

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”

-Matthew 4: 19



Mass Intentions for the Week



Jan. 21, Saturday, St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

12:05 Joni Sitko
5:15 Fr. Stefan Loppacher

Jan. 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Vincent & Margaret Angell -*Choir Mass*
11:00 Silverio Berarducci
12:30 Bobby Velaquez
6:30 Pro Propulo - For the People of the Parish

Jan. 23, Monday, Day of prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:15 Rosemary C. Magram
12:05 Rebecca Gerrity

Jan. 24, Tuesday, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 Douglas Stanley Parker
12:05 Leonard J. Diana Jr.

Jan. 25, Wednesday, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

7:15 Julia A. Feichtel
12:05 Irene Szczesniak

Jan 26, Thursday, Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:15 Virginia Kalsen
12:05 Thomas Gleason

Jan. 27, Friday, Weekday, St. Angela Merici, Virgin

7:15 Special Intention Novena
12:05 Mary Beth Robertson

Jan. 28, Saturday, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:05 Joseph Jordan
5:15 Jamie Panneta

Jan. 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Marilyn S. Tanner
11:00 Carmela Berarducci
12:30 Eustaquio Delgado
6:30 Pro Propulo - For the People of the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

Today, January 22, 2017, is the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade*, which legalized abortion in the United States. Since then almost 60 million unborn children have lost their lives as a result of legalized abortion. This scar on the face of the Nation continues to call Christians, everyone, into action in the defense of human life, from the first moment of conception until natural death. Respect for life is not the work of a few but the duty of all. The one thing that all of us can do is pray for the protection of human life.

Since 2011, Catholics in the United States, at the direction of the American Bishops, have observed January 22 as a day of prayer and penance. When January 22 falls on a Sunday, the day of prayer and penance is moved to January 23, tomorrow. The intention of our prayer is for the full restoration and legal guarantee of the right to life. Our penance is for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Decide today that you will pray for this intention tomorrow and what your personal sacrifice will be as well tomorrow. Consider coming to the 7:15 AM or the 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel as part of your prayer for the day. The Holy Rosary will be prayed twenty minutes before both Masses tomorrow for the intention for the protection of human life.

The Basilica and the Chapel are open to the homeless year-round. Our only rule is that they sit up in the pew and every hour get up and move around. This is to prevent someone from setting up camp in one of the pews. Our location in Center City makes our Basilica and Chapel a likely location for the homeless to find a warm place when it is cold outside and likewise a cool place when it is hot. We cooperate with a variety of agencies to provide for the homeless when they are willing and we also do our part in taking care of many of these men and women. At times, though, there is unacceptable behavior, including panhandling, stealing and vandalism. If you see anything like this taking place, please report it immediately to one of the sacristans, a member of the maintenance staff, a Cathedral Ambassador or one of the Parish Priests, who can then report it to the proper authorities. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase recently in this unacceptable behavior. The homeless are always welcome and we have a duty to care for them. At the same time, we have a duty to protect people from harm and our property.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the liturgical music program of 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

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FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

**Friday, February 3, 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

**"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."
- St. Angela of Foligno**



**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 aflynnt@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: Leo A. Carr
From: Nicholas & Louise Pascale***



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

Mass Book 2018

On Monday, February 20, 2017, the 2018 Parish Mass Book will be opened. Once this Parish Mass Book is opened, it is possible to arrange for announced Masses and schedule Weddings for the calendar year 2018. Church law requires that announced Masses can only be scheduled as far as one calendar year in advance of the current year. So, the new Parish Mass Book typically opens after the beginning of the current new year.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6. Rebroadcast each Sun. at: 9 AM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital • 10:30 AM, LaSalle University 56 • 5:00 PM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital

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, 01/15/2017 was \$8,323. 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:

