

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 30, 2017*



*“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom” Cf. Mt 11:25*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Jul 29, Saturday, St. Martha**

12:05 Michael Donatucci  
5:15 Deceased Friends in the U.S.

**Jul 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Thottathil V. Thomas  
11:00 Angelina and Leon Arul  
12:30 Jose Luis y Nicolasa Cruz  
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

**Jul 31, Monday,  
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

7:15 Andrew J. Donovan IV  
12:05 Amedeo O. Grassia

**Aug 1, Tuesday, Weekday,  
St. Eusebius of Vercelli,  
Bishop; St. Peter Julian  
Eymard, Priest**

7:15 Kathleen A. O’Lone  
12:05 Edward D. Lynch

**Aug 2, Wednesday, Weekday**

7:15 Anthony Patalivo  
12:05 Lillian Maronoski

**Aug 3, Thursday, Weekday**

7:15 Living & Deceased Members  
of the League of the  
Sacred Heart  
12:05 Brian P. Hample

**Aug 4, First Friday,  
St. John Vianney, Priest**

7:15 For the intentions of  
Kelly & Maureen Cole  
12:05 Anna DiSandro

**Aug 5, First Saturday, Weekday,  
The Dedication of the Basilica  
of St. Mary Major; BVM**

12:05 Michael Donatucci  
5:15 Baby Karli Anna Hoch

**Aug 6, The Transfiguration  
of the Lord**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Doris Schatzman  
11:00 Frank Rizzo & Family  
12:30 Claudino Colon  
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

*This past week I returned from almost three weeks in Nigeria, West Africa. Two years ago I was invited by His Grace, the Most Reverend Valerian M. Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha, to conduct two weeks of theological instruction for the priests of the Archdiocese of Onitsha on the topic of the ministerial priesthood. There were nearly two hundred priests the first week and another two hundred the second week who assembled to be enriched with a more profound understanding of their own vocations as priests to benefit the work of the Church and their own priestly lives. The priests were very responsive and the conferences went well.*

The real experience in Onitsha was encountering the local Church. Nigeria is a very young Church. The Irish missionaries came to the area of modern day Nigeria only about 150 years ago and provided an excellent foundation for the faith. Today, the Church in Onitsha is vibrant and intentional about living the faith and maturing it. On two of my Sundays, I went to different villages to celebrate Mass and spend the day in the village meeting the people. The pastors would take me to different groups of parishioners and to the homes of some, especially the elderly and the sick. I was most impressed with the celebration of Mass in these villages. People would walk to the church for the most part and the numbers on both occasions, early in the morning, were more than a thousand. The Masses were beautifully celebrated in a solemn way, with wonderful music and great reverence, especially for Holy Communion. On these same weekends, the Archbishop would take me to visit the new apostolic works of the Archdiocese—a radio and television station for all of Nigeria, a youth village for 1000 college age students to foster human formation as they attend the state university, and the Saint Charles Borromeo Hospital which just opened a school of nursing. We also visited several flourishing religious communities. I wish I could mention all that happened over these three weeks, the rich, strong and vivid faith impressed me so much.

The extreme poverty everywhere in Nigeria choked. The government is corrupt and there are very few national services for the people. The roads for the most part are yet to be built. Electricity and water are irregularly available. The Christians live in fear of Muslim terror and oppression. Yet, Jesus Christ is praised everywhere. I witnessed it in the Ordination of the new priests for Onitsha my second Saturday there and in visiting a 90 year old widow in her very poor, simple home. On my second Sunday in Onitsha, I offered one of the morning Masses at their Cathedral Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity—another huge congregation celebrating with great love for the Mass—and I pledged to them the prayers of the priests and people of our Cathedral Parish. Please join me in praying for the priests and people of Onitsha. Together may we, from such different parts of the world, be the faithful witnesses to Christ that he desires of us, and may we help to build up his Church everywhere. *Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!*

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will go to offset summer utilities expenses. *If you have not made your annual contribution to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal, please consider doing so this summer. The Cathedral Parish is at 47% of its goal. 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.*

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill

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

*Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes*

**Friday, August 4, 2017  
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*

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

*“My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love You bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit You; I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore You from the depths of my own nothingness; I thank You for the many graces You have given me, and especially for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament...” -St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**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 07/23/2017 was \$10,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$5,099, 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$4,901).

*Thank you very much for your generous financial support. The entire 2<sup>nd</sup> collection has been directed to the Missions in Peru; your generous sacrifice will highly benefit our brothers and sisters who are most in need. May you continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit so that your small and big sacrifices will then become jewels in your crown of glory in heaven.*

*God bless you!*

**Pictures from our Pastor's Teaching Trip  
Onitsha, Nigeria**



Some of Fr. Gill's student's

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

*Sister Elizabeth Powell, RSM, Susan Kirk, Robert Dove, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, 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.*

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

- Aug 1** Legion of Mary Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 7:00 pm
- Aug 2** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 am  
Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 pm
- Aug 7** Same Stream Concert, Basilica, 7:00 pm
- Aug 8-10** Basilica & Chapel will close at 3:00 pm
- Aug 15** Solemnity of the Assumption

## EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

### 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 de preparación 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.

