

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

*“You have but one Father in heaven  
and one master, the Christ.” Mt 23:9b*



## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Nov 4, First Saturday, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

12:05 Mary Therese McDonnell  
5:15 Angela Pachioli

### Nov 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Nov 6, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Quici, Galypo, Greco Family  
12:05 Michel Bassil

### Nov 7, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Jim Tyrell  
12:05 Lonore Rawding

### Nov 8, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Abramo Tascione  
12:05 William Dellaratta, Sr.

### Nov 9, Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:15 Scott Derham  
12:05 Thomas Cassidy

### Nov 10, Friday, St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:15 Eileen Daly  
12:05 Robert Stemper

### Nov 11, Saturday, St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

12:05 Maria Gonzalez  
5:15 Felice DiStefano

### Nov 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:00 Maria Cionci  
12:30 Saturdino y Primitiva Flores  
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, the Cathedral Parish will welcome one of our seminarians to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Father Brabazon, Father Kolenkiewicz, Monsignor D'Addezio and I received our formation for the Holy Priesthood at Saint Charles Seminary. For most of us, the Seminary became our home for eight years and provided us with the education and skills to serve God's people in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Priestly formation is a very large project that requires support in many different ways from many different sources, especially financial support. I hope you have found the inserts in the Parish Bulletin on the Seminary informative. Let us keep the Seminary and all who teach and are formed there in our prayers. I encourage you be as generous as possible in the Seminary Collection which continues for many months.

His Holiness, Pope Francis, recently announced that the first World Day of the Poor is to take place throughout the world on Sunday, November 19, 2017. The Holy Father desires a real encounter with the poor in our midst, to reach out to them and invite them in concrete ways to share our life. The days leading up to the Sunday observance of the World Day of the Poor are to be marked by sincere efforts to show the poor among us the love and care of the Church. The message of Pope Francis for this new observance can be found at:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/poveri/messaggio.html>

Here at the Cathedral Parish, as a Parish, we have a great many outreach opportunities for the poor and the homeless. In fact, our second collection at Sunday Mass is regularly for the poor and the needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. As we approach this first World Day of the Poor, I invite you to do two things. First, consider a regular concrete way of assisting the poor if you are not already doing so, and commit to it as a practical dimension of living your Christian life. Second, consider helping in one of the outreach opportunities of the Cathedral Parish. In next Sunday's Parish Bulletin, these outreach opportunities will be listed and you can decide how you can best help. In addition to the work of our hands to assist the poor, our prayers for the poor and needy bring assistance unknown to us. Let us pray for the poor and homeless, especially those in our own neighborhood.

The second collection this Sunday will be directed to the Collection for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways, especially to the annual Fall Collection and to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you,  
Father Dennis Gill



## HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice.**

Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity, *Together*  
God bless you.

**GIVE TO GROW**



## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the Parish Office for more info.



## LEGION OF MARY

Do you want to enrich your prayer life, learn more about your Catholic faith, develop close Catholic friendships and grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Then come to a Legion of Mary meeting, **Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Neumann Room.** The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to **give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.** Members

become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a **balanced program of prayer and service.** Works include new parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting other **spiritual needs of the parish community.** Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.  
[info@cathedralphila.com](mailto:info@cathedralphila.com)

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

### The Rising of Jesus From the Dead

Thursday, November 9, 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 Religious Education Ministry line, 267-570-0074. <http://www.cathedralre.org/>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

All program schedules, registration and e-tuition payment options have been posted on our new website. You may register, or contact us with questions, via the website, phone, text, or email. All Cathedral Catechetical Programs are in English, (with Spanish speaking supports as needed). -Volunteers needed, (necessary training, certifications and support will be provided). **Phone: 267.570.0074 (text messages acceptable).** Website <http://www.cathedralre.org/>  
**Coordinator Email: [patty.smith@CathedralRE.org](mailto:patty.smith@CathedralRE.org)**  
To speak with a representative in Spanish, contact Nora Martin in the Parish Office, (215)561-1313.

