

# First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

*“Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.”*

*Ps. 85:8*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Dec 4, Monday, Advent Weekday, St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:15 Charles Galypo

12:05 Robert Thomas Pulka

### Dec 5, Tuesday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Tanner James Acchione

12:05 David Kearney

### Dec 6, Wednesday, Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:15 Maria Sciarretta

12:05 Lucy Risoli

### Dec 7, Thursday, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:15 Sylvester Adelsberg

12:05 Lois Moore

5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant (C)

### Dec 8, Friday, Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 For the People of the Parish (C)\*

12:05 Intention of the Priest Celebrant (B)

12:35 Intention of the Priest Celebrant (C)

5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant (C)

7:00 In the Extraordinary Form;  
Intention of the Priest Celebrant (B)

### Dec 9, Saturday, Advent Weekday

12:05 Eligio Adamsi

5:15 Leone, Cuccurullo, Kenny deceased family members

### Dec 10, Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 Lena Quici

11:00 Lisa Dooley

12:30 Jeffrey Francis

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People  
\*Basilica (B), Chapel (C)

Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar (1969) describe Advent this way: Advent has a twofold character: it is a season to prepare for remembering Christ's First Coming, and also a season to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation (n. 39).* Advent struggles with a commercial culture that suggests Christmas has already arrived. The Church wants us to see clearly that we need this period of preparation for the two-fold coming of Christ. On this First Sunday of Advent, I urge you to make some personal decisions to aid your own “devout and joyful expectation” of the coming of the Lord at Christmas and at the end of time. Perhaps these decisions may include something spiritual—such as daily Mass, increased prayer time and reading of the Bible, a good Advent confession, and more practical things—such as waiting for the days closer to Christmas to decorate and celebrate the Birth of the Lord. Most of all, let us keep a holy Advent!

*Today, the Cathedral Parish begins its Forty Hours Devotion.* This annual Eucharistic devotion is an occasion for us to express solemnly our Catholic Faith in the *real presence* of Christ in his holy Body and Blood. The periods of exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament today, Monday and Tuesday give us a much needed opportunity to adore the Lord with prayer and thanksgiving. Please take some time over these next few days to visit the Basilica for adoration, and to be a part of the Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday evening. The schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion can be found on the Cathedral Parish website. Participation in the Forty Hours is a wonderful way to begin Advent.

*This Friday, December 8 2017, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a Holy Day of Obligation.* This Advent Holy Day reminds us how our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin and so is a worthy dwelling for the Son of God. The Blessed Mother, under this title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Plan now which Mass you will attend on the Holy Day, and ask Our Lady to intercede for our nation in your prayers. Please see the Holy Day Mass schedule elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin.

The second collection next Sunday *will be directed to winter maintenance expenses of the Cathedral Parish.* 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

## Advent Giving Tree



Please participate in the *Advent Giving Tree!* The *Advent Giving Tree* in the Basilica is decorated with gift tags which identify gift ideas for the less fortunate in our area. This year the gifts will be distributed to St. Francis Inn, Women of Hope, St. John's Hospice, Sacred Heart Home and other neighborhood institutions that service the homeless and needy. **The tree will be up starting this**

**Sunday, December 3.**

During the first weeks of Advent take a gift tag or tags. The gifts may be dropped off in the **Sacristy** before or after Mass, wrapped and **with the identifying tag on each gift** by the **Third Sunday of Advent, December 17.** This will allow for the distribution of these gifts for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.

**Please don't leave the presents under the tree.**



*Our Parish children did a beautiful job decorating the ornaments/tags! Thank you !!!*

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

### The Spirit Given Through Jesus

Thursday, December 14, 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.

## 2017 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS



The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 4, for the *2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer of the Roman Missal:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant to these men  
a persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.*

*Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE CHAPTER

**Meets on Thursdays mornings**

Homeschool Group using The Catholic Schoolhouse program meets Thursday mornings at the Cathedral Basilica. Please contact directors Gina 215-920-2640 or Eileen [EileenDAngelo@verizon.net](mailto:EileenDAngelo@verizon.net) for more information.

