

# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

“So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

-Matthew 24, 44



## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Nov. 26, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

7:15 Goffredo Vernacchio  
12:05 Peppino Pachioli & Family

### Nov. 27, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:00 Raffaele Giacomucci & Family  
12:30 Clemente y Catalina Carrera  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

### Nov. 28, Monday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Sabino Serrano Perez  
12:05 For the spiritual benefit of Sergio Velazquez

### Nov. 29, Tuesday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig  
12:05 For the spiritual benefit of Victor Restrepo

### Nov. 30, Wednesday, St. Andrew, Apostle

7:15 Mary De Santis  
12:05 For the spiritual benefit of Carolina Perez

### Dec. 1, Thursday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Austin Meffert  
12:05 Mary Ann Fritsch

### Dec. 2, First Friday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Larry Green  
12:05 Mary Harvey

### Dec. 3, First Saturday, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:15 Same Damiano & Family  
12:05 Essie Mae Rubin

### Dec. 4, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Michael Olivier  
11:00 Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart  
12:30 Valentina y Alberto Villamarin y familia  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People



Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the First Sunday of Advent.* The beginning of the new Liturgical Year can be like the beginning of the new calendar year as a time for making some resolutions. The Cathedral Parish Mission and Forty Hours provide all of us with an opportunity for renewal and rededication to Christ and his Gospel, to a daily routine for prayer and to ongoing conversion of our hearts and minds as directed by the Lord and his Church. Perhaps, as we participate in the Parish Mission and Forty Hours this First Week of Advent, we might make some concrete resolutions along these lines for this new year of grace.

*Please pray that our Parish Mission will bring many blessings to the members of our Parish and all who join us.* The schedule for the Parish Mission and the Forty Hours are once again on the insert in this Parish Bulletin. You are welcome to arrange a time to see any of the Franciscan Missionaries for a personal visit, for spiritual direction and/or for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation outside of the scheduled Mission services. Simply, make the plan for this when you see one of the missionaries during the Mission. The Missionaries also will be moving throughout the Parish, including visits to the classrooms in Hallahan and Roman Catholic High Schools, to meet our parishioners and others. If anyone needs a ride to any of the Parish Mission services, please call the Rectory Office. *The Parish Mission is open to all!*

*Tomorrow, November 28, 2016, all the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia—Diocesan and Religious Priests—will participate in the annual Day of Sanctification for Priests.* The priests will gather with the Archbishop at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of prayer and reflection. Please keep our priests in prayer tomorrow, especially for their holiness of life and zeal in the service of the Church.

*I would like to bring you up to date on the construction on the Race Street side of the Basilica.* The World Meeting of Families set aside funds to install a Memorial of the donors for the event and the pastoral visit of the Holy Father in September 2015. The project has been designed by the World Meeting of Families and the payment for the project will be covered completely by that organization with no cost to the Cathedral Parish. As a result of this new construction, I was able to arrange that the ramp at the Race Street entrance be reconstructed so that it will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Hopefully, construction will be completed over the next few weeks. In the meantime, I apologize for any inconvenience with the temporary closure of the Race Street entrance to the Basilica.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be directed to the archdiocesan collection for the retirement fund for Religious.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,  
Father Dennis Gill

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

*Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes*

**Friday, December 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 am**

*El Santísimo Sacramento será expuesto para adoración antes  
de la Misa de las 12:05 pm el primer viernes de cada mes  
a partir de las 11:00 am en la Capilla de la Catedral. Confesiones en inglés a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor*

**“Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”-St. Teresa of Calcutta**



**AID FOR FRIENDS  
AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

*Aid For Friends* is a non-profit organization that seeks volunteers to prepare meals in their homes and/or to deliver food for those unable to prepare their own meals. These prepared meals are a tremendous service to the elderly and disabled who cannot afford their meals and/or have difficulty getting to the food store.

Please consider helping *Aid for Friends* by picking up the meal trays in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. These trays are located next to the *Aid For Friends* freezer with further instructions in Chapel Hall. Please return prepared meals any weekday between 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM or Sunday mornings during the Mass times.

If you are interested in taking meals to the homebound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact Mrs. Lynn Trumbetta, by phone (215-464-2224) or email [af-flynnt@yahoo.com](mailto:af-flynnt@yahoo.com). You must first register with *Aid For Friends* to deliver meals. *Aid for Friends* encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.



