

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2017



*“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” Col 3:15A, 16A*

Mass Intentions for the Week



Dec 30, Saturday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:05 Noreen McDermott
5:15 Armando Viggiani

Dec 31, Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galypo, Greco Family
11:00 Lauren Tereshko White
12:30 Antonio Alvarez
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12 Mid night, 8:00 AM, 10 AM, & 12:00 PM
(Not a Holy Day of obligation in the USA this year)

Jan 2, Tuesday, Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:15 Filomena Berarducci
12:05 Karen Law

Jan 3, Wednesday, Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin
12:05 Jacqueline R. Joseph

Jan 4, Thursday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:15 Christmas Mass Remembrance
12:05 Thomas Rovito

Jan 5, First Friday, St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:15 Joseph Bettick
12:05 James Bridgefod

Jan 6, First Saturday, Christmas Weekday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious

12:05 Living & deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart
5:15 Barbara Aleardi

Jan 7, Sunday, The Epifany of the Lord

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish
9:30 Arnold Quici
11:00 Bill McLaughlin
12:30 Epifanio de Jesus, Sr.
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Our celebration of Christmas continues for several more days—through the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. The days immediately following Christmas Day belong to the Octave of Christmas. The Nativity of the Lord is both an event that happened in time and also in eternity. One of the ways our liturgical tradition captures such an event, an event that is in time and outside of time, is to observe it for eight days with equal force. The number eight signals eternity as it becomes the number of the days of the created week plus one. The celebration this Monday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Christmas. So, yes, Merry Christmas!

Today is the Sunday Feast within the Octave of Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast reminds us especially of the role of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph in God’s plan of salvation for us. These principal figures, the Holy Family, continue to inspire us and guide us in their faithfulness to the will of God and their loving fidelity to our New Born Savior. Let us ask the Holy Family to pray for all families, especially those most in need.

Monday, January 1, 2018, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. January 1st is one of the six Holy Days of Obligation in the United States of America. However, when this feast, like the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) and All Saints (November 1) falls on a Monday or a Saturday, the Holy Day is observed without the binding obligation to participate in Mass. If at all possible, the faithful are encouraged to observe the Holy Day with Mass.

The Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, is as follows:

**12 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica
8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass and 12 Noon Solemn Mass
in the Basilica**

There is no evening Mass on January 1, 2018.

This Friday, January 5, 2018, is the Feast of our own Saint John Neumann, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. Please consider participating in the 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel to celebrate his feast.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your on-going generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year. Your generosity in the Christmas Collections is absolutely remarkable. Your generosity to the Christmas Flowers’ fund is also greatly appreciated. The response to the Advent Giving Tree surpassed recent years. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. Let us continue to keep one another in prayer, especially at Mass, as we observe these splendid days of Christmas.

God bless you for Christmas and the New Year,
Father Dennis Gill

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, January 5, 2018
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

“Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Christmas Crèche Exhibit From Around the World

Fine Art & Folk Art
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**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
NEXT WEEK**

**Jesus' Spirit in Us Responds to the Father:
Prayer**

Thursday, January 4, 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 To speak with a representative in Spanish, contact Nora Martin in the Parish Office, (215)561-1313.

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

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 12/24/17 will be posted in a future edition of the 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:

Santiago Guzman, 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

- Jan 3** Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM
- Jan 4** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Jan 6** Catechetical Awards, Basilica, 11:00 AM
- Jan 15** Basilica & Chapel to close after 12:05 PM Mass
- Jan 16-18** Basilica & Chapel to close at 2:00 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español Enero 28, 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.

Ministerio de Vida y Familia Recursos:

◆ Consultorio virtual "Familia y Vida."

La Dra. Pilar Calva M.D., resolverá a través de esta consultoría virtual sobre decisiones en momento difíciles de la vida: anticoncepción, aborto, paternidad responsable, final de la vida, transplantes, infertilidad, técnicas de reproducción artificial entre otros.

aciprensa.com/recursos/consultorio-familiar-virtual-3929

Lugares donde buscar ayuda en caso de un embarazo no planeado:

◆ Community Women's Center (Centro de ayuda a la mujer)

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◆ Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia

ayuda las 24 horas del día llame o envíe mensaje de texto al 610-626-4006 prolifeunion.org.

También puede contactar a Nora en la oficina parroquial para mas información en español e ingles.