## 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 11/19/17 was \$7,612.50 and for 11/26/2017 was \$10,029.50. **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:*

Paul Spiro, Sheila Litvin, Mary W., Joan Decker, 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 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

- Dec 5** Gospel Reflection Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 11:00 AM  
Legion of Mary Meeting,  
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Dec 6** Morning Scripture for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM  
Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM
- Dec 7** Catholic School House Meeting,  
Neumann Room (must register to attend)  
Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### EN GUARDIA

En el Evangelio de hoy san Marcos va directo al asunto: estén en guardia, velen; que el Señor no los encuentre dormidos a su regreso. Adviento es un tiempo para reflexionar en tres acontecimientos: la entrada de Dios al mundo en la persona de un niño, la venida de Dios a nuestro mundo de hoy y la venida gloriosa de Dios al final de los tiempos. Éstos a su vez reflejan tres promesas: la promesa de Dios de salvar a todos, la promesa de Jesús de estar con todos los que le siguen y la otra promesa de Jesús de regresar al final de los tiempos. Desconocemos cuándo regresará Cristo. Mientras tanto somos los guardianes y buenos administradores. Debemos estar listos para recibir a Cristo cuando vuelva. Debemos estar atentos a Dios ahora: en la Eucaristía, en la persona de los vagabundos, los hambrientos, los prisioneros, los adictos en quienes Cristo aparece ante nosotros y en el Espíritu que habita en nosotros. Se nos insiste en que vivamos con esperanza en nuestro corazón hasta la última venida de Cristo.

### La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Si tienen niños pequeños hagan un árbol de Jesús o usen un calendario de Adviento, preferiblemente uno que tenga temas de Adviento en vez de Navidad. Pueden encontrar más información sobre ambos en catholicculture.org.

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## 40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION



### Sunday, December 3-Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Have you ever prayed for something and felt like God didn't hear you? Do you ever wonder if God really answers prayers? Join us at the Cathedral for three days of quiet prayer before the Eucharist and inspiring teaching as we celebrate our annual 40 Hours Devotions.

### Theme: The Eucharist: Proof that God Answers the Prayers of His People

Preacher: Fr. Thomas Viviano,  
priest secretary to Archbishop Chaput

Location: The Cathedral Basilica

### SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS:

#### *Sunday – 3 December 2017*

- 11:00 AM - Solemn Mass and Exposition  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica  
12:30 PM – 4:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Time for Personal Prayer)  
6:30 PM - Solemn Mass in the Basilica

#### *Monday – 4 December 2017*

- 12:05 PM - Mass and Exposition  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica  
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Time for Personal Prayer)  
7:00 PM - Solemn Vespers with Benediction  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament

#### *Tuesday – 5 December 2017*

- 12:05 PM - Mass and Exposition  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica  
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(Time for Personal Prayer)  
7:00 PM - Solemn Vespers with Procession  
and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

*\*Sign-up sheets have been placed in the Basilica vestibule  
for everyone to commit to a particular time for Adoration  
of our Lord.*

## Devoción Eucarística Anual de 40 Horas de diciembre 3 al 5

Te invitamos a participar en nuestra Devoción Eucarística Anual de 40 Horas. Ofrece un ratito al Señor en Adoración, especialmente hoy Domingo. El Señor estará expuesto; *por favor referirse al horario de arriba y registrarse para una o mas horas de Adoración Eucarística. Las hojas de inscripción están localizadas en el vestíbulo de la Basílica (en la entrada).*

## Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

**Viernes, 8 de diciembre de 2017**

### Día de precepto. Horario de las Misas:

- ◆ 5:15 PM Misa anticipada en la Capilla (Dic. 7)
- ◆ 7:15 AM en la Capilla, ◆ 12:05 PM en la Basílica
- ◆ 12:35 PM en la Capilla ◆ 5:15 PM en la Capilla
- ◆ 7:00 PM en el Rito Extraordinario (en latín), en la Basílica.