## Upcoming Community Concert at the Basilica

**-Philharmonia-**

November 11, 2017 at 8:00 PM



Free will offering



## 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 10/29/2017 was \$6,109.00. **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:*

Mary W., Joan Decker, Michael Tosco, James Pinto, Mary Frances McElhare, Joan Decker, George Gunning, 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 Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David, David O'Shea, Mary McManus, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, 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, 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 7** Legion of Mary Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Nov 8** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM  
Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM
- Nov 9** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Nov 11** PhilHarmonia Community Concert, Basilica, 8 PM

## ¿INQUIETUDES SOBRE EL ABORTO?

Como responder a estas preguntas o afirmaciones (continuación):

**8. Y ¿cuáles son las alternativas para las madres pobres diferentes al aborto?** Lo primero es que se puede acudir a [Prolife Union of Greater Philadelphia](http://www.prolifeunion.org), 610-626-4006, para obtener guía y ayuda, ellos tiene varios programas. Si necesita traducción, contacte a Nora en la oficina parroquial. todos los servicios médicos, en segundo lugar hay diversas fundaciones que pueden prestarle ayuda **ESCRÍBANOS**, en tercer lugar, en caso de ser imposible su cuidado está la alternativa de dar al hijo en adopción.

**9. "Eso es un puñado de células, no es un ser humano"** "Se pierden más células en un raspón que en un aborto temprano" **"Es como sacarse una muela"**

Previamente explicamos por qué la vida humana empieza desde la fecundación. Al respecto una mujer que abortó dijo "Si tan sólo hubiera sabido que no era un puñado de células como yo creía, si tan sólo lo hubiera sabido, creo que no me habría hecho el aborto." Tal circunstancia no es cierta, ¿qué es un puñado de células? Todos los seres humanos somos un "puñado de células," la cantidad de estas no nos hace más o menos humanos. Desde que la persona tiene el material genético, inicia su desarrollo con una primera célula que se divide. ¡YA DESDE AHÍ SE ES INDIVIDUO DE LA ESPECIE HUMANA!

**10. ¿Se justifica el aborto en casos de violación?**

¿Sería justo que una persona después de una violación matara a un familiar del violador? En ese caso tristemente se penalizaría, quizás con algunos "atenuantes" penales... Entonces ¿por qué matar el niño concebido producto de una violación? No se niega lo trágico de tal circunstancia, pero hay varios puntos que hay que sostener: 1. No se le obliga a quedarse toda la vida con el bebé, solamente que respete su vida por nueve meses; 2. La criatura es inocente de tal delito, no se justifica tal atropello; 3. En palabras de mujeres víctimas de violaciones y que se repite en la mayoría de ellas "es más doloroso el recuerdo del aborto que el recuerdo de la violación." En el testimonio de Jakkie Bakker "Por el contrario de todo lo que me habían dicho, era mucho más difícil lidiar con el recuerdo del aborto que con el de la violación." El mensaje a las mujeres violadas es el siguiente: Mujer entendemos el dolor que padeces por la violación y ante todo estamos dispuestos a ayudarte...

MÁS INFORMACIÓN EN <http://www.vidahumana.org/>  
Artículo original en [colombiaprovida.blogspot.com/](http://colombiaprovida.blogspot.com/)

## El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

**Próximas fechas: Dic. 10, 1:30 PM (Fuera del horario regular), 1/28/18, 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.

