



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 9, 2018



**“Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.”**

Mt 4:23

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sep 8, First Saturday,
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 Agnes Sweeney
5:15 Michael & Stephanie Smalyga

Sep 9, Twenty-Third Sunday in O.T.

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 James Wilson
11:00 Mr & Mrs Dominick Martini
12:30 Dacio Vila
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Sep 10, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Author Quici
12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Sep 11, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Alfonzo Altobelli
12:05 Thomas Sabol

**Sep 12, Wednesday, Weekday,
the Most Holy Name of Mary**

7:15 Michael Gorski
12:05 Mary Harvey

**Sep 13, Thursday, St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:15 Antonio Leone
12:05 Geraldine Tavares

**Sep 14, Friday,
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:15 Thomas Sabol
12:05 Kevin N. Murray

Sep 15, Saturday, Our Lady of Sorrows

12:05 Elisa Ionata
5:15 Michel Bygott

Sep 16, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O.T.

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 John & Adeline Maffei
11:00 George McElwee
12:30 Familia Colon
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Dear Parishioners,

“He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” These words conclude the Holy Gospel for today’s Mass. The Lord is ever ready to provide—sometimes in a miraculous way—for those who believe in him and turn to him for his help. We all have many petitions of prayer for ourselves and for others. The Lord is ready to help us. Let us take Jesus at his word. In addition to all the many personal needs you may wish to bring to the Lord, I ask you to make it a part of your daily prayer to include the intention for the renewed holiness of the members of the Church. We need to pray for one another to the Lord that we may be even more faithful to his Gospel.

This Friday, September 14, 2018, at the Cathedral Basilica, the Archdiocese is holding a Prayer Vigil for Reparation and Petition in the wake of the current scandal in the Church. We need to pray and to pray together. Please see the enclosed flyer for complete information. Everyone is encouraged to join in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament this Friday from 5:00 PM until Midnight. Spread the word and invite others to be a part of this Prayer Vigil.

This Saturday, September 15, 2018, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Cathedral Ambassador Program. Our committed Cathedral Ambassadors are the face of our Cathedral Parish to the many visitors and tourists from near and far who pass through our beautiful Basilica every day of the week. They welcome, they answer questions, give directions, provide tours and, most of all, they give witness in a wonderful way to the hospitality of Christ himself. I am so very grateful to all of our Cathedral Ambassadors—men and women from all over the Archdiocese—who have served us in the past and continue to serve in this wonderful work. I am also grateful to Nick and Louise Pascale who for many years coordinated our Cathedral Ambassadors, and to Martha Ortiz who is our current coordinator. Our Cathedral Ambassadors will be with us at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass next Saturday evening and then a celebration will follow.

Parents and guardians, if you have children of the age for the Sacrament of Confirmation (grade seven) and for the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist (grade two) and they are not yet enrolled in religious education, please contact Mrs. Patty Smith, our Coordinator of Religious Education at patty.smith@CathedralRE.org. The Cathedral Parish supports and encourages you as the primary teachers of the Faith in the formation of your children for the Sacraments.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION



The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality. A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session or email Nora at nmartin@archphila.org; provide your phone number, parish, and no. of people attending. **Next 2 sessions: Sept. 16 & Oct. 21 in the Basilica. Registration change for Sept. only: To register for the Sept. 16 Session please email Roxanne Nepomuceno at roxannenepo@gmail.com**



CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to: Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com
The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.

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

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.

THE CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

will begin on September 27, 2018, 7-8:30 PM

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, visit our Religious Education website, www.cathedralre.org/. For additional questions contact Patty Smith at patty.smith@CathedralRE.org or at 267-570-0074 (text messages acceptable).

Catholic Schoolhouse Chapter Mtg. • Sept. 13, 8:30 AM

A Homeschool Group that uses the Catholic Schoolhouse program in the Basilica. For information and to register Email EileenDAngelo@verizon.net

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 Sunday, 9/2/2018 will be posted on a future edition of the Parish Bulletin.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support to the Cathedral Parish.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

*Sergia Hernandez, Marcia Clark, Fruma Ludwig, John Cantwell, Jr., Jeffrey Press, Daniel Kilpatrick, Carol Snipes, Eileen & Herbert Luscomb, Teresa Mirabelli, Megan Marie Douthwright, Janice Holshin, Rose Rippe, Russell Heim, Karen Spadaccini, Pearl Hammond, Sam O'Connor, Robert Sierko, Mary W., 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, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David Shea, 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, Patricia Capone, Rosemary Lovett, Grace Teti, Nick Capozio, 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