*Dan Moyer, Rose Johnston, William Zawacki, Carla McCollaum, David Hernandez, Edward Panek, Irene McCarthy, Paige Bednarsky, 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, Daniel Moyer Sr., James Pinto, Pearl Hammond, Loretta Braccili, Dorothy Tomassini, Pam Buccelli, Charlotte McLaughlin, Amberlyn Boland, Wendy Cornel, Michelle, Oscar Rodriguez, Enrique Rodriguez, Randy Burbage, Rosa Maria Santos, Amy Fife, Theodore Barry, M.D., Marissa Kostrzewa, David Kaplan, Marilyn Mullen, Kathleen Aponik, April DeMatto, Paula Cohen, 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

Jan. 25 Morning Scripture for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Jan. 26 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 29 Baptism in Spanish, Basilica, 1:30 PM

ANUNCIOS

Rally por la Vida en el Oeste de Filadelfia (en ingles)

Domingo, enero 22, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Lugar: St. Katherine Church, 970 Frankford Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19114. Al finalizar habrá una recepción
en el sótano de la iglesia.

Marcha por la Vida, Enero 27, 2017

Acompaña a los marchantes en oración, o viaja a Washington; detalles en la ultima pagina o llamando a Pat Stanton al 267-718-4851. La oración es primordial para proteger vidas, mover y sanar corazones. Hay muchas formas de unirte en oración— ora un Padre Nuestro, ve a la Sta. Misa, medita en el Vía Crucis o en el Sto. Rosario, ora en frente del abortorio en la 12th y Locust... La oración mas efectiva es la que sale del corazón. Puedes hacer la diferencia!

Draw Closer to Our Lady This Winter & Spring: Free Study Series!

The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, founded by Dr. Scott Hahn, has partnered with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to offer limited-time free access to its new video Bible study series, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. You can access this 12-part series online at no cost beginning January 18, 2017. The videos can be used for individual or group study. sign up at:

BibleandtheVirginMary.com/Philadelphia

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia joyfully thanks God for the great gift of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The closeness of Our Lady to us and her call to return to the Gospel through prayer, fasting and conversion are as important for us today as they were in 1917. Please visit archphila.org/fatima/ for ways to enter into this anniversary celebration.

"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." -*Saint Louis Marie de Montfort*

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Desde la Perspectiva de un Niño

Uno de los trabajos más importantes de Dios es hacer personas. Dios hace bebés porque son pequeños y por tanto más fáciles de hacer. El otro trabajo importante de Dios es escuchar las oraciones. Por eso es que Dios no tiene tiempo para mirar la tele o ir al cine. Dios lo ve todo y lo oye todo, y está en todos los lugares; esto lo mantiene bien ocupado. Así es que no pierdas tu tiempo pidiéndole a Dios algo que ya tus padres te dijeron que no podías tener. Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Él era bueno y amable, y hacía trabajos difíciles como hacer milagros y tratar de enseñar a las personas que no querían aprender nada acerca de Dios. Por último, muchos se cansaron de Jesús y lo crucificaron. Jesús le dijo a Dios que esas personas no sabían lo que hacían y que las perdonara, y Dios dijo O.K. A su Papá (Dios) le gustaba todo lo que Jesús hacía y estaba contento con el difícil trabajo de su Hijo. Dios dijo entonces que Jesús no tenía que andar más por la tierra. Se podía quedar en el cielo. Y así lo hizo Jesús. Ahora él ayuda a su Papá y tú puedes rezarle en cualquier momento, y siempre te van a oír porque uno de ellos siempre está de turno. Debes de ir siempre a Misa los domingos porque eso hace feliz a Dios, y tener contento a Dios es algo que seguramente quieres hacer. Los ateos son personas que no creen en Dios. No creo que haya ningún ateo en nuestra ciudad. Al menos no vienen a nuestra iglesia. Es bueno saber que Dios siempre está bien cerca cuando tienes miedo en la oscuridad o cuando algunos de los niños más grandes tratan de fastidiarte. Pero no debes pensar solamente en lo que Dios puede hacer por ti. Dios me puso aquí y Dios puede quitarme de aquí en cualquier momento. Pregúntate qué puedes hacer por Dios. La decisión es toda tuya.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Habla con tus hijos acerca de tus creencias y la de ellos. Reza con ellos, léeles la Biblia y otras historias de fe. Demuéstrale tanto con tus acciones como con tus palabras cómo vive un discípulo de Cristo. Tu propio ejemplo tiene más peso que ningún otro método de enseñanza.

