts up the poor
To seat them with princes
With the princes of his own people.

-Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM-

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*Jubilee Year of Mercy Rosary
on the Feast of the Holy Rosary*

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM

In recognition of the real need for the prayerful intercession of our Blessed Mother – Mother of the Church and Patroness of our Nation – we will pray the Rosary in the Cathedral Basilica for all our many intentions.



The Rosary will follow after a brief Liturgy of the Word

We would like to see the Cathedral full,
please spread the word as widely as possible!



Communion for 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.



Archdiocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**Sunday, September 11, 2016
12 Noon Mass**

Celebrant: Bishop John McIntyre
Homilist: Fr. Shaun Mahoney

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish
256 Swamp Pike Schwenksville, PA

More info: badmin@stteresacalcutta.com,
610-287-2525x104

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 7:00-8:30pm** 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. Our next Bible Study will take place on **September 16**.

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. Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

The Servants of the Lord Missions Appeal



The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, community of Diocesan Right, are happy to be given the opportunity to speak at The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul about the mission appeal on August 27/28. The Institute was founded by Father Carlos Miguel Buela on March 19, 1988 in San Rafael, Argentina. Four years earlier, Fr. Buela had founded the priests of the Incarnate Word with whom we share the same charism and constitutions. Both Institutes also have contemplative branches. Their specific goal, following the call of Saint John Paul II, is the evangelization of the culture.

This appeal gives them a chance to inform the members of our parish about their mission work in Russia. As you may imagine, the missions in Eastern Europe are in great need of support. The sisters work to help build up the Church shattered by the Communist Party by working in human and religious development and in the formation of the new generation; teaching catechism to children, youth and young adults, helping them in the preparation for the Sacraments, oratory for children and youth groups, educating them in hygiene, providing a small dispensary working in media, etc. These are the fruits of their apostolate. As you may know, in all of these countries Catholics are a minority due to the past communist regime. For this reason missionaries do not receive much help from the local people who very often themselves lack even basic necessities.

The sisters are grateful for the opportunity to come to speak to us about the appeal. Please consider giving generously. Thank you!

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

"Faith in Action" Summer Series 2016

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016 7-10 p.m.

Topics: Gender Identity and the Theology of the Body, Living in the Church: Vocations, Discipleship and Making Disciples, Merciful Faith in Action... Carmelite Style

Presenters: Bill Donaghy, Theology of the Body Institute, Fr. Joe Zaleski, Sr. Maria Sophia, CSFN, Brittany Guisini, Esq. & Peter Tsoflas, Esq., Fr. Stephen DeLacy and Doctor Antone Raymundo, MD, MBA, OCDS

Location: Gearo's Grille, 1913 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115.

Hosted by Generation Life & N.E. Philly: Fire of Faith Young Adult Group.

More info: kadamo@generationlife.org or csoares@msbt.org

Retreat for a Busy Life

Thursday, September 8, 2016 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join the staff of Saint Maria Goretti Parish for our annual retreat – a day filled with time and space reserved and dedicated to God alone. Our day begins with Mass, a Holy Hour, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, PA.** We will then travel to the **National Center for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.**

Retreat Director: Father Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J.

Cost is \$60.00 per person and includes lunch and bus transportation. If you wish to carpool with a friend or travel on your own, cost is \$30.00 and includes lunch. Bus leaves St. Maria Goretti parking lot: 8:30 am - Approx. return: 3:30 pm

For information visit stmariagoretti.net/news-events/ or call (215) 721-0199

Polish Harvest Festival

All are invited to the Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday September 25th from Noon to 6 pm**, to support St. Mary Polish American Society, a non-profit organization working to promote Polish heritage and culture in and around Montgomery County, PA. The Polish Harvest Festival will feature live Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, a full cash bar, a 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are \$10 advance sales, \$15 day of event. Tickets include the price of admission, with food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Wednesday September 14th. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

St. Andrew's Parish Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lithuanian Chapel. Sunday **October 9, 2016, Solemn Mass 2:00 PM. Participants in the Solemn Celebration:**

- Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, S.J. from Kaunas, Lithuania.
 - The combined thrilling sound of 4 choirs!
"Laisve" from Philadelphia – "Exultate" from Cleveland
"Dainava" from Chicago – "Volunge" from Toronto
- Departure from St. Andrew's Church 9:00 AM and from St. Casimir's Church: 9:15 AM. For more information contact Ellie Jozefowski at 215-236-3660.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

The Struggle

Asked to name a saint of our times, many of us would say "Mother Teresa." Born in Albania, she began religious life as a sister in a teaching order, which sent her to a girls' school in Calcutta, India. She was shocked to see the dismal poverty beyond the school grounds. In 1948 she responded with unquestioned faith to an inner calling: to leave the teaching order and serve the destitute in Calcutta's slums. Very soon, other women joined Mother Teresa in her works of mercy, forming the Missionaries of Charity. Over the next fifty years Mother Teresa became a world-renowned symbol of compassion and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. A book published after her death contains letters she wrote to friends, superiors, and confessors, and reveals that this small, energetic nun had spent long years in a spiritual desert. She had such deep longing for God, but felt no faith, love, or fervor. Her fame increased, but except for a brief few weeks in 1958, her faith did not return. She said her smile was a mask, as she struggled mightily to see any value in all of her labor: if there is no God, there can be no soul and Jesus is not the Christ. She had even stopped praying for a while because it seemed so meaningless. Mother Teresa apparently died with her doubts in 1997. Prominent atheists declared that the letters show that all religious faith is a sham. Those of us who struggle with faith are encouraged by her heroism. Like Saint John of the Cross, Saint Teresa of Ávila, and many others, she kept doing God's will in spite of spiritual darkness. Her dying wish was that her letters be destroyed, but the Church decided to keep them. Perhaps now we know why.

Living Stewardship Now

If anyone expresses doubt about faith and religious belief, don't argue with them. Speak words of encouragement and pray for them.

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary. -5- 062 cathd