

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*November 26, 2017*

*“When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”*

*Pope Pius XI*

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*



#### **Nov 25, Saturday, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

12:05 Giovanna Gobbi

5:15 Filippo Umile

#### **Nov 26, Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish

9:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

11:00 Joseph Carey

12:30 Clemente y Catalina Carrera

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

#### **Nov 27, Monday, Weekday**

7:15 Ercolino Ranalli

12:05 Kenneth Rue

#### **Nov 28, Tuesday, Weekday**

7:15 James Bagdon

12:05 Florence Gaul

#### **Nov 29, Wednesday, Weekday**

7:15 Joel F. Klock

12:05 Anna de Flavees

#### **Nov 30, Thursday, Weekday**

7:15 Lawrence Rizzo

12:05 Nancy Haley

#### **Dec 1, First Friday, Weekday**

7:15 Intention of Thomas Koger

12:05 Intention of Anne Ayella

#### **Dec 2, First Saturday**

12:05 Mary A. Brady

5:15 Joan Maher

#### **Dec 3, First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish

9:30 Living & deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart

11:00 Felicia Umile & family

12:30 Gregorio Gonzalez

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

*Today, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is also a Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.* The Bishops of the United States encourage all of us on this Solemnity to be united in support and prayer for persecuted Christians throughout the world who face the terror of the so-called Islamic State, especially in the Middle East. We need to be confident that our prayers for our persecuted brothers and sisters bring the provident aid of our Lord to those who suffer in his Name. Please keep this intention in your personal prayers.

*Our Parish Forty Hours begins next Sunday, December 3, 2017 and continues for the next two days.* Please see the insert in the Parish Bulletin for the complete schedule of this annual Eucharistic Devotion. I encourage you to take time during the Forty Hours to come before the Lord in adoration in the Basilica. It is most important that every hour of solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament has someone present in adoration and prayer. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the Basilica vestibule for everyone to commit to a particular time for adoration of our Lord.

*Advent also begins next Sunday.* In a time when Christmas has become so commercial, and often secular in its observance, the period of joyful anticipation of the Birth of the Lord in Advent almost disappears. However, in our homes and hearts we can commit to a careful participation in this time of preparation for Christmas. Please consider an Advent resolution much like a Lenten resolution: to be more mindful of the need to prepare for the Birth of the new born Savior. Some of these resolutions might include daily Mass, the daily reading of the Bible--such as the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the daily Holy Rosary, an early Advent Confession, taking some quiet time in your day to pray, and/or reading the life of a Saint. *What is most important is keeping Advent and not letting it slip away.*

I thank all of you who have been so good and generous with your contribution to the annual Parish Fall Collection (formerly known as the Block Collection). The income from this collection is a tremendous help to meet our weekly financial obligations. Our goal for this collection this year is fifty thousand dollars. We have not reached our goal at this point. If you have already made your contribution, thank you so very much. If you have not, please consider doing so.

The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. 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

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes*

Friday, December 1, 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*

**"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 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 [afflynnt@yahoo.com](mailto:afflynnt@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.

### 40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

with Fr. Tom Viviano, Priest secretary to Abp. Chaput

December 3 – 5, 2017

**Theme:** "The Eucharist: proof that God answers the prayers of His people."

**Location:** The Basilica

### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

*Jesus Is Lord:*

*A Short Course in Saint Paul*

Thursday, November 30, 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.

### 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 11/19/2017 will be posted on a future edition of the Parish Bulletin. **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 25-26** St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive,  
Cathedral parking lot (details on pg. 4)  
Shepherds of Bethlehem Religious Article Sale  
after all Sunday Masses
- Nov 28** Legion of Mary Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Nov 29** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM  
Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM
- Nov 30** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

## El próximo domingo es el 1er día de Adviento

¿Sabías que la Navidad no comienza  
el 1ro de diciembre?

A partir del cuarto domingo antes del Navidad se inicia el Periodo de Adviento, una época de reflexión y preparación para la llegada de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Te invitamos a vivir el Adviento con espíritu de oración; no te distraigas con compras y banalidades, más bien acercate a nuestra Madre Santísima pidiéndole que te lleve de la mano y así, en oración, tú y tu familia se acercarán más a Dios.

El Adviento es el comienzo del Año Litúrgico. El color usado en la liturgia de la Iglesia durante este tiempo es el morado. El sentido del Adviento es avivar en los creyentes la espera del Señor. Se puede hablar de dos partes del Adviento:

Primera Parte: Desde el primer domingo al día 16 de diciembre, con marcado carácter escatológico, mirando a la venida del Señor al final de los tiempos.

Segunda Parte: Desde el 17 de diciembre al 24 de diciembre, es la llamada "Semana Santa" de la Navidad, y se orienta a preparar más explícitamente la venida de Jesucristo en la historia, la Navidad.

