

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 18, 2018

***"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be. Jn 12:26***



Mass Intentions for the Week



Mar 17, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick, Bishop

12:05 Wilbert McCarty
5:15 Robert G. Flamer

Mar 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Pro Populo-For the People of the Parish
9:30 Stephen Paolantonio
11:00 Richard DiFlorio
12:30 Javier Cedeño
6:30 Pro Populo

Mar 19, Monday, St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 Quici, Galypo, Greco Family
12:05 Christie Leigh Hess

Mar 20, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 For the intention of Ralph Berarducci
12:05 Kenneth G. Andres

Mar 21, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Piotr Ciesielczyk, Jerzy Talaga,
Stanislawa Talaga, & Barbara Docinska
12:05 Ann Carissimi

Mar 22, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Joan Marie Coyle
12:05 Alana Maddox

Mar 23, Friday, Lenten Weekday, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:15 John Wengler
12:05 Ann Carissimi

Mar 24, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

12:05 Bob Murr
5:15 Francis Toczylowski

Mar 25, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Pro Populo-For the People of the Parish
9:30 Lillian Neary
11:00 Johnny Leona Sutton
12:30 Maria Miranda
6:30 Pro Populo

Dear Parishioners,

Lent turns a corner this Sunday. This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent! These last days of Lent focus more on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and the great price that he paid with his death for our redemption and salvation. The prayers of the Church and the biblical readings for Mass during this time draw us more deeply into the passion of the Lord to lead us into a more profound participation in the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I encourage you to join us for daily Mass and also to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during this last period of Lent. Additionally, I suggest that you read the Passion of the Lord from one of the Gospels at home and to reflect quietly on it. Perhaps, you might spend some time there in prayer before the crucifix and recite this traditional prayer:

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

This Monday, March 19, 2018, is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnities of Lent, Saint Joseph Day and the Annunciation (March 25), displace the Lenten penance to celebrate these days with a certain festivity. Consider coming to Mass at 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM to honor great Saint Joseph on his feast. We turn to Saint Joseph to pray for the Church and for each of us to have the blessing of a happy death. Since the Solemnity of the Annunciation this year falls on Palm Sunday, it will be observed on Monday, April 9, the first free liturgical day after the Octave of Easter.

Basilica Spring Cleaning takes place this week. Everyone is welcome to help at any of the times listed below. If possible, please join us and bring a bucket and some rags with you.

Wednesday, March 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday, March 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Again, I encourage all our parishioners and visitors to go to the website, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>, and learn more about this year's Keys and Sword Event and to support it.

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

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, April 6, 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. Confe-
siones en inglés a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor*



Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes**. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313**. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.

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

NEXT CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

"With All Your Heart"
Morality and Conscience

Thursday, April 5, 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 RE 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 03/11/2018 was \$7,573.50.

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:

Pearl Hammond, Sam O'Connor, Robert Sierko, 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, 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, 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

Mar 20 Lenten Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11 AM
Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7 PM

Mar 21 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

Mar 22 Catholic Schoolhouse, Neumann Room 8:30 AM

CUARESMA, Tiempo de Conversión

El Santo Via Crucis en español

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma
en la Capilla a las 7:00 PM

Plato de Arroz de CRS

QUINTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA
UN ENCUENTRO CON ALEFA

Nos encontramos con Alefa en Malawi, donde las semillas están ayudando a su familia a sobrevivir un clima incierto. ¿Cómo puedes cuidar la creación de Dios esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita www.crsricebowl.org/es para más información.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 11:45 AM en la Capilla

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Abril 29, 2018— 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. También puede hablar con el Diacono Epifanio al terminar la Misa de 12:30 PM en español.

La Oficina Para Vocaciones Sacerdotales te invita a:

**Un día para la familia en el seminario San Carlos Borromeo
Domingo, 22 de abril del 2018, 11:30 AM a 5:30 PM**

¿Para quien? Hombres jóvenes hispanos en la escuela secundaria o la universidad, junto con sus familias.

Los participantes podrán recorrer los terrenos, jugar un partido de fútbol con los seminaristas, y asistir a las Vísperas en la tarde con la comunidad del seminario. Habrá música y mas. **Dirección:** 100 E. Wynnewood Rd. Wynnewood, PA

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

AGRADECE Y DIFUNDE

Si te cuesta trabajo conciliar el sueño esta noche, piensa que hay personas sin techo y sin una cama donde acostarse. Si estás atascado en medio del tráfico, no te enojés. Hay personas en el mundo para las cuales manejar es un privilegio prohibido. Si no te fue bien en el trabajo hoy, piensa en el hombre que ha estado sin trabajo hace ya un año. Si te sientes descorazonado por una relación rota, piensa en aquellas personas que nunca han sabido lo que es amar o ser amadas. Si te quejas porque se te acabaron las vacaciones, piensa en esa mujer de situación desesperada trabajando doce horas diarias y siete días a la semana para mantener a su familia. Si te quedas sin gasolina piensa en la persona parapléjica que daría lo que no tiene por poder caminar a la gasolinera. Si notas una cana al mirarte al espejo, piensa en la enferma de cáncer y con quimioterapia que quisiera tener su cabello de cualquier color que fuese. Si te sintieras perdido y preguntándote “¿cuál es el propósito de mi vida?” trata de ser agradecido. Hay muchos que no pudieron ser agradecidos por mucho tiempo, pues no tuvieron la oportunidad de una larga vida. Si fueses víctima de la amargura, la ignorancia, la bajeza o la inseguridad de otros, recuerda que eso también le pasó a Jesús. Disfruta hoy de una paz interior. Confía en que Dios te ha puesto en el lugar preciso que debes estar. Que no se te olviden las infinitas posibilidades que brotan de la fe. Permite que esa presencia se afine en tus huesos y dale a tu espíritu la libertad de cantar, bailar y recrearse bajo el sol. Agradece esos dones que has recibido y difunde el amor que se te ha concedido. Acepta que eres hijo o hija de Dios.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

