

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017*

*“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.”*



Mass Intentions for the Week



**Jul 15, Saturday, St. Bonaventure, Bishop,
& Doctor of the Church**

12:05 Michael Donatucci
5:15 Jill

Jul 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Frank Rose Grecco
11:00 Deceased friends in San Giacomo
12:30 Humilia Alvarez
6:30 Pro Populo

Jul 17, Monday, St. Weekday

7:15 Henry Lauer
12:05 Dorothy Forbes

**Jul 18, Tuesday, Weekday,
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

7:15 Dr. Robert Brennan
12:05 Natalie Biagi

Jul 19, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 For the intentions of Marie
12:05 Timothy J. Johnsen

**Jul 20, Thursday, Weekday, St. Apollinaris,
Bishop & Martyr**

7:15 Anthony & Carmela Cardona
12:05 Kay Mayers

**Jul 21, Friday, St. Lawrence of Brindisi,
Pries & Doctor of the Church**

7:15 Charles & Mary McGinnis
12:05 Richard G. Mowrer

Jul 22, Saturday, St. Mary Magdalene

12:05 Mary Persia & Doris Schatzman
5:15 Deceased Friends in Piano dei Fioro

Jul 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galypo, Greco Family
11:00 Deceased Friends in Scerni
12:30 Humiliana Alvarez
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

There are some conversations that I have had with people over the years that are still very much with me. One of these was with a saintly elderly woman about the importance of doing good for others and doing so consistently. In the conversation she used the phrase, *bread on the waters*, to describe the return that comes to us from doing good for others. When some bread is tossed into a pond to feed the ducks or the fish, inevitably, with the current of the water, some of the bread returns in the direction of the person who first tossed it. Christian charity and generosity works in the same way. We read in the Gospel of Luke (6:38), *Give, and it will be given to you.*

Father Andres Gutierrez is a friend of the Cathedral Parish and he works in the mission of Saint Martin de Porres Parish in Cusco, Peru. This parish exists in a challenging and complex reality in helping its faithful grow in our beautiful faith. Situated at over 11,000 feet above sea level in the majestic Andean Mountains on the outskirts of the urban part of the city, about 75% of its 30,000 faithful in its territorial jurisdiction live in poverty. Tourism and rich natural resources have raised the standard of living, and hunger is not so prevalent. But the moral consequences of so much poverty have left their mark in the population: alcoholism, child abuse, family dysfunctionality, cohabitation, corruption, and other misfortunes, are more or less the norm. Here is where the Light of Christ needs to shine, and the liberating and hope-filled Gospel of the Lord needs to be preached.

At St. Martin de Porres Parish, with its social outreach and its school of 1000+ students, the priests strive to bring the integral development promoted by the Church's social teaching to the faithful through the Liturgy and the Sacraments, catechesis, home visits and the various ministries that help families in dire need. The parish also has nine very poor rural mountain communities at various distances that it assists. Since a Sunday collection stands at about \$100 per weekend for all Masses, it is through the help of generous collaborators that the parish priests can hope to develop the many projects that help make living and loving the faith a reality for the faithful in Saint Martin de Porres Parish Mission.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be for the support of the Saint Martin de Porres Parish Mission in Peru.* 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



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 administer 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.

Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers

Join other center city lawyers for an hour to reflect on the readings for the following Sunday Mass every Wednesday. The hour allows for prayer together at the beginning and end of the session, 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. For more information contact Michael Broadhurst at info@cathedralphila.org



Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, helping the Church, growing in Faith or obtaining exclusive access to top rated insurance coverage for your family, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world with approximately 2 million members in over 16,000 Councils. To be a part of the Knights Of Columbus at the Cathedral, please contact Dennis Simoes at 215-8167 200 or email, simoessa@hotmail.com

"Whom you would change you must first love, and they must know that you love them." -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ *Ora por los enfermos:*

Frank McCann, Jr., Sister Elizabeth Powell, RSM, Susan Kirk, Robert Dove, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Philomena Stenardo, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David, David O'Shea, Mary McManus, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, Giuseppe Giuliani, Nancy Rice, Frank Byrne, Gerald Leo, Eileen Swartz, 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, William Spiro, Scott Towers, Daniel Moyer Sr., James Pinto, 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.