- Sep 11** Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:00 PM
Legion of Mary Meeting, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Sep 12** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM
- Sep 14** Prayer Vigil, Basilica, 5 PM—Midnight
- Sep 15** 10th Anniversary Ambassador Mass & Dinner,
Basilica, 5:15 PM
- Sep 16** Hispanic Marian Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Vigilia de reparación y petición

Viernes, 14 de septiembre, 2018 5 PM—12 AM

Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

Invitamos a todos los católicos del área de Filadelfia a una noche de oración ante Jesús Sacramentado para implorar que derrame su Misericordia sobre su Iglesia en estos momentos de profunda crisis. Nos unimos para reparar por nuestros pecados y los de nuestros obispos y sacerdotes. Lo hacemos con la segura esperanza de que de la superabundante misericordia de Cristo vendrá la purificación, sanación y restauración de la santidad que tanto anhelamos.

5:00 PM – Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

7:00 PM – Hora Santa en reparación por los pecados

12:00 AM – Bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento

Celebración de las Vírgenes

Domingo, 16 de septiembre—1:30 PM en Chapel Hall

Durante la Misa de español de las 12:30pm estaremos celebrando a la Santísima Virgen patrona de Cuba, Venezuela, Panamá y Perú. Al terminar la Misa, los feligreses están invitados para un compartir en el salón de la Capilla. Aquellas personas que lo deseen pueden compartir un plato típico.

El Sacramento del Bautismo en español

Octubre 28, 2018— 1:30 PM. Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio después de la Misa para suscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a.

La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

Hacia el año 320 la Emperatriz Elena de Constantinopla encontró la Vera Cruz, la cruz en que murió Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Años después, el rey Cosroes II de Persia, en el 614 invadió y conquistó Jerusalén y se llevó la Cruz. Pero en el 628 el emperador Heraclio recuperó la Cruz y la llevó de nuevo a Jerusalén el 14 de septiembre de ese mismo año. Para ello se realizó una ceremonia en la que la Cruz fue llevada en persona por el emperador a través de la ciudad. Desde entonces, ese día quedó señalado en los calendarios litúrgicos como el de la Exaltación de la Vera Cruz.

Señal de victoria: Hay en el ambiente una especie de miedo a la Cruz, a la Cruz del Señor. Y es que han empezado a llamar cruces a todas las cosas desagradables que suceden en la vida, y no saben llevarlas con sentido de hijos de Dios, con visión sobrenatural (...). En la Pasión, la Cruz dejó de ser símbolo de castigo para convertirse en señal de victoria. La Cruz es el emblema del Redentor: *in quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra*: allí está nuestra salud, nuestra vida y nuestra resurrección.

La forja de la Cruz: Cada día un poco más —igual que al tallar una piedra o una madera—, hay que ir limando asperezas, quitando defectos de nuestra vida personal, con espíritu de penitencia, con pequeñas mortificaciones, que son de dos tipos: las activas —éas que buscamos, como florecitas que recogemos a lo largo del día—, y las pasivas, que vienen de fuera y nos cuesta aceptarlas. Luego, Jesucristo va poniendo lo que falta.

—¡Qué Crucifijo tan estupendo vas a ser, si respondes con generosidad, con alegría, del todo! -*Forja*, 403

Los verdaderos obstáculos que te separan de Cristo —la soberbia, la sensualidad...—, se superan con oración y penitencia. Y rezar y mortificarse es también ocuparse de los demás y olvidarse de sí mismo. Si vives así, verás cómo la mayor parte de los contratiempos que tienes, desaparecen.