“Debemos esforzarnos por mantener nuestro corazón abierto a los sufrimientos y desgracias de los demás, y orar continuamente para que Dios nos conceda ese espíritu de compasión, que es al fin un don de Dios”.

—San Vicente de Paúl (1580–1660), sacerdote francés, fundador religioso, servidor de los pobres

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CATHEDRAL PARISH PRAYER VIGILS

40 Days for Life

March 23



Will you give one hour of your day this **Lent** to be the hands and feet of Jesus on the sidewalk in front of one of these abortion centers?

We can assist women and men peacefully and prayerfully by interceding and offering them the hope and help they need in a critical time.

The Cathedral Parish will lead prayer vigils in front of Planned Parenthood on 12th and Locust on **Fri. March 23, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. To sign up for a 1 hour prayer vigil shift please contact Nora at the Parish Office: info@cathedralphila.org or 215-561-1313.

To learn more about this peaceful movement visit 40daysforlife.com/.

CSR RICE BOWL

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT— ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.



Lenten Gospel Reflections

Anyone interested in discussing the coming Sunday Gospel, is invited to meet each Tuesday in Lent, in the Neumann Room at 11:00 AM.

The Scripture for next Sunday, Palm Sunday, Mar. 25th, is the Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark. We find it in the following Chapter: 14: 1-15: 47. All are welcome.

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 April 13-15 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.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

Join us for YA Bible Study! March 23, 2018, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Location: The Pastoral Center (tall building behind the Basilica), address: 222 North 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).

LENT 2018

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• A Lent to Remember: Forgiven

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession. www.FORMED.org

• Sign up to receive daily Lenten reflections
formed.org/promo/len-2018

Jesus' Passion for Justice

Jesus was killed. This is one of those facts that everybody knows, but whose significance is often overlooked. He didn't simply die; he was executed.

We as Christians participate in the only major religious tradition whose founder was executed by established authority. And if we ask the historical question, "Why was he killed?" the historical answer is because he was a social prophet and movement initiator, a passionate advocate of God's justice, and radical critic of the domination system who had attracted a following. If Jesus had been only a mystic, healer and wisdom teacher, he almost certainly would not have been executed. Rather, he was killed because of his politics — because of this passion for God's justice.

Marcus Borg, The Heart of Christianity

How can I imitate Jesus' passion for justice today in my family and work situations?

Source: Draw Near to God Booklet by All Saints Press

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Philosophy Lecture

Topic: "Creation and Transcendence: Laudato Si's Challenge to the Technocratic Paradigm"

Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:00pm

Speaker: Mary Hirschfeld, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics and Theology in the Department of Humanities at Villanova University. Location: Vianney Auditorium, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. More info: Lecture description and more details at scs.edu/lectures

Is Yoga Just Exercise? An Evening of Reflection

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM

Learn the Catholic perspective on the use of yoga as a physical exercise. Learn to Discern: Is It Christian or New Age? Do you know the real purpose behind every yoga position? Do yoga instructors secretly proselytize? You will be surprised at the answers! Presenter: Susan Brinkmann. Location: McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, Malvern Retreat House. Cost: \$35.00 per person – dinner included. To register visit: www.malvernretreat.com/events/evening-reflection-sue-brinkman/ or call 610-644-0400.

Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10:30 AM

Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers; Mass will be followed by a reception. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. More info: Please RSVP: opdarch-philly.org



PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST MOVIE

In Theaters March 23

It is the story of two men. Luke, as a friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero's darkest, bleakest prison cell. But Nero is determined to rid Rome of Christians, and does not flinch from executing them in the grisliest ways possible. Before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another

book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

Bound in chains, Paul's struggle is internal. He has survived so much—floggings, shipwreck, starvation, stoning, hunger and thirst, cold and exposure—yet as he waits for his appointment with death, he is haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds. Alone in the dark, he wonders if he has been forgotten . . . and if he has the strength to finish well... **Cast:** Jim Caviezel, James Faulkner, Oliver Martinez, Joanne Whalley, John Lynch.

More info at paulmovie.com/

Showing at the AMC in Cherry Hill, Voorhees, Bensalem and more, ticket info: tickets.paulmovie.com

Cathedral Choir

Please visit our Cathedral website for information on our Choir Masses visit <http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

RECEIVE AND PASS IT ON

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in. Should you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't be angry. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard-of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for the last year. Should you despair over a relationship gone wrong, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved. Should you grieve the passing of another vacation, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, to feed her family. Should you run out of gas, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk to the service station. Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering "What is my purpose in life?" be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get that opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness, or insecurities, remember, this also happened to Jesus. Today may there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, and bask in the sun. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you accept that you are a child of God.

Living Stewardship Now

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the gift of God."

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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 on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