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

*For: Taylor & Janina Bieranowska  
From: Janina Bieranowska*



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**

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

*Las lecturas de la semana están disponibles  
en el enlace de arriba*

**DAILY  
ADVENT REFLECTIONS**



*Bishop Robert Barron's daily Advent reflections are now read by over 275,000 people each day.*

*When you sign up, you can choose to receive the reflections in English or Spanish. Bishop Barron will then send you a new reflection each day during Advent.*

*You'll also receive exclusive videos, special discounts, and a chance to win free DVDs, CDs, books, and more from Bishop Barron.*

[adventreflections.com/sign-up-advent](http://adventreflections.com/sign-up-advent)

**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, 11/20/16 will be posted on next week's bulletin. Your 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/ *Ora por los enfermos:***

*Patrick DiGiovanni, Patricia Capone, Rosemary Lovett, Grace Teti, Nick Capozio, Darcel Burney, Fred Hankinson, Renee Kenny, Thomas J. Kenny, Stacey Smit, Anadelia Cacique, Alis de Pachecho, JoAnn Stein, Francis Pham, Ita Creavin, William Spiro, Scott Towers, James Duffin, Daniel Moyer Sr., James Pinto, James Ross, Pearl Hammond, Loretta Braccili, Dorothy Tomassini, Pam Buccelli, Barbara Denny, Charlotte McLaughlin, Amberlynn 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, 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. Por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.*

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

**Nov. 26** Special Cultural Event for Young Adults,  
Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Nov. 27 Parish Mission & 40 Hour Devotion begin,  
see insert for details**

Roman Catholic H.S. Annual Memorial Mass,  
Basilica, 9:30 AM

**Nov. 30** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Dec. 4** Baptisms, Basilica, 12:30 PM

### **2016 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, November 28, for the *2016 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant to these men  
a persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **ANUNCIOS**

#### **Reflexiones diarias durante el Adviento**

Las reflexiones diarias de Adviento del Obispo Robert son leídas por más de 275.000 personas cada día. Al inscribirse puede escoger recibir las reflexiones en español o en inglés. El Obispo Barron le enviara una reflexión cada día durante el Adviento. Usted también recibirá videos exclusivos, descuentos especiales, y una oportunidad de ganar DVDs, CDs, libros y más. *Visite [adventreflections.com/sign-up-advent](http://adventreflections.com/sign-up-advent)*



#### **Confesiones Durante la Misión Parroquial**

**El miércoles 23 de Noviembre habrá confesiones en español después de la charla del servicio de las 7:30 PM.**

Por favor haga un esfuerzo en asistir a los eventos que se han planeado para usted con mucho amor y entusiasmo. Le recordamos que la Misión es del 27 de Noviembre al 1 de Diciembre e incluye la Devoción Eucarística Anual de 40 Horas. Revise el volante para más detalles.

**En una edición futura del Boletín tendremos información sobre las Posadas Navideñas**

## **VIVIENDO LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

### **Calendarios Complicados**

Vivimos en una época en que los calendarios parecen gobernar nuestra vida—el calendario de la oficina, el calendario escolar, el calendario feriado, el calendario social. No es del todo sorprendente que muchos de nosotros dependemos más y más de la tecnología para ayudarnos a llevar cuenta de nuestras muchas y variadas obligaciones y responsabilidades. El nuevo año eclesial comienza hoy y las Escrituras nos invitan a hacer una pausa, a aminorar la velocidad y considerar algunas de nuestras prioridades esenciales como discípulos del Señor. Las estadísticas demuestran que tenemos más tiempo disponible que ninguna otra generación en la historia de la humanidad, para usar según se nos antoje. No estamos atados al implacable calendario agrícola de antaño o a días laborales de dieciséis horas en las fábricas; sin embargo, a menudo estamos a la carrera y con demasiados compromisos. Todo es cuestión de cómo usamos el tiempo que Dios nos da. Las lecturas de hoy manifiestan que Dios cumplirá las promesas que ha hecho. Hasta que no llegue ese momento de justicia perfecta y alcancemos la salvación total, se nos pide cuatro cosas: Que nos mantengamos vigilantes, que no nos dejemos vencer por las preocupaciones y distracciones, que oremos para que se nos conceda la fortaleza y que nos atendamos mutuamente y con amor. Por tanto, al prepararnos para celebrar una vez más la venida de nuestro Salvador, reflexionemos sobre la corresponsabilidad del tiempo. Acordémonos de cuando estábamos en tercer grado y aprendimos la diferencia entre necesidades y deseos, y démonos cuenta de cuánto se ha opacado la diferencia entre esas dos cosas. ¿Está tu calendario demasiado lleno? Trata de perfeccionarlo ahora con una mirada más informada: ¿Qué debes hacer, qué te gustaría hacer y cómo lo harías, para poner primero a Dios en este Adviento?