Las lecturas bíblicas de este tiempo de Adviento están tomadas sobre todo del profeta Isaías (primera lectura), también se recogen los pasajes más proféticos del Antiguo Testamento señalando la llegada del Mesías. Isaías, Juan Bautista y María de Nazaret son los modelos de creyentes que la Iglesia ofrece a los fieles para preparar la venida del Señor Jesús.

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### UN REY INIGUALABLE

Nosotros no hemos elegido a Dios como presidente ni la creación de Dios la componen votantes. No hay referendos en la voluntad de Dios ni se le puede sustituir por otro líder. Por eso es que pensar en Dios como Rey y Señor siempre parecerá ajeno a nuestra sociedad democrática e individualista. Jesús experimentó personalmente la opresión de reyes, emperadores y otros gobernantes como Herodes y Poncio Pilato. En contraste a éstos, él relacionó su estatus de rey con el servicio humilde e instruyó a sus discípulos a ser servidores también. Cuando celebramos a Cristo Rey sabemos que este rey está dispuesto a cualquier cosa por su pueblo amado y que su amor y bondad permanecen para siempre. En las Escrituras el reino de Jesús está inseparablemente vinculado a su sufrimiento. Rey de toda la creación y así y todo se humilló a sí mismo tomando la condición humana y aun corrió el mismo destino que sus súbditos, esto es, la muerte. El Rey del universo, tratado brutalmente, coronado de espinas y clavado en una cruz ignominiosa nos salvó del pecado y de la muerte. El Señor de la gloria se ofreció como máximo sacrificio por su amor a nosotros. Él es Señor, Rey y Juez, pero no juzga según los criterios humanos, por eso su justicia no es meramente castigar. Él mira intensamente en lo profundo de nuestro corazón donde nada le queda oculto. El propósito de su justicia es llevarnos al arrepentimiento y a la salvación eterna. Nosotros creemos que él "de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y a muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin". Las Escrituras nos dicen que Dios dilata la segunda venida de su Hijo a fin de que todos tengamos la oportunidad de arrepentirnos. Cristo nuestro Rey nos ofrece la verdadera libertad como hijos e hijas de Dios.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Una oración a Cristo Rey tomada de la liturgia de esta fiesta: Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que quisiste fundar todas las cosas en tu Hijo muy amado, Rey del universo, haz que toda creatura, liberada de la esclavitud, sirva a tu majestad y te alabe eternamente.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

(*Misal Romano*, Oración Colecta para Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo)

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**El 8 de diciembre** celebramos el día de **La Inmaculada Concepción de María**, dogma de fe que declara que por una gracia singular de Dios, María fue preservada de todo pecado, desde su concepción. La fiesta de la Inmaculada ilumina como un faro el período de Adviento, tiempo de vigilante y confiada espera del Salvador. Mientras salimos al encuentro de Dios, que viene, miremos a María que «brilla como signo de esperanza segura y de consuelo para el pueblo de Dios en camino»

**Novena de nov. 30 a dic. 8:**

*¡Oh María Inmaculada ponemos en tus manos nuestras súplicas, para que tú que eres la Reina de la Pureza, y llena de Gracias, intercedas por mí ante Dios nuestro Señor. Mira mis preocupaciones, te pido, concédeme la paz; mira que tengo miedo... dame la fortaleza espiritual; mira que a veces pierdo la esperanza, María... que yo ponga toda mi confianza en Dios. Que a través de tu corazón humilde, sincero, ame yo cada día más a Jesús. Purifica mi alma, Madre Inmaculada, para que pueda yo un día glorificar a Dios en el cielo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.*

## Jesus' Disciples for Today



With the Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, we conclude Liturgical Year A. Next week the Gospel of Mark will be proclaimed each Sundays during Year B. This short, yet powerful account of Jesus' presence with us in our own real world, is the first Gospel written of our Savior's life, death and Resurrection. If you want a short, full summary, St. Marks' Gospel is just for you.

**This coming Tuesday, Nov. 28th** is the last Tuesday of the month and all who wish to come, may gather in the **Neumann Room** to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Books are available in the Sacristy for \$10, with all of the Year B Sunday readings. The subject of our First Advent Sunday Gospel is: Mark 13: 33-37: ...when Jesus returns in glory. What a fitting way to see how HOPE plays into our daily lives as we start a new year of Grace.

All are welcome to this weekly Tuesday gathering during Advent. You read ahead, pray on your own and share your reflections on this Gospel and those which follow for each Advent Sunday. We gather in the Neumann Room from 11:00 am to 11:55. Mass follows at 12:05 in the Chapel for those whose schedule permits.

Please place your \$10 check in the collection basket (payable to: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul). Your name, phone # and email address are to be included. Please include on the outside of the envelope...

Attention: Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM

### PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this,

Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Full novena at [www.ewtn.com/devotionals](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals)

### OUR LADY'S ROSARY

In exorcising a man possessed by various devils, St. Dominic asked them various questions, [which they would not answer until the Saint asked the Blessed Virgin]: 'Force your enemies to proclaim the whole truth and nothing but the truth about this here and now, before the multitude...'