### -Próximo Concierto en la Basílica -

**Lunes, 7 de agosto de 2017 at 7:30 pm**

**Coro Same Stream (Donación voluntaria)**

Si desea asistir a la charla en inglés después del concierto puede comprar boletos en:

[www.thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts](http://www.thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts)

### ◆ Solemnidad de la Asunción ◆

**Martes, 15 de agosto de 2017**



**Es un Día de Precepto por tanto nos es obligatorio asistir a la Sta. Misa.**

El horario de las Misas en esta solemne ocasión es:

**Lunes, agosto 14: (La Vigilia)**

5:15pm - en la Capilla, con música

**Martes, 15:**

7:15 am - en la Capilla

12:05 pm en la Basílica, con música

12:35 pm - en la Capilla

5:15 pm - en la Capilla

7:00 pm en la Basílica, con música;  
en el Rito Extraordinario (en Latín)

### Un viaje fructífero!

Damos gracias Dios que nuestro Párroco regreso sano y salvo de su viaje a Nigeria. El padre Gill estuvo dictando una serie de conferencias para alrededor de 400 sacerdotes! Fue una experiencia muy enriquecedora para ellos y aún mas para el Padre Gill quien encontró una fe viva y gran reverencia en nuestros hermanos de Nigeria.

## Holy Hour in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima



**Sun, August 13, 5:30 pm (Basilica)**

*Prior to the 6:30 pm Sunday Mass*

*On the 13th of the month of May to October, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be exposed for public veneration during normal Cathedral hours, affording the faithful the opportunity to receive the Fatima Jubilee Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions. [archphila.org/fatima](http://archphila.org/fatima)*

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### ¿QUÉ QUIERES? O ¿QUÉ NECESITAS?

Imagina ponerte la misma ropa todos los días durante un año. Alex Martín, una mujer de Seattle hizo eso mismo. Se hizo un vestido biodegradable de color marrón y se lo puso todos los días con diferente suéter, chaqueta, medias, y con muy pocas joyas. Lo lavaba cada dos días y casi nadie se daba cuenta de que era el mismo vestido. Martín explicó que su propósito era protestar contra el consumo excesivo y contra la intensa mercadotecnia dirigida especialmente a las mujeres y a cómo ser mejores, más atractivas e interesantes. La ropa, los accesorios y los cosméticos constituyen una gran parte de esa imagen; y el esfuerzo y dinero que se dedica a la apariencia física son inmensos. Aunque Alex Martín está en lo correcto en que ciertamente se nos está incitando constantemente en los medios publicitarios, también es cierto que la mayoría de nosotros no vamos a dejar de comprar del todo ni a hacernos una ropa biodegradable. No obstante, debemos preguntarnos por qué nos sentimos obligados a poner tanto esfuerzo en nuestra apariencia física. ¿Qué comparación hacemos entre esto último y la atención que ponemos a nuestra belleza interior? ¿A quiénes queremos impresionar? ¿A nosotros mismos? ¿A los demás? ¿Por qué? En la primera lectura de hoy el rey Salomón, ya de por sí un hombre rico, hubiera podido pedirle a Dios aún más riquezas, la derrota de sus enemigos o una larga vida. Pero en lugar de todo eso él pide sabiduría de corazón para poder cumplir mejor sus responsabilidades de rey. Dios le concede la sabiduría y Salomón no usa ese don para sí mismo sino para beneficio de todos. Tal vez sueñes con ganarte la lotería o hacer una fortuna. Ora mejor para que se te concedan los dones necesarios para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

“Cúrate de la afición de preocuparte cómo aparezcas a los demás. Cúdate sólo de cómo aparezcas ante Dios”. — *Miguel de Unamuno (1864–1936), poeta, dramaturgo y filósofo español.*



## 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](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com)



### MEN'S RETREAT August 10-13, 2017

An outdoor, skill-oriented weekend focused on providing men with experiences linked to a man's natural vocation as a leader, protector, and provider.

**Location:** Raccoon Creek State Park, Camp 2, 3000 PA - 18, Hookstown, PA 15050.

**More info:** <http://www.intothewildweekend.com/>  
**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE

#### Informational Session #2

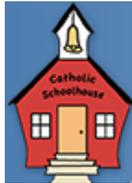
Thursday, August 17th, 2017.

**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. Parking is available in the Cathedral lot, use entrance on 17<sup>th</sup> St.

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



### THE CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS will resume on September 2017

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.