Via Crucis, estación X, n. 4

Una conquista: Precisamente, esa admisión sobrenatural del dolor supone, al mismo tiempo, la mayor conquista. Jesús, muriendo en la Cruz, ha vencido la muerte; Dios saca, de la muerte, vida. La actitud de un hijo de Dios no es la de quien se resigna a su trágica desventura, es la satisfacción de quien pregusta ya la victoria. En nombre de ese amor victorioso de Cristo, los cristianos debemos lanzarnos por todos los caminos de la tierra, para ser sembradores de paz y de alegría con nuestra palabra y con nuestras obras. Hemos de luchar —lucha de paz— contra el mal, contra la injusticia, contra el pecado, para proclamar así que la actual condición humana no es la definitiva; que el amor de Dios, manifestado en el Corazón de Cristo, alcanzará el glorioso triunfo espiritual de los hombres. *Es Cristo que pasa*, 168

La alegría en la Cruz: Recordad las palabras de Cristo: si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo, lleve su cruz cada día y sígame... No temáis, sin embargo, porque el mismo Señor nos ha dicho: venid a mí todos los que andáis agobiados con trabajos, que yo os aliviaré. Tomad mi yugo sobre vosotros y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón, y hallaréis el reposo para vuestras almas; porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga ligera. Venid —glosa San Juan Crisóstomo—, no para rendir cuentas, sino para ser librados de vuestros pecados; venid, porque yo no tengo necesidad de la gloria que podáis procurarme: tengo necesidad de vuestra salvación... No temáis al oír hablar de yugo, porque es suave; no temáis si hablo de carga, porque es ligera. *Es Cristo que pasa*, 176

(Ver artículo completo en <https://opusdei.org/es-co>)

¡NO TENGAS MIEDO!

Como mantener la paz en tiempos de incertidumbre

Acompáñenos a una tarde de reflexión sobre cómo vivir con corazones tranquilos, incluso cuando todo lo que nos rodea parece que se está desmoronando.

Domingo, 28 de octubre del 2018 • 12:30 PM-3:00 PM
Santa Misa, charla, y almuerzo (gratis). **Presentador:** Padre Andrés Gutiérrez, Párroco, Parroquia San Martín de Porres, Cusco, Perú. **Ubicación:** En la Capilla de Catedral. **Registro:** Registro obligatorio: form.jotform.com/81953737335162
o llamando a 1 215-667-2820

OUR LADY'S SEVEN SORROWS, SEVEN PROMISES, AND FATIMA'S CONNECTION

(Continued)

Promises of Our Lady

“So much does the Crucified Lord desire humanity to ponder, along with His own saving Redemption, the coredemption of his Mother, that He has attached to the prayerful meditation of the seven principal historical events of Our Lady’s sufferings promises of grace and mercy that are nothing short of extraordinary and miraculous,” reveals Marian expert Mark Miravalle.

Our Blessed Mother revealed these seven promises to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century. Our Lady said she would bestow seven graces to the those souls honoring her daily by saying seven Hail Marys while meditating on her tears and sorrows:

1. “I will grant peace to their families.”
2. “They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries.”
3. “I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.”
4. “I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.”
5. “I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.”
6. “I will visibly help them at the moment of their death—they will see the face of their mother.”
7. “I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.”

Promises of Jesus

In The Glories of Mary, St. Alphonsus also lists the four promises Jesus made for those devoted to his Mother’s sorrows. Alphonsus recounts the revelation made to St. Elizabeth of Hungary “that after the assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven, St. John the Evangelist desired to see her again. The favor was granted him; his dear Mother appeared to him, and with her Jesus Christ also appeared; the St. then heard Mary ask her Son to grant some special grace to all those who are devoted to her dolors. Jesus promised her four principal ones:

First, that those who before death invoke the Divine Mother in the name of her sorrows should obtain true repentance of all their sins.

Second, that He would protect all who have this devotion in their tribulations, and that He would protect them especially at the hour of death.

Third, that He would impress upon their minds the remembrance of His Passion, and that they should have their reward for it in heaven.

Fourth, that He would commit such devout clients to the hands of Mary, with the power to dispose of them in whatever manner she might please, and to obtain for them all the graces she might desire.”

(Cont. on 9/16/18)



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

Bible Study Thur. 9/20 at 7:00 PM, in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (tall building behind the Cathedral, 222 N. 17th St).

Join us and Fr. Gill on an **afternoon of recollection** for Young Adults at 4 PM on **9/23**. We’ll start with a talk in the Neumann Room (behind the Basilica) followed by a Holy Hour and a light meal before the 6:30 PM Mass.

Sign up to receive most up-to-date information on our events please e-mail youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com or search for our Facebook page [@youngadultscathedral](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultscathedral)

HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD A Prayer Vigil of Reparation and Petition

Friday, September 14, 2018 • 5:00 PM - Midnight
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ’s super abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long.

5:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7:00 PM - Holy Hour of Reparation

12:00 AM - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Click here to view the flyer)

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please call the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

The Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Five Keys to Freedom: Unlocking the Power of the Gospel in Your Life

Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 7:00-9:00 PM

Come learn about the Five Keys of Unbound, a simple process of prayer that will help you unleash the liberating power of the Gospel into your life and find greater freedom.

Speaker: Meghan Cokeley, Director of Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA. [Click here](#) to view the flyer, RSVP here: <https://form.jotform.com/81516313735151>. For other dates/locations for this presentation, visit phillyevang.org/events

Do You Pray Like a Catholic?

Wednesdays, Sep. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018 from 7-9 PM

Are you interested in deepening your connection with God in prayer? Is your prayer time plagued by distractions and dryness? How do we discern God's voice in prayer? If you're asking yourself any of these questions, you may be interested in a 5-week course entitled "Pray Like a Catholic". The talks will be based on the four stages of prayer as taught by St.

Teresa of Avila. Speaker: [Susan Brinkmann](#), OCDS .

Location: St. Agnes Church, Sellersville, PA

More Information: Cost is \$35 per person, payable on the first night. Call/text Susan at 215-983-9701 to register.

AbbeyFest 2018

September 22, 2018, 1-9:30 PM

Join us for the 5th AbbeyFest -- the premier celebration of family, friends, and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the greater Philadelphia area. In addition to the music, there are hundreds of Christian vendors, food court, family and kid-friendly activities, Confession, prayer & healing teams, Mass, Adoration, and all ages experiencing the fullness of our faith while encountering Jesus.

Location: Daylesford Abbey, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301. Artists: Matt Maher, Building 429, 7eventh Time Down, Rhett Walker Band, OBB, Firehill Worship; Keynote Speaker: Oscar Rivera. To learn more: & purchase tickets visit <http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>

The Little Way of Spiritual Childhood

September 28-29, 2018

Attention all devotees of the Little Flower! In honor of the feast day of St. Therese, Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, will lead a Bed & Breakfast Retreat on the Little Way of Spiritual Childhood at Fatima House in Bedminster. Hosted by the Catholic Life Institute, the cost is \$85 per person and includes two conferences on the Little Way, overnight lodging, and breakfast. Commuter rate of \$40 covers two conferences and breakfast. Call/Text Terry at 610-223-4191 to register. Hurry!

Overnight lodging is limited to just 12 people.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

NO DISTINCTIONS

For the first three hundred years of the church's existence it was a persecuted underground movement. The Romans ruled all the lands around the Mediterranean and had little tolerance for anyone who would not sacrifice to their gods. The people attracted to Christ in these early years risked imprisonment, torture, and a grisly death; Saints Peter and Paul are good examples. Most new converts were poor people, even slaves. After the Emperor lifted the ban on Christianity in 313 A.D., the church expanded freely, gradually acquiring wealth and property and constructing new church buildings. People higher up the social ladder began to join, and the way people were treated in the church began to reflect the conventions of ordinary society. Kings, aristocrats, and the rich received respect, even awe. Hearing the reading from James' letter today, perhaps we should be embarrassed that we have still not moved entirely away from the desire to treat rich and powerful people in a different way from the poor and lowly. Could we really ask significant people in the Church or society to take their chances finding a seat at Mass along with everyone else? And yet, this is what today's second reading suggests. What would people learn from our example if they saw that in God's house all were united as one family? In many parishes, this is already happening and on the whole, differences of class and income take second place to the greater purpose for which people gather—to worship God. It is worth thinking about how we can make our Sunday Mass an occasion where everyone knows they belong, and where richness in faith rather than earthly status gives each person their worth and dignity.

Living Stewardship Now

“Each one according to their means should take care to be at one with everyone else, for the more one is united to their neighbor, the more they are united with God.”

—*Dorotheos of Gaza (505–565 A.D.), hermit*

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Prayer Campaign for the Supreme Court

Each Friday, from August 3 – September 28, 2018, all people of good will are urged to join each other in prayer that the upcoming change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. The USCCB Call to Prayer network will share prayers and educational resources and an invitation to fast on Fridays for this intention. Prayer materials are accessible [here](#) (online). If you would like to join this effort, sign up at www.usccb.org/pray.

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.