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### BAMBÚ

Había una vez un jardín encantador. Bajo la atención cuidadosa del dueño del jardín crecía un elegante y hermoso bambú. Un día el dueño miró ilusionado a su amado bambú. Éste inclinó profundamente su fenomenal cabeza como señal de saludo cariñoso. "Bambú, Bambú, tengo que usarte". El Bambú miró hacia el cielo encantado. Por fin había llegado el día en que encontraría su destino. "Señor, estoy listo. Úsame como desees". "Bambú", le dijo el Señor muy serio, "tengo que cortarte". El Bambú tembló horrorizado. "¡Cortarme . . . ! Oh, eso no". "Querido Bambú, si no te corto, no podré usarte". El Bambú bajó su linda cabeza y susurró: "Si tienes que hacerlo . . . córtame y que se haga tu voluntad". "Querido Bambú, tengo que cortar tus hojas y ramas también". "Señor, líbrame de eso. ¿También mis hojas y mis ramas?" "Bambú, tengo que hacerlo o no podré usarte". El Bambú se estremeció por lo terrible que le esperaba. "Señor, corta". "Bambú, también tengo que cortarte en dos y sacarte el corazón". El Bambú se inclinó hacia la tierra. "Señor . . . que se haga tu voluntad". El dueño del jardín cortó y alzando suavemente al Bambú lo llevó hacia un manantial de agua viva que estaba en medio de sus campos secos. El Señor puso cuidadosamente una punta del Bambú roto en el manantial y la otra punta en un canal de agua. El manantial reverberó alegre y sus aguas se precipitaron jubilosas a través del canal, hecho con el cuerpo roto del Bambú, hacia los campos secos. Entonces se sembró arroz, crecieron las espigas y se dio la cosecha. Como bella planta el Bambú gozaba antes de la vida en abundancia, pero ahora su cuerpo roto servía para canalizar vida abundante hacia el mundo de su Señor.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Estás siempre encargado de algo, siempre en control, esperando que te vean como líder? Trata de involucrarte en un ministerio parroquial donde prestes tus servicios sin visibilidad: lavando platos, limpiando después de algún evento, haciendo mandados, ayudando a enviar la correspondencia.



# YOUNG ADULT GROUP

## Upcoming Events

Join us in praying the **ROSARY** prior to the **6:30 PM Mass each 2nd Sunday of the month**. We gather at 5:45pm in the Basilica, sitting in the front right side of the church.

### Friday, December 1, 2017, 7:30 PM:

**Discipleship Series - Session Four (last session): Christian Disciples as Witnesses to Jesus and his Church to Others. Presenter:** Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector & Pastor of the Cathedral. **Where:** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North Seventeenth St., Philadelphia, PA. 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! If you have any questions please e-mail us at [youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com)

## PRAYERS TO AND FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

...The souls in Purgatory, being beloved by God and confirmed in grace, have absolutely no impediment to prevent them from praying for us. Still, the Church does not invoke them or implore their intercession, because ordinarily they have no cognizance of our prayers. But we may piously believe that God makes our prayers known to them; and then they, full of charity as they are, most assuredly do not omit to pray for us. St. Catherine of Bologna, whenever she desired a favor, had recourse to the souls in Purgatory, and was immediately heard. She even testified that by the intercession of the souls in Purgatory, she obtained many graces which she had been unable to obtain by the intercession of the Saints...

If we desire the aid of their prayers, it is but fair that we should mind to aid them with our prayers and good works. I said it is fair, but I should have said it is our Christian duty; for charity obliges us to succor our neighbor when he requires aid and we can help him without grievous inconvenience. If a sense of duty will not persuade us to succor them, let us think of the pleasure it will give Jesus Christ to see us endeavouring to deliver His beloved spouses from prison in order that He may have them with Him in paradise.

...St. Augustine says that God will cause those who in this life have most succored those holy souls, when they come to Purgatory themselves, to be most succored by others.

*St. Alphonsus Liguori,  
Great Means of Salvation and of Perfection.*

## Gospel Reflection Gathering



During Advent and Lent a time of reflection is offered every Tuesday at 11:00 AM. At other times, we meet on the Last Tuesday of the month. If you would like to attend, with the reading prepared, we will order a book for you for \$10. Please fill out the form below and submit it with cash or a check made out to the Cathedral Parish. Please enclose in an envelope, addressed to the attention of Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM. You may put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Sacristy, but do so on or before Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. The books will be ordered on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Eventually, you will be able to pick up your labeled book in the Sacristy to prepare for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Advent.

### ORDER FORM FOR SUNDAY READINGS BOOK

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Of books \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Check made out to: **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul**  
To be returned on or before Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.



## ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE

Six day candles are available all throughout the month of November as we join with the Church and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are invited to remember especially your beloved deceased with an *All Souls Memorial Candle*. These candles burn at the All Souls Altar on the Race Street side of the Basilica and remind us of our prayers for those who have died.

A fifteen dollar donation is requested for each candle and your request for prayers for your loved one will be placed on the candle. You can obtain a candle in the Cathedral Sacristy before or after Mass or complete the information below and place it along with your donation in the collection basket.

**Name of the deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print) This name will be placed on the candle

At the request of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.#: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALL SOULS INDULGENCES

**The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.** On all days from November 1 through November 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. Partial indulgences are granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer:

*"Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domini, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace."* -Partial Indulgence when fervently recited. (Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.)