## Upcoming Concert at the Basilica

Monday August 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm

*The Same Stream*, an East Coast based professional choir quickly making a name for itself on the national and international music scenes, is happy to announce their upcoming collaboration with world renowned composer Paul Mealor. The choir will be performing some of Paul's most famous pieces, including his Stabat Mater, as well as a collection of newer repertoire in concert **with a post-concert reception and Q&A with the composer to follow the performance.**

A free-will offering will be taken during the concert. Audience members are invited to a post-concert wine and cheese reception, talk, and meet-and-greet with conductor James Jordan, composer Paul Mealor, and members of the choir. Premium, reserved seating tickets for the concert and reception are \$20 each. Tickets for the concert only are free.

**For tickets and more information, please visit:**  
[www.thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts](http://www.thesamestreamchoir.com/concerts)

## Solemnity of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2017



*This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation; the Cathedral Mass schedule in such solemnities is the following:*

◆ 5:15 Vigil Mass, with music, in the Chapel

◆ 7:15 am in the Chapel

◆ 12:05 pm, with music, in the Basilica

◆ 12:35 pm, in the Chapel

◆ 5:15 pm, in the Chapel

◆ 7:00 pm in the Extraordinary Form, in the Basilica

Mater Ecclesiae Church will celebrate the 17th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. **The Solemn High Choral Mass in the Extraordinary Form will begin at 7:00 pm** and will once again feature the Ars Laus Festival Chorus & Orchestra.

### 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](http://www.cvent.com)

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### A Retreat for Men and Women

August 4 - 6, 2017

This retreat will help you overcome fear and doubt, covering topics including: You CAN Stop Worrying! - Unleashing The Spirit - Jesus - Your BEST Best Friend.

**Speaker:** Gary Zimak, radio show host on Holy Spirit Radio. **Location:** Malvern Retreat House

**More info:** Visit [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register) or call 610-644-0400

### Chaplet Prayer and Study of the Fatima Apparitions

Sunday, August 13, 2017, 7:00pm

Join us as we honor Our Lady of Fatima with prayer and a study of Our Lady's messages in Fatima!

Location: St. Paul Parish, South Philadelphia

More info: 215.923.0355

### Philadelphia Catholic Grandparents Association Conference

Sat, August 26, 2017, 8:30 AM – 5:15 PM

Join with other Grandparents for a day of learning, sharing, prayer and support with keynote speakers, Catherine Wiley, Founder, International Catholic Grandparents Association &

Jim & Joy Pinto, EWTN's Jim & Joy Show. Topics to include: Your Biblical Mandate, the importance of Grandparents to the Church, the Family and Society, Grandparenting in Secular Times, Practical, Secular and Spiritual Catechesis. Ending with celebration of Holy Mass.

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA.**

For more info & to register, visit [phillycatholiclife.org](http://phillycatholiclife.org).

### Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7:00pm

Come and experience the beauty and splendor of Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass) for the Solemnity of the Triumph of the Cross!

**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Joseph Perry,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

**Location:** Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Philadelphia

### The AbbeyFest: Faith, Music, and Family Festival

Saturday, September 16, 2017,

AbbeyFest is the premier celebration of family, friends, and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the greater Philadelphia area. Over 3,000 kids, teens, and parents attended last year. This year's musical headliners are Matt Maher and Mandisa, along with many other Christian musicians! **Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA.** More info & tickets at [theabbeyfest.com](http://theabbeyfest.com).

### Consecration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Celebrant:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap  
**Location:** Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Philadelphia

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Imagine wearing the same dress, day in and day out, for one whole year. A Seattle woman, Alex Martin, did exactly that. She made the biodegradable brown dress and wore it with different sweaters, jackets, hose, and a little jewelry. She washed it every couple of days and hardly anyone noticed that she was wearing the same dress every single day. Martin said she wanted to protest over-consumption and the intensive marketing directed especially to women about what makes a person good, attractive, and interesting. Clothes, accessories, and makeup are a big part of this image, and the investment of time, effort, and money in personal appearance is immense. While Alex Martin is right in one respect—we are pushed and prodded to buy “stuff,” often to imitate a certain lifestyle portrayed in the media by many celebrities—most of us aren't going to stop shopping altogether or make our own biodegradable clothing. Yet we still need to ask ourselves why we feel compelled to expend so much effort on our outer appearance. How does that stack up against the attention we give to our inner self? Whom do we aim to impress? Ourselves? Other people? Why? In today's first reading King Solomon, already a rich man, could have asked God for more riches, the defeat of his enemies, or a long life. Instead, he asks for an understanding heart that knows right from wrong, so he can better fulfill his responsibilities as king. God grants him wisdom, and he uses the gift not for himself alone but for the good of all. Perhaps you dream of winning the lottery or making a fortune. Pray, rather, for the inner gifts you need to help build the kingdom of God.

### Living Stewardship Now

“Cure yourself of the affliction of caring how you appear before others. Concern yourself only with how you appear before God.” —Miguel de Unamuno (1864–1936), Spanish man of letters

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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