**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 Anticipated 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



**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.

**YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE**

**Become a Foster Parent!**

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information please call Catholic Social Services at **(267)331-2502!**

**Readings for Mass for this Week**

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)



**FRUITS OF THE 2017 KEYS & SWORD EVENT**

**St. Francis Inn**

Several weeks ago I had the humbling opportunity to visit the St. Francis Inn to help deliver the money raised in the 2017 Keys & Sword Event. It was an incredible experience and only increased my gratitude to be part of a parish dedicated to aiding organizations such as St. Francis Inn. Mary Ann Leigh and I spent part of a morning with Fr. Murphy understanding the tremendous work carried out by St. Francis Inn in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. Father Murphy explained the generous support of the Cathedral is earmarked for operating expenses, most immediately a new oven door, and other necessary maintenance costs for keeping St. Francis Inn operational. Upon arriving, 45 minutes prior to opening for breakfast, the line of people awaiting the Inn's daily opening was already around the corner and down the street. The Inn provides a small breakfast, a bagged lunch and a sit down dinner to over 400 people on a daily basis. The sit-down dinner provides more dignity to the people served as well as a chance to further get to know these community members. We learned over a third of the individuals served by the Inn are over the age of sixty-five and another large portion are families. The commitment and unconditional compassion displayed by the priests, sisters and few lay people who regularly operate the Inn is a true example of God's love and can so easily be felt when you visit with them. – Richele Rainosek



**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.

**Date change! Sunday, December 17, 2017, 5:00 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 Neumann Room (behind the Cathedral, next to the Queen of the Apostles Garden). 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)

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass**

**Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6.** Rebroadcast each Sun. at: 9 AM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital • 10:30 AM, LaSalle University 56 • 5:00 PM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital



## Jesus' Disciples for Today

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 to 11:55 AM**. Mass follows at 12:05 in the Chapel for those whose schedule permits.

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.

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

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Gregorian Chant and the Spirit of Liturgical Prayer Sunday, December 3, 2017, 12:45 PM

In this talk we will explore how Gregorian Chant achieved its central place in the Western liturgical tradition. The discussion will conclude with a reflection on the spiritual orientation of this kind of sung prayer as compared with later repertoires. Location: Ivy Hall, International Institute for Culture, 6331 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia

More info: <http://iculture.org/details.asp?idOfEvent=553>

### CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 10, 2017, 3-5 PM

Location: The Basilica

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

### Creighton Model FertilityCare™ Seminar

Monday, December 4, 2017, 7-8 PM

Looking for a method of family planning that can be used to achieve or avoid pregnancy that will follow Church teaching? A free seminar on the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System will be presented by Marie DiCecco. In the Creighton Model, fertility is observed as a part of health, not disease. Creighton Model uses a far superior treatment for infertility than in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and more viable alternatives than the birth control pill to avoid pregnancy or treat women's health problems. Information on many gynecological problems women face will be covered. Come learn about this new Women's Health Science. This event is free!

Location: St. Peter Church, 2835 Manor Rd, West Brandywine. More info: Contact Marie DiCecco at 610-202-4751. For more information on the Creighton Model System, go to [www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com)

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### ON GUARD

The author of Saint Mark's Gospel was what we call a straight shooter. His writing style is plain, with no elaboration or sophistication. In today's Gospel reading he gets right to the point: be on your guard; stay awake; the Lord must not find you asleep when he arrives. Advent comes from the Latin word *advenire*, which means "to come to." The season of Advent, then, is a time to think about and to reflect on three advents in particular: God's coming into the world as a human child, God's coming into our world today, and God's glorious coming at the end of time. These reflect three promises: God's promise to bring salvation to all people, Jesus' promise to be with those who follow him, and Jesus' further promise to return at the end of time. It is not enough simply to admire Jesus and be impressed by what he says. We are asked to take the extra step and follow the way of discipleship. We do not know where the path of discipleship will lead us, or when Christ himself will return. In the meantime we are the gatekeepers, the stewards, and the ones left in charge. Our responsibility is to stay alert and focused, even when others seem to be asleep or distracted, so that we are ready to welcome Christ into the world when he comes again. We are also asked to be attentive to the coming of God into our lives today: in the sacrament of Christ's Body; in the unlikely guise of the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner, the addict in whom Christ appears before us; and in the Spirit who is within us. We are urged to live with hope in our hearts for Christ's final return.

### Living Stewardship Now

If you have young children, make a Jesse tree or use an Advent calendar, preferably one with Advent rather than Christmas themes. Find more information on both at [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org).



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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. **No tours will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017.**