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-Próximos Conciertos en la Basílica -

9 de febrero, 2017, 7:30 PM - *The Tallis Scholars: Venetian Voices*, **18 de febrero, 2017, 6:30 PM**—*The Choir of Little Miami High School* (Donación voluntaria, no se venderán boletos). Mas información y boletos en:

CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las **6:30 AM**

Excelente estación de Radio - nseradio.com 062 cathd

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK

Living a Moral Life:
The Commandments and the Beatitudes

Thursday, January 26, 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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults of the
Cathedral Parish

Holy Rosary before Mass: We hope that each of you will consider joining us every **second Sunday of the month at 5:45 PM prior to the 6:30 PM 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).

Friday, April 7, 2017: Discipleship Series - Session Two - Living as an Intentional Disciple of Jesus as a Member of his Church Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector & Pastor of the Cathedral. **Where:** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North Seventeenth St., Philadelphia, PA, beginning at 7:30 PM. youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com

Northeast Philadelphia Stand Up For Life Rally 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Sunday, January 22, 2017

Please show your support for protecting the sanctity of all human life. Featured Speakers:

Christopher Smith is the creator, composer and lyricist of the Broadway musical *Amazing Grace*. This inspirational musical tells the story of the late 18th Century conversion of John Newton from slave trader to Christian abolitionist in Great Britain, who became the writer of *Amazing Grace* and other Christian hymns. In addition to bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Chris created this musical to inspire involvement in the pro-life movement's current efforts to protect children and mothers from abortion. Chris is a professional speaker and consultant on creativity, who has spoken to other pro-life organizations. **Katelyn D'Adamo** is a full-time pro-life activist and chastity educator with *Generation Life*. She also serves as a leader with the Catholic young adult group, *Fire of Faith*. Location: St. Katherine Church, 970 Frankford Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19114. Reception to follow in the Church Basement.

Jesus' Disciples for Today

Through the course of the Christmas Season, many of us found ourselves traveling to and from strange or familiar places. Our journeys were sometimes smooth and uneventful, and at other times, filled with unexpected surprises; flight delays, learning of serious family concerns or making it necessary to change our plans or direction. It does take some thoughtful patience at times to adjust our thinking and expectations, but through a graced heart open to what is necessary, it comes with a bit more ease.

Now in our liturgical calendar, we are journeying through "Ordinary Time" in the Scriptures. Because it is Year A, we are invited to hear and reflect on the Gospel of Jesus according to St. Matthew. Each Sunday's passage gives us a portion of his account, as was delivered to Jewish Christians. Such an audience was very familiar with the rituals of the Hebrew people. However, Matthew's words fell on ears of those, many of whom wanted to follow "**The Way**", (that of Jesus, the Christ) which meant many changes not only in rituals, but in the ways daily life would be lived. No longer would these new Christians live by the rule of "*An eye for an eye...*"; but by the rule of the Commandment of Love for one another; this was central to their new lifestyle. What Matthew had to say, meant a real conversion of heart among eager Jewish Christians. We are privileged to hear these weekly accounts of Jesus' sayings and actions, and through the inspired Word of God, to witness the inclusive nature of Our Lord's message and ministry. What does this stir in us today?

