Dear Parishioners,

The Las Vegas Massacre last Sunday, October 1, 2017, is still so very vivid in our minds. Nearly sixty people lost their lives and nearly six hundred people were injured. This senseless tragedy is one of many in recent years; however, this horrific violence is the largest in memory. We pray for those who have died and all who have been injured. We pray for their families and friends who are in need of great healing and for a profound awareness of the nearness of God in the midst of such darkness. At the same time we must ask ourselves some serious questions. Is there something I can do—in addition to prayer? Do I voice where I can a concern about the violence in our society and the need for it to be curbed? Asking questions like these will help to address the rampant violence that surrounds us. We must keep in mind that Almighty God is the ultimate power over the sin and evil in us and in our world. So, as we pray for all those who suffered injury and the loss of life in Las Vegas, we beg the Father of Mercies to protect us from future tragedy and violence.

Next Sunday, October 15, 2017, permanent deacons from around the Archdiocese will assemble for the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. On this occasion, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Mass to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order in the Church. This anniversary gives us the opportunity to pray for our deacons and to be grateful for the service they provide all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are fortunate here at the Cathedral Parish to see the regular service of permanent deacons on Sundays, especially at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Also, next Sunday at the same Mass, the Archbishop will conclude with a Consecration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima. This consecration recommends all the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese to the powerful prayers and intercession of our Blessed Mother as we strive to be faithful to her divine Son. In part, the consecration prayers says: “Show us the strength of your mantle of protection. In your Immaculate Heart be the refuge of sinners and the way that leads to God.” Let us pray, especially for one another, that the prayers of our Blessed Mother will lead us all to a more complete surrender to the will of God, and faithfulness to the word and way of the life of Jesus. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

I remind you that October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. When you pray the Rosary during these days, please remember the intention of respect for human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be the national collection for the Missions. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill
Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
John Cantwell, April DeMatto, Laura Kerr, Cris Burbage, Robin Abate, Bryan Anderson, Glen Jackanis, Susan Silverstein, Joshua White, Ed & Shirley Pinto, Susan Kirk, Robert Dove, Doreen Quinn, John 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 Pacheco, 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.
 evento especial en la vida de nuestra Iglesia local. Para todo el clero, religiosos y fieles de la Arquidiócesis están cordialmente invitados a todo el clero, religiosos y fieles de la Arquidiócesis están cordialmente invitados a Pedro y San Pablo en Filadelfia.

Misa de las 11:00AM en la Catedral Basílica de San Francisco de Sales (1567-1622), obispo, miembro de la Congregación de los Corresponsables y patrón de los escritores de la época. Dios te bendiga, San Francisco de Sales.

¿Vivimos en unos tiempos en que los políticos, los directores de empresas, banqueros, y otros grupos de personas han actuado con una avaricia y un egoísmo que rayan en lo escandaloso, y las consecuencias han sido devastadoras. Añádase a esto los problemas en nuestra Iglesia y habría que preguntarse si han habido otros tiempos peores que éstos. La respuesta es que sí. El siglo catorce tuvo la peste bubónica que acabó con la mitad de la población de Europa; en 1960 cuarenta millones de personas murieron de hambre en China. La lista de violencia y de gobernantes tiranos se extiende desde el emperador romano Calígula e Iván el Terrible hasta Hitler, Stalin y Mao Tse Tung. El mundo encubre toda clase de maldad y hoy en día llega a nuestro conocimiento muy rápido. Pero hay mucho más lugar de lo que pensamos para la esperanza. Mateo escribía su Evangelio para una comunidad de judíos cristianos cuya nueva fe los separaba de los otros judíos. Todos vivían bajo la opresión de los conquistadores romanos. El viñedo del cual habla Mateo es como el mundo. Dios se asemeja al propietario que lo creó y lo hizo fructífero. Así es que, ¿quiénes son los viñederos? Para la comunidad de Mateo eran estos líderes judíos que se aferraban al poder, colaboraban con Roma y cooperaron a matar al Hijo de Dios. Pero el Reino no puede tomarse a la fuerza y aquellos que causan estragos en el mundo de Dios tendrán que enfrentarse con la justicia de Dios en esta vida o en la próxima. Mientras tanto nuestra tarea es atender el viñedo del Señor. Todos podemos contribuir, ya sea haciendo las más insignificantes obras de caridad en nuestra vida diaria, ya sea practicando la moral y la ética en nuestro centro, actuando como ciudadanos responsables o esforzándonos por acoger y amar a los abandonados, los que se encuentran perdidos y los oprimidos que están entre nosotros. Nunca te descorazones ni te des por vencido; el Reino es nuestro.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

“No siempre se nos presenta la oportunidad de hacer obras grandes, pero en todo momento podemos hacer obras pequeñas de una manera extraordinaria, esto es, con un gran amor”. —San Francisco de Sales (1567–1622), obispo, miisionero y patrón de los escritores.

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This month’s 2nd Sunday Rosary (today) before the 6:30 PM Mass has been cancelled.

The LAST SESSION of our DISCIPLESHIP SPEAKER SERIES is being RESCHEDULED!
All of the other sessions have been marvelous and even if you haven't made any of the previous sessions, do not worry, just plan to join us for the our final session, spread the word and bring friends too!
The date for the final speaker series is Friday, December 1, same time and location, 7:30 PM in the Pastoral Center, 222. N. 17th St. Topic: Christian Disciples as Witnesses to Jesus and his Church to Others. If you have any questions please e-mail us at youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com

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 215-816-7200 or email, simoespa@hotmail.com

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE
New Parishioners
Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!
The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION
The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.
A Baptism Preparation Session takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office - 215–561-1313 - to register for the Baptism Preparation Session.

The Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima:

A Deeper Belonging
October 2017 Reflection
(Published by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for the New Evangelization)

Terrorism is destroying lives. Gender ideology is wreaking havoc. Scandals, unbelief, and division continue to rack the Church. Across the globe and in our own homes, problems abound. Sometimes, watching the news or reading the headlines becomes an occasion for us to throw up our hands with the overwhelming feeling that the world is falling apart.

And yet, Our Lady told us in Fatima, “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” That is, Mary’s Heart, so completely given to Jesus, will be victorious over all evil. As we come to the close of this celebratory year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions in Fatima, let these words of our Heavenly Mother resound in our ears as the final word from God about what is happening in our times.

Our Lady is the guiding star that God gives to us to navigate these difficult and treacherous times. She comes to us as a Mother to turn our gaze away from the crumbling walls around us and to fix them on her Son Jesus Christ who never fails and is always in control.

On Sunday, October 15 at the 11am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, Archbishop Charles Chaput will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima. This is a momentous occasion in the life of our local Church because through the authority of our bishop all of us will be handed over to the Blessed Virgin in a new way. It is a moment of deeper belonging to Our Lady, which always means a deeper belonging to Jesus Christ.

There are problems in the world, in the Church, in our families and in our own lives that simply cannot be resolved by human means, no matter how excellent. This act of consecration is a surrendering of everything to the incomparable care and power of the Queen of Heaven. In effect we are saying, “Mother, we cannot do this ourselves. You take care of it. You come and have your triumph here.” What we know with certainty is that through this consecration, Our Lady will be able to bring about transformation and new life in ways that we cannot imagine.

All are invited to attend this beautiful Mass. Come prepared to consecrate yourself, your family, your work and your ministry to Our Lady of Fatima. Together we can await with expectant hope the astonishing fruits of this gesture.

For more information about the Fatima Consecration visit archphila.org/fatima.
**OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**Critical Life Issues Conference**
"Be Not Afraid! Love Unleashes Life!"
**Sat. October 14, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Therese The Story of a Soul**
**Friday, October 20, 2017 - 7:00 PM**
An inspiring live drama based on the autobiography of Thérèse of Lisieux, a French Discalced Carmelite nun, later recognized as a saint. Performed by: Audrey Ahern, directed by Patti Defilippis. Location: St. Anthony of Padua Church, 259 Forest Ave, Ambler PA 19002. Cost: $15 Adults / $10 Youth 12 & under. More info: 215-646-4742 or [www.saintanthonyparish.org](http://www.saintanthonyparish.org)

**Our Lady of the Rosary and St. David's Family Retreat**
**October 20 - 22, 2017**
Enjoy an opportunity to renew your relationship with God and your loved ones. Retreat includes activities for children, family meals, special liturgies and more. All are welcome, including young children, teens and grandparents. Cost: $395 per family (parents/minor children). Each additional couple is $370. Single adult $195. Location: Malvern Retreat House. Retreat Director: Fr. Michael Shea, Associate Director, Central Association of the Miraculous Medal. To register: Call 610-644-0400

**EARTHQUAKE & HURRICANE RESPONSE**
[https://www.crs.org/](https://www.crs.org/) and [https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/](https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/)

**Fuel the Flame**
**Mon. October 30, 2017**
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Vianney Auditorium

**Who:** All Church Leaders, Clergy and Volunteers

**What:** Impact the future of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by attending this engaging, informative, and vibrant evening! Mike Patin, national speaker, will present practical strategies for promoting vocations and helping to create a culture of vocations in our parishes, schools and communities. This event is free, but all are asked to register at [http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame](http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame).

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW OURS**

We live in a time when politicians, heads of corporations, bankers, and others have acted with outrageous greed and selfishness, and there have been devastating consequences. Add to that the troubles in our Church, and we wonder if there has ever been a worse time than this. The answer is yes: in the fourteenth century the bubonic plague killed half the population of Europe; in 1960, forty million people died of famine in China. The list of violent, tyrannical rulers stretches from the Roman Emperor Caligula and Ivan the Terrible to Hitler, Stalin, and Mao Tse Tung. The world harbors all kinds of evil, and nowadays we hear about it very fast. But there is much more room for hope than we might think. Matthew was writing his Gospel for a community of Jewish Christians whose new faith set them apart from other Jews. All were living under the oppressive rule of Roman conquerors. The vineyard Matthew speaks of is like the world. God resembles the landowner, who created it and made it fruitful. So who are the evil tenants? For Matthew’s community it was these Jewish leaders who grasped at power, collaborated with Rome, and cooperated in the killing of God’s Son. But the Kingdom cannot be taken by force, and those who wreak havoc in God’s world will face God’s justice in this life or the next. In the meantime, it is our task to tend the Lord’s vineyard. We can each contribute, from the smallest deeds of charity in our own daily lives, to exercising morality and ethics in the work place, to acting as responsible citizens, and striving to welcome and love the forgotten, the lost, and the most oppressed among us. Never lose heart and never give up; the Kingdom is ours.

**Living Stewardship Now**

“Great works do not always lie in our way, but every moment we may do little ones excellently, that is, with great love.” —Saint Francis de Sales (1567—1622), bishop, missionary, and patron saint of writers

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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. **On October 15, 2017 there will be a tour at 1:00 PM, not at 11 AM.**