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We are proud to announce that the Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul Parish Fund has been established with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia to help ensure the future of our Parish and its ministry. This Fund will be available exclusively for the needs of the Cathedral Parish, both now and for future generations.

Checks can be made payable to "The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia" with "Cathedral Basilica" noted on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to: The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia c/o Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul Parish Fund 100 N. 20th Street, Suite 301, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica

*For: Herminio & Rosa Leoncio
From: Sally Leoncio*

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. If you only put \$1 in the collection would you consider \$5, if you put \$10, would you consider \$20? The Offertory Collection for 07/2/2017 was \$7,059 and for 7/9/2017 was \$8,011. Thank you very much for your generous financial support.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Jul 18** Legion of Mary Meeting,
Neumann Room, 7:00 pm
- Jul 19** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 am
Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 pm
- Jul 20** Catholic Schoolhouse Informational Meeting,
Neumann Room, 7:00pm
- Jul 25** Gospel Reflection Meeting,
Neumann Room, 11:00 am

Grata visita el próximo domingo

El próximo domingo, **23 de julio**, el Padre Andres Gutierrez nos acompañará en la Sta. Misa y nos hablará de la hermosa misión de la Parroquia de San Martin de Porres en Cusco, Perú. Alrededor de 75% de los 30.000 feligreses de la jurisdicción viven en la pobreza. El Hambre no es el mayor problema pero la consecuencia de tanta pobreza a dejado su marca: alcoholismo, abuso a menores, disfunción familiar, cohabitación, corrupción y otros males, son la norma. Aquí es donde la luz de Cristo debe brillar, y el Evangelio del Señor, el cual esta lleno de esperanza, debe ser proclamado.

¡MÉTODO NATURAL DE PLANEACIÓN FAMILIAR!

Nuestros profesionales de FertilityCare estarán en el centro de Filadelfia para dar su primera exposición bilingüe. **El miércoles 26 de julio a las 7 PM.** La Dra. Delia Larrauri y la Dra. Monique Ruberu explicarán los muchos beneficios del modelo Creighton y de la NaProTecnología incluyendo la ayuda trastornos médicos como infertilidad, abortos espontáneos, desequilibrio hormonal, y menopausia. Habrá una proyección de una película seguida por presentaciones en inglés y español. Este programa bilingüe se llevará a cabo en el **Auditorio del Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano (primer piso) ubicado en 222 N.17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.** Para registrarse, vaya a: www.fertilitycarefriends.org/NaProRoadShow

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Julio 30, Octubre 29, 2017— 1:30 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; **Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para suscribirse en la clase y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente,** por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 215-561-1313.

La Hermana Glenda en Concierto.

Sabado 7 de Octubre, 5:30 PM. Iglesia Sto. Tomas de Aquino, 1719 Morris St. Philadelphia. **Boletas: \$20. In-formes: 267-939-1697**

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Un Reto Para Cambiar

En este tiempo del año es fácil ver el Evangelio de hoy en práctica. Los agricultores y jardineros sembraron, sacaron la hierba mala, abonaron y regaron, y ahora comienzan a ver el fruto de su labor. Sembraron más semillas de las necesarias pues, aunque la naturaleza es generosa, no todas las semillas germinan. Nadie que acostumbra sembrar plantas puede garantizar cuántas semillas van a germinar y producir su fruto. La parábola del sembrador, igual que todas las parábolas de Jesús, vira al revés la creencia común o popular y las reviste de nuevo significado. En los tiempos de Jesús se usaban las Escrituras judías para detallarle a los judíos la manera de vivir. Al judío que piadosamente cumplía la ley de Moisés se le garantizaban muchas bendiciones. Sin embargo, y tal como frecuentemente lo demostró Jesús, cumplir las reglas y vivir justamente no son la misma cosa. ¿Por qué la semilla de la palabra no da fruto en todas las personas que la escuchan? Jesús cita al profeta Isaías, quien describe a un pueblo que no oye porque ha endurecido su corazón y ha cerrado sus ojos. Jesús lo ve como una manera que usa la gente para protegerse a sí misma, pues si verdaderamente oyeran y verdaderamente vieran se tendrían que enfrentar con el reto de tener que cambiar. Quizás escuchemos este pasaje del Evangelio como una cierta alusión a la complacencia, o también, es posible que escuchemos esta parábola como un relato bonito. Después de todo, la entendemos bien y no somos como los demás. Pero, ¿es esto cierto? ¿Escuchamos verdaderamente la palabra? ¿Tratamos de buscar el verdadero significado que tiene para nosotros? ¿Dejamos que eche raíces en el terreno bueno de nuestra vida o la echamos a un lado y dejamos que se asfixie entre nuestras otras prioridades? Son discípulos los que riegan y alimentan la palabra recibida, y le piden a Jesús que produzca en ellos fruto abundante.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Dónde ha caído la palabra de Dios en el terreno fértil de tu vida y cómo da su fruto? ¿Cuándo la hemos asfixiado o perdido?