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

SOMOS UNA FAMILIA

Hoy honramos a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Todos pertenecemos a una familia, ya sea de nacimiento, por matrimonio o adopción. Todos pertenecemos a la misma familia de fe por las aguas del bautismo y finalmente, como parte de la creación de Dios, pertenecemos a la gran familia humana. No hace mucho se reportó una historia acerca de una mujer en Manchester, Inglaterra, jubilada de la industria de telecomunicaciones, que vivía sola en una casa modesta. Iba a Misa regularmente en su iglesia local, pero no participaba en la vida de su parroquia. Tenía una amiga con quien a menudo compartía alguna comida, pero nunca la invitaba a su casa. Según su amiga, a esa señora no le quedaba ninguna familia propia ni de su esposo. Todos los días y las tardes se las pasaba de compras. Los vecinos la veían en su ir y venir, pero no entablaban ninguna amistad. Cuando por fin se dieron cuenta de que su carro no se había movido en varios días llamaron a la policía. Los oficiales que vinieron a investigar se quedaron horrorizados al encontrar una casa abarrotada de "cosas". Les tomó dos días poder encontrar a la dueña de todo aquello en su propia casa. Por fin la hallaron en uno de los cuartos con unas cajas bien pesadas que le habían caído encima quitándole la vida. Esta triste historia subraya lo que puede suceder cuando carecemos de relaciones ordinarias que nos sostengan. Es casi seguro que los vecinos y parroquianos se dijeron entre sí que hubieran podido hacer algo para ayudarla. Todos conocemos personas cuyas familias murieron o viven lejos. Algunas son amigables y capaces de formar un grupo de amigos. Otras, en particular las más frágiles y los ancianos, se retraen pues temen molestar a los demás. El aislamiento puede tener consecuencias terribles. Si estás en condiciones de ayudar, no permitas que eso suceda.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Si conoces a alguna persona de edad avanzada, frágil y aislada busca maneras de hacerte presente y prestarle ayuda. Envíale una tarjeta por correo. Interésate por ella con una llamada telefónica. Llévale alguna golosina. Ofrécele hacerle algún mandado, llevarla al doctor o a la iglesia. Visítala con tu familia, arrégla un poco el jardín o ayúdala con alguna tarea doméstica.

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Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las 6:30 AM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

St. Teresa of Calcutta on the Importance of Family



Love begins at home, Mother Teresa insisted when she was alive. Home and family are the twin tutors in love, compassion, patience, and service.

In our Missionaries of Charity community, our first great responsibility is to be a family, a community, revealing first to one another something of God's own love and concern and tenderness. "See how they love one another." Being so close to each other it is possible to miss God's love and goodness that is to be found in those who are so near to us. We need to help each other to forget the everyday deficiencies and to start a new life every day in the joy of Jesus.

Do others notice if you are absent? Do they miss your warmth, your presence? We should radiate the presence of Christ by our compassion. Do we fulfill this responsibility to be God's love and compassion in the world, in the community, in our family? Let us be his presence to others.

Heavenly Father, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, and vibrant with joy.

+ Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer.

+ Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in their distressing disguise.

+ May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

+ May we love one another as God loves each one of us more and more each day, and forgive each others' faults as you forgive our sins.

+ Help us, O loving Father, to take whatever you give and to give whatever you take with a big smile. Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

Let us ask Our Lady and St. Joseph to make our families what their family was for Jesus at Nazareth. Love does not live on words nor can it be explained by words. This is especially true of that love that is in Jesus and comes from Jesus and finds Jesus—touches him, serves him, loves him—in others. Such love is true, burning, pure, free from fear and doubt. There is no greater love than the love Christ himself has shown us. We must love one another with the same love.

Find at least one good point in the other person and build from there. In the family, you should thank each other, mentioning the good you have seen others do. In short, an understanding love—a love that sees the good in others—will be our goal.

See full article at <http://blog.franciscanmedia.org/>



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.

St. Paul Series 2018: St. Paul, A Contemporary Teacher for Your Adults. Starting on January 5, 2018, 7:30 PM
Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector & Pastor of the Cathedral. **Location:** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.

If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail us at youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com or search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it.

The next program begins, the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



The Sisters of Life
invite you for

Mass for the Epiphany
with Carols and Cookies
to follow in the Church Hall

Join the Sisters of Life as they celebrate
their first Christmas in Philadelphia!

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2pm

Location:
St. Malachy's Church, 1429 N 11th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Please RSVP to philly@sistersoflife.org
or 267-831-310

The Story of Mary, Mother of God



Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (*Luke 1:26-38*). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (*Luke 1:42-43*, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (*Galatians 4:4*). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos*—God-bearer—it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

Reflection:

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/mary-mother-of-god/>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Save the Dates

3/17/18 - Cultural Heritage Mass, in the Basilica

3/24/18 - Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers, in the Basilica

4/28/17, 5:15 PM Mass - Wedding Anniversary Mass, in the Basilica

5/6/18, 2:00 PM - Archdiocesan May Procession, Basilica

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

WE ARE FAMILY

On this day we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We all belong to families, whether born, married, or adopted into them. We all belong to the family of faith through the waters of baptism and, finally, as part of God's creation, we belong to the larger human family. Not long ago a story was reported about a woman in Manchester, England. She was retired from the telecommunications industry and lived by herself in a modest home. She regularly attended Mass in her local church, but was otherwise not involved in parish life. She had one friend, with whom she occasionally had dinner but never invited into her home. According to the friend, this lady had no birth family or family by marriage left. She spent all her days and evenings shopping. The neighbors would see her come and go but they formed no connection with her. When they finally noticed that her car had not been moved in days, they called the police. Investigating officers were horrified to find a house filled to the rafters with "stuff." It took them two days to dig through and find the lady who owned it all—she was in a bedroom where heavy boxes had fallen on her and killed her. This sad story underlines what can happen when we do not have ordinary relationships to sustain us. Almost certainly neighbors and parishioners told themselves after the fact that they could have done something to help. We all know people whose families are deceased or who live far away. Some are outgoing and able to make a network of friends. Others, particularly the frail and elderly, are shy or fearful of bothering anyone. Isolation can have fearful consequences. Don't let it happen if you can help it.

Living Stewardship Now

If you know someone who is elderly, frail, and isolated, find ways to be a presence and a support. Drop a greeting card in the mail. Make a "How are you?" phone call. Go by with home-made goodies. Offer to run errands or drive to doctor visits or church. Take the family over and do yard work or other chores.

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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.