### **La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora**

Enciende una vela de Adviento todos los días antes de una de las comidas. Pasa un tiempo breve dándole gracias a Dios por el don del tiempo y pide usarlo bien.

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### **El Árbol de Adviento - Regalos para los necesitados**

A partir del 27 de Noviembre lo invitamos a participar en la recolección de regalos para los necesitados de nuestra área. Por favor tome un papelito del árbol de navidad ubicado en la Basílica, cada papel tiene escrito el nombre de un objeto que se necesita. Por favor empaque el objeto en papel regalo y péguele el papelito que tomo del árbol, así sabremos a quien asignar cada regalo, luego, traiga el regalo a la Sacristía después o antes de la Santa Misa a más tardar el **18 de diciembre**; de esta manera se podrán repartir los regalos antes de la **Noche Buena. Bendiciones!** -3- 062 cathd

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS  
THIS WEEK

*Salvation, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*

December 1, 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.

*Advent Giving Tree*

The *Advent Giving Tree* in the Basilica is decorated with gift tags which identify gift ideas for the less fortunate in our area. This year the gifts will be distributed to St. Francis Inn, Women of Hope, St. John's Hospice, Sacred Heart Home and other neighborhood institutions that service the homeless and needy. **The tree will be up starting Sunday, November 27.**

Please participate in the *Advent Giving Tree*! During the first weeks of Advent take a gift tag or tags. The gifts may be dropped off in the **Sacristy** before or after Mass, wrapped and with the identifying tag on each gift **by the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18.** This will allow for the distribution of these gifts for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.



**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish:

- 1) **First Friday Fun:** Please join us for **First Friday, December 2 from 7:00-8:30pm** in the Pastoral Center (222. S 17<sup>th</sup> Street) for fun, fellowship, food (snacks) and a discussion about Advent and preparation for Christmas.
- 2) **Service Activity:** Do you like to sing Christmas carols? Do you want share the Christmas spirit with everyone around you? Please join us as the Young Adults at the Cathedral are going sing Christmas carols to a couple of local senior living communities on **Monday, Dec. 12 from 7:30-9:00pm.** If interested, please email [youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com) so we can have a headcount! We hope each of you can join us!
- 3) **Rosary before Mass:** We hope that each of you will consider joining us every **second Sunday of the month at 5:45pm prior to the 6:30pm Mass** to pray the Rosary as a group. 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 us. Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

 **Disciples for Today** 

Did you ever think that you were really alone in a situation in life; where you are or have experienced something painful or upsetting and no one would understand? Have you as well, concluded that there was little hope for things to turn around or change? Indeed, many of us find this to be quite true and even on a regular basis. The blessings however, which are coming our way during this new Liturgical Year are very real and are ours for the taking, if we are ready to step up to the plate and take a long, hard look at what God is and has been doing for us for centuries now, and to this very day. Yes Advent, which engages us in the coming again of Jesus, unknown of course, is a holy call to hope and to look lovingly at our Salvation History and our lives in the here and now.

Centuries before Jesus' birth, the prophets, especially Isaiah set out for us on the Table of God's Holy Word, what Jewish people then were inspired to know about God's holy plan for humanity. These holy men and women, realized that God was coming and this was indeed going to be an awesome event. The last prophet, St. John the Baptist, Jesus' own cousin, certainly knew the divine nature of Jesus and made the point that we must REPENT. Why? What did he know about his cousin that made this, the central theme of his preaching? No doubt, the holiness of John was not only a gift from God, but also the result of powerful times of prayer, good works and sacrifice on his part. His own wonder and awe of God propelled him to scream it aloud.