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Curso de Preparación para el matrimonio (Pre-Cana)

Domingos: marzo 5; junio 4; noviembre 5. Costo de registraci3n: \$75 por pareja (incluye material)

Quinceañera - Sábados: febrero 4; junio 3; septiembre 23
Costo de registraci3n: \$50 (incluye material)

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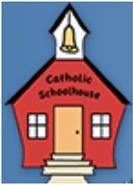
YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish

Friday, August 4, 2017:

Discipleship Series - Session Three Friday, Disciples always about the Conversion of their Lives 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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE

Informational session

July 20th, 2017. Gathering at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2017-2018 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class.

Location: Neumann Room (behind the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul).

Contact: Gina at 215-962-2640 or Eileen at 215-370-1848.

STEPHANIE GRAY



ABORTION AND THE ART OF COMMUNICATING TRUTH

Recommended Book:

LOVE UNLEASHES LIFE

It's a concept. An idea. And when applied to encounters with our fellow humans, it is transformative

"Traveling the world for more than a dozen years, and speaking to people about the controversial topic of abortion, has lead me to many en-

counters with the lonely, the broken, and the abused. How do we reach peoples' heads and their wounded hearts on this issue that in some way affects us all? How do we hold conversations with kindness? How do we balance truth and love so that we preserve the lives of the pre-born as well as awaken the lives of the born?" *Stephanie Gray*

Stephanie Gray is a seasoned and international speaker who began presenting at the age of 18. She has given over 800 pro-life presentations across North America as well as in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Latvia, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. She has spoken at many post-secondary institutions such as Yale University, George Washington University, and the University of Sussex in England. **The book is available at lifecyclebooks.com/store/usa/book-love-unleashes-life.html & Amazon.com**

Jesus' Disciples for Today

July-August, 2017

The heat of summer, 2017 is now fully realized as we move into our 3rd and possibly 4th heat wave here in Philly. Many of us, as Cathedral members, are city dwellers and in some cases, cultivating small herb, vegetable and/or flower gardens, even enjoying the fruits of our labors already in mid-July. Such life-giving activity can be delightful but often rather rigorous, testing of our muscles and joints. Perhaps it is just a coincidence that the Parables of Jesus recorded by St. Matthew about the Kingdom of God, take on a serious likeness to the work of these agrarian tasks. Even if we are out fishing to enjoy the coolness of the water and to bring home something for dinner, Jesus makes the point of being ready to be catchers of all kinds of fish.

Yes, Sunday by Sunday we are taught by Jesus to work toward the building of God's holy Kingdom or God's Divine Reign. These discipleship challenges are calling us, not to get to the "Kingdom of God" but to work toward building a world where peace, love and justice are central. Such realities call us to interior growth and paying attention to the priorities of the Mission of Jesus, as seen in His actions and found in His Holy Words of the Gospels. Am I ready and willing to work the interior life toward holiness, trusting in grace or Divine life as an essential ingredient?