Now we are seeing Jesus in action in areas beyond the familiar geographical borders of His early life. It is clear that He was here for all persons, Gentiles as well as Jews. How today are we, making the attempt to go beyond familiar practices, to reach out in love with His message that cause us, some pause or even discomfort? Jesus speaks directly to us in Matthew 5: 1-12 in the Sermon on the Mount. Here we have a new law, new rule of life...where we treasure truth and goodness over possessions, making us poor in spirit. Jesus needs our passion for justice and our willingness to value righteousness, in spite of the personal suffering it may cause. Also, we help to build His reign when we work for peace, and show mercy, rather than return evil for evil, as one growing in meekness. The cost is high to many of us, for it challenges us to live in ways which contradict societal norms. Despite the high price in our earthly life, we are promised that our "**reward will be great in heaven.**" How important it is for us to know that heaven is not a place but a state of being with God; it is within us even today. Our Baptism has brought us into Christ who is already with us. Our faith then makes our discipleship the avenue of internal, graced rewards. Our prayerful reflection on God's holy gifts and our own deep desires for holiness is within today's grasp. Thanks be to God!

-Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017— FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017
Washington, DC

44 years and 60 million lives lost. That's why we march. Come join other Catholics on the bus to Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life. **The Bus leaves from Immaculate Conception Church, Jenkintown, PA.**

7:00 AM Mass • 7:30 AM Departure • 7:30 PM arrival to Immaculate Conception. Cost: \$25 per adult, \$15 Students. Visit www.iccjenkintown.org to fill out a registration form. Questions: Barbara Rose at 215-884-2922.

PRAYER IS MOST IMPORTANT

Can't travel to Washington? You can make a difference right here. Please join the Church in praying that hearts may be moved, that lives may be protected, that women and men may be healed. It doesn't take much when you do it from the heart - a morning offering, an Our Father, a Holy Mass, a visit to Jesus in the Tabernacle, meditation on the Stations of the Cross or the Rosary, prayer across the street of the abortion mill on 12th & Locust, fasting... the possibilities are endless.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Event: Catholics Returning Home
Monday, January 23, 2017, 7:00 PM

Do you know someone who has left the Church? This ongoing series will take place on six consecutive Mondays, beginning January 23rd. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.

Location: Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 605 West Street Rd, Warminster, PA 18974, Parish Conference Center (located behind the church)

Cardinal Foley Lecture Series
Monday January 30, 2017, 7 PM

Speaker: Gregory Erlandson, Director & Editor-in-Chief of Catholic News Service. Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, St. John Vianney Hall Auditorium

Archbishop's Lecture Series
Monday, February 13, 2017, 7 PM

Speaker: Mary Rice Hasson, Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC. Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, St. John Vianney Hall Auditorium

Man-Up Philly: Men's Spirituality Conference
Saturday, March 4, 2017 - 8:30 AM-5 PM

Come be a part of this special experience and stand with your Brothers as true Men of God. Speakers: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D., Kevin Reilly, Damon Clarke Owens, Mark Forrest. Location: St. Joseph's University, Hagan Arena, Phila. More info & registration:

manupphilly.com

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

March 10 to 12, 2017 - Malvern-Frazer, PA

This retreat for healing after abortion is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information call Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. Rachel Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Kid's Eye View

One of God's main jobs is making people. God makes babies because they are smaller and easier to make. God's other important job is listening to prayers. God doesn't have time to watch TV or see a movie on account of this. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps God pretty busy. So don't waste God's time asking for something your parents said you couldn't have. Jesus is God's Son. He was good and kind and did all the hard work like performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Jesus and they crucified him. Jesus told God that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that Jesus had done and all his hard work. God said that Jesus didn't have to go on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. Now he helps his Dad out and you can pray any time and they are sure to hear you because one of them is always on duty. You should always go to Mass on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in our town. At least they don't come to our church. It's good to know God's always around when you're scared in the dark or when you get thrown in deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. God put me here and God can take me back any time. So it's up to me to figure out what I can do for God.

Living Stewardship Now

Talk with your children about what you and they believe. Pray with them, read the Bible and stories of faith to them. Show them in your actions and words how to live as followers of Christ. Your own example carries more weight than any other teacher.

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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.