This seems to be one of our greatest gifts and challenges, to realize what it means to touch the divine nature of God in the here and now. This great grace does foster repentance, for we come face-to-face with a new and deeper understanding of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How? Our Advent and darkened time of the Liturgical Year reminds us to look within and notice how we are being called to holiness. Through our Baptism, we were gifted with faith, hope and charity. Do we, do I, practice these theological virtues? Is my being a member of the Body of Christ, made me aware of our sisters and brothers who have needs which I could help to meet? What area of my life needs conversion or real change? Can I admit that I may be racist? What am I doing to care for others and the environment? In what ways might I address violence within or around me? How welcoming am I to those who are different? Our answers can be found in the Scriptures.

Yes, St. Matthew's Gospel is here again, as we begin Year A. Read slowly a few verses or paragraphs each day and take a wondrous journey with Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Savor a word or phrase and God will do the rest. Then gratefully notice God's work!

Sister Eleanor McCann



## Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

*Come and Experience  
Great Music in the Cathedral*



**Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica**  
Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 PM



The choirs of the Cathedral Basilica and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia join forces in beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as hundreds of voices sing in celebration of festive season!

Premium Front, \$43.50

Front Section, \$37.50

General Admission Front \$32.50

General Admission Balance, \$24.50

Senior Admission, \$19.50

Student Admission - *must present valid student ID*, \$10

For more information and to  
Purchase Tickets visit:

[www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org](http://www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org)

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### Theology on Tap

– Archbishop Chaput! – Metanoia young Adults

Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 7pm

All young adults ages 21-39 are invited to a special Theology on Tap with Archbishop Charles Chaput, on the second-floor terrace of the 'Stove and Tap' restaurant (329 W. Main Street Lansdale, PA). The event is hosted by Metanoia Young Adults of Montgomery County. Archbishop Chaput will speak about his new book, "Strangers in a Strange Land," about living the Catholic faith in contemporary American culture. Food and drink will be available for purchase beginning at 7 p.m., and Archbishop Chaput will speak at 7:30 p.m., followed by time for Q&A. Please visit [metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/archbishop.html](http://metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/archbishop.html) for more details and to register. Location: Stove and Tap Restaurant (329 W. Main Street Lansdale, PA).

#### Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert

THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Keep Christ in Christmas by partaking in a guided tour of the campus and lovely grounds of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary and enjoy the **Christmas concert** featuring the Seminary Choir and Musicians. One hour tours begin at 1:00 PM with the last tour at 3:00 PM. Light refreshments preceding the **4:00 pm concert**.

Location: 100 E Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA 19096 Overbrook, PA. • (610) 667-3394 • [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu)

#### Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers

Join other center city Lawyers for an hour to reflect on the Readings for the Following Sunday Mass beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2016, and on every Wed. The hour allows for prayer together at the beginning and end of the session, the reading of the Lectionary texts for Sunday Mass, and reflection on these Readings. This reflection includes reactions to what is heard in the Scriptures, the discovery of new insights and facing the challenges in the Word of God. Location: The Neumann Room, directly behind the Basilica 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. more information, contact Michael Broadhurst at [info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org)

#### LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

##### Calendar Crunch

We live in an era when calendars seem to rule our lives—the office calendar, the school calendar, the holiday calendar, the social calendar. Not surprisingly, many of us rely more and more on technology to help us keep track of all our various obligations and responsibilities. The new Church year begins today and the scriptures invite us to pause, slow down, and consider some of our core priorities as disciples of the Lord. Statistics show that, more than any previous generation in human history, we have disposable time to use how we choose. We are not tied to the unrelenting agricultural calendar of traditional farm work or to sixteen-hour days in factories, yet we often feel rushed and over-committed. This all comes down to how we use our God-given time. The readings today declare that God will fulfill the promises that God has made. Until that time of perfect justice, righteousness, and salvation comes upon us we are asked to do four things: to be alert at all times, not to give in to worry and distractions, to pray for strength, and to care lovingly for one another. So, as we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Savior, think about the stewardship of time. Think back to third grade when we learned the difference between needs and wants, and realize how much the line has blurred between the two since then. Is your calendar too full? Streamline it by looking at it with an informed eye: What must you do and what would you like to do, and how can you put God first this Advent?

##### Living Stewardship Now

Light an Advent candle before one meal each day. Spend a few moments thanking God for the gift of time, and pray to use it well.

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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.