For good example, we need only to look to the work of God, being done at present by our own pastor, Fr. G. Dennis Gill. After two days of travel, he arrived in the Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. The Archbishop had invited him to teach the priests; 200 this past week and 200 next week. The subject area is that of the Celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments. As much as Father Gill enjoys teaching, and without his saying so, it is no doubt, quite challenging, for this area of the world is very close to the equator, with high temperatures and humidity and daily rainstorms: very few amenities are available to the people of this part of the world. Such good work is possible however, given the fact that daily assistance is given by our own parochial vicars who take on the extra priestly duties here at home: we are very grateful to the other clergy on our Cathedral staff.

Most of us are not expected to go to foreign counties on the opposite side of the world and do good works. In some cases however, we are finding volunteers eager to do so in the Peace Corp, Mercy Corp, Jesuit Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity, etc. It is not uncommon for those of us on the staff to meet such volunteers at our week-end Masses, coming from far distant places. Others of us find it inviting to assist as Parish Catechists, delivering Meals on Wheels, working on Parish Committees or serving as Parish Greeters or Ambassadors. How wonderful as well, is the work done by Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, who visit those who are homebound or confined to assisted living facilities. It is clear, that Discipleship lives on and God's holy grace is truly at work in such humble and active ministers. God's Kingdom is continuing to be built. Is God calling you to be part of this building process? *Sr. Eleanor McCann, RSM*

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Feast of the Assumption

On the Feast of the Assumption **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**, Mater Ecclesiae Church will celebrate the 17th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul**. The Solemn High Choral Mass will begin at **7:00 pm** and will once again feature the Ars Laudis Festival Chorus & Orchestra. www.materecclesiae.org

Awaken - An Encounter With Theology of the Body Fri., August 11 (10am) - Sun., August 13, 2017 (1pm)

What does it mean to be human? What is this ache in our hearts for connection, for relationship, that even the good things of the world can't seem to totally satisfy? This journey begins and ends with the gift and mystery of our creation as male and female and our encounter with God, the world and other people. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human! **Location:** St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson, PA. More info: www.cvent.com

REBOOT! LIVE! (Sellersville)

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. It is presented by internationally renowned speaker, author, and family man, CHRIS STEFANICK. Topics range from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more. There is no part of your life that will be left untouched. **WEDNESDAY, 10/4/17, 7:00 – 9:30PM; ST AGNES SELLERSVILLE;** To register, go online to www.RealLifeCatholic.com/Reboot – or – contact Lesia at 215-804-7975

Happy Anniversary, Our Lady of Fatima!

May through October 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. Many events in honor of Our Lady of Fatima are being celebrated throughout the Archdiocese. For more information and a calendar of Centennial Jubilee events, visit archphila.org/fatima.

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National Catholic Women's Conference hosted by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:30am-4pm.

Doors open at 7:30am and closing Mass is at 4pm
This conference is expected to sell out by mid-September.
Grab your friends and register today! National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Speakers: Kelly Wahlquist, Kitty Cleveland, Teresa Tomeo, Alyssa Bormes, Amanda Vernon, and Sarah Christmyer
Website: wineconference.org

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

At this time of the year it is easy to see today's Gospel in practice. Farmers and gardeners sowed, weeded, fertilized, and watered, and now begin to see the fruits of their labor. They sowed more seed than they actually needed, as nature is generous but also wasteful: no one who grows plants can tell you how many will survive and produce seed of their own. The parable of the sower, like all Jesus' parables, stands conventional wisdom on its head and offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus' day, the way of righteousness was spelled out in the Jewish scriptures. The person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, who describes people as dull of hearing with their eyes shut. Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people really hear and really see, they might have to change. We may hear this Gospel with a hint of complacency. It is possible to hear this parable and enjoy it as a simple tale. After all, we understand it, and we are not like the rest. But is this true? Do we really hear the word? Are we really seeking its meaning for us? Do we allow it to take root in the good soil in our lives, or do we push it to the edges or let it get choked out by other priorities? Disciples are the ones who water and nurture it, and ask Jesus to help them produce abundant fruit.

Living Stewardship Now

Where has the word of God landed in the good soil of your life, and how does it bear fruit? Where has it been choked out or lost?

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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