[The devil's response was:] 'Then listen well, you Christians: the Mother of Jesus Christ is allpowerful and she can save her servants from falling into hell. She is the sun which destroys the darkness of our wiles and subtlety. It is she who uncovers our hidden plots, breaks our snares and makes our temptations useless and ineffectual.'

'We have to say, however reluctantly, that not a single soul who has really persevered in her service has ever been damned with us; one single sigh that she offers the Blessed Trinity is worth far more than all the prayers, desires and aspirations of all the saints.'



## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE [WWW.SVDPICKUP.ORG](http://WWW.SVDPICKUP.ORG)

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

**Saturday, November 25th, 4:30 PM ~ 6:30 PM &  
Sunday, November 26th, 7:30 AM ~ 12:30 PM**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the Parish parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items (and to learn more about GreenDrop) visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)



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

'We fear her more than all the other saints in heaven together, and we have no success with her faithful servants. Many Christians who call upon her when they are at the hour of death and who really ought to be damned according to our ordinary standards are saved by her intervention.

'Oh, if only that Mary [it is thus in their fury that they called her] had not pitted her strength against ours and had not upset our plans, we should have conquered the Church and have destroyed it long before this; and we would have seen to it that all the Orders in the Church fell into error and disorder.

...Now that we are forced to speak, we must also tell you this: nobody who perseveres in saying the Rosary will be damned, because she obtains for her servants the grace of true contrition for their sins and by means of this they obtain God's forgiveness and mercy....'

*St. Louis de Montfort, The Secret of the Rosary, pp. 78-79.*

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Service Opportunity

#### **Bring a senior citizen to the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

We are looking for someone who can assist a wheelchair-bound senior citizen from the Atria to the Basilica, two blocks away. One could either push him the two blocks in his chair, or transport him and his chair by car. Either way provides a great workout for body and soul. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested:

[info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org) or 215-561-1313

#### **NaPro Road Show (date correction)**

**Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7 PM to 9 PM**

**Presenter:** Dr. Delia Larrauri, a NaProTechnology trained physician. Come to an information session on NaPro Technology (NaPro) and the Creighton Model FertilityCare system, life affirming health care for women. *NaPro offers real help for numerous conditions including infertility, repetitive miscarriages, hormonal imbalances and menopause.*

Question and answer session will be provided with index cards to ensure anonymity. For additional information and/or questions, contact Barbara at 215-884-2922.

**Location:** The School Cafeteria of Our Lady of Grace Parish, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Pennel, PA 19047

#### **Upcoming Community Concert at the Basilica:**

*Ancient Voices Choir*

*from the University of Pennsylvania*

**Sat. December 2, 2017 at 8:00 PM**

**Location:** The Basilica. Free will offering.

### 🎵 **CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 🎵

**December 10, 2017, 3-5 PM**

Our annual Christmas celebration is back and better than ever. Cathedral Music Director Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas, performed by the combined forces of the Cathedral Choir and the choirs of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration of the festive season!

**Location:** The Basilica

To purchase tickets: visit [cathedralphilaconcerts.org](http://cathedralphilaconcerts.org)

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

This Solemnity is a **Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass schedule:**

- ◆ 5:15 PM Vigil Mass, with music, in the Chapel (Dec. 7).
  - ◆ 7:15 AM in the Chapel
  - ◆ 12:05 PM, with music, in the Basilica
  - ◆ 12:35 PM, in the Chapel
  - ◆ 5:15 PM, with music, in the Chapel
- ◆ 7:00 PM in the Extraordinary Form, in the Basilica

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### *A KING LIKE NO OTHER*

We have not elected God as president, and God's creation is not made up of registered voters. There are no referendums on God's will, and no chance of recalling God in favor of another leader. Consequently, the idea of God as Lord and King will always seem strange to us in our democratic, individualistic society. Jesus experienced personally the oppressive nature of kings, emperors, and other rulers—think of Herod and Pontius Pilate. In contrast to them, he linked his status as king to humble service, and instructed his followers to be servants, too. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are celebrating a ruler willing to do anything for his beloved people, and whose loving-kindness endures forever. In the scriptures, Jesus' kingdom is inseparably tied to his suffering. King of all creation, he humbled himself to become human, even sharing the ultimate fate of his subjects: death. The King of the world, brutalized and crowned with thorns, hanging naked on a cross of shame, set us free from our bondage to sin and death. The Lord of glory made this ultimate self-sacrifice purely out of love for us. He is Lord, King, and Judge, but he does not judge by human standards, so his justice is not mere punishment. He looks deep into all our hearts, where nothing is hidden from him. His justice is intended to lead to our repentance and ultimate salvation. We believe that "he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end." The scriptures tell us that the Father delays the return of the Son so that all of us have the opportunity to repent. Christ our King offers us true freedom as the beloved sons and daughters of God.

### *Living Stewardship Now*

A Prayer to Christ the King from the liturgy:

Almighty and merciful God,  
you break the power of evil  
and make all things new

in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.

May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory  
and never cease to praise you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)*

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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.