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Catholicism and the Morality of Markets: A Conversation with R.R. Reno and Father Robert Sirico

November 8, 2017, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Join R.R. Reno and Fr. Sirico for a moderated conversation discussing the merits of the free markets from a Catholic perspective: does a free market **system** promote a healthy and virtuous society, or does it have a corrosive effect on the moral and social institutions that promote the common good? Location: Connelly Cinema, Villanova University  
Speakers include: Dr. R.R. Reno, editor of First Things and Rev. Robert Sirico, president and co-founder of the Acton Institute. To learn more: For details and description, click here, or e-mail [austin.detwiler@villanova.edu](mailto:austin.detwiler@villanova.edu).

### Young Adult Movie Night at the Seminary

November 10, 2017, 7 PM to 10 PM

Join us for a viewing of "I Confess," an Alfred Hitchcock thriller and a discussion to follow. It will be a fun way to grow in our understanding of this great Sacrament as we celebrate the fact that God still calls men to be the priests who hear our confessions. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided! Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA  
More info: <http://heedthecall.org/event/movie>

### Come Learn About Walking With Purpose!

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9AM- 12 PM

Do you have a heart for other women and a desire to connect them in the parish...to meet women where they are and draw them closer to Christ? Come attend an information session about Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study now offered at 19 parishes in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Continental breakfast will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Location: St. Joseph Church in Downingtown, PA. More info: To register, contact Laura White at [LauraWhiteWWP@gmail.com](mailto:LauraWhiteWWP@gmail.com)

### Theology on Tap: Exorcism & Spiritual Warfare

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 8:15 PM

Presenter: Rev. Msgr. Ralph Chieffo, Pastor at St. Mary Magdalen Parish and an expert for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on Exorcism. There will be Q&A. Free Will Offering. Location: St. Augustine Church, 250 N. 4th St., Philadelphia, PA

### Roman Catholic High School

### Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Mass - 9:30 A.M. - Basilica, SS. Peter & Paul

Breakfast - 10:45 A.M. - Sheraton Hotel

Homecoming Reception - 1:00 P.M. - Roman Catholic H.S.

For questions & to register visit:

<https://www.romancatholicshs.com/communion-breakfast>

## Save the date! Giving Tree Ornament Decorating Activity for our Parish kids!

Saturday, November 18, 2017 10:00-11:30 AM  
Music, ornaments, story time, and snacks! In Chapel H.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### BAMBOO

Once there was a lovely garden. Under the tender care of the Master of this garden, the most beautiful plant was a gracious and noble bamboo. One day, the Master looked at his beloved bamboo with expectant eyes. Bamboo bowed his great head to the ground in loving greeting. "Bamboo, Bamboo, I must use you." Bamboo flung his head skyward in delight. The day of days had come, the day in which he would find his destiny. "Master, I am ready. Use me as you will." "Bamboo," said the Master gravely, "I must cut you down." Bamboo trembled in horror. "Cut . . . me . . . down! Ah, not that." "Beloved Bamboo, if I do not cut you, I cannot use you." Bamboo bent his glorious head whispering "If you must . . . do your will and cut." "Beloved Bamboo, I must cut your leaves and branches, too." "Master, spare me. My leaves and branches?" "Bamboo, I must, or I cannot use you." Bamboo shivered in terrible expectancy. "Master, cut away." "Bamboo, I must also cut you in two and take out your heart." Bamboo bowed to the ground. "Master . . . then do your will." The Master of the garden cut away, and lifting Bamboo gently, carried him to a bubbling spring among his dry fields. Placing one end of broken Bamboo in the spring and the other end into a water channel, the Master carefully laid down his beloved Bamboo. And the spring sang welcome, and sparkling waters raced joyously down the channel of Bamboo's torn body into the waiting fields. Then rice was planted, and the shoots grew, and the harvest came. In the beauty of his growth, Bamboo was life abundant, but in his brokenness he channeled abundant life into his Master's world.

### Living Stewardship Now

Are you always in charge, always taking control, wanting to be seen as a leader? Try a parish ministry where you simply serve in the background: wash dishes, clean up after an event, run errands, stuff envelopes.

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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.