The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 6, 2019

"Behold the sovereign Lord is come; in His hands He holds the kingdom, the power, and the empire."

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 5, Saturday, St. John Neumann, Bishop
12:05 Helen McGrody
5:15 Isabel Rusko

Jan. 6, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Mary Schilling
11:00 Jaclyn Mae Harbison
12:30 Epifanio de Jesus, Sr.
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Jan. 7, Monday, Christmas Weekday, St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
7:15 Edward Andrews
12:05 Juana Dumenigo

Jan. 8, Tuesday, Christmas Weekday
7:15 Edgar Rodgers, Jr.
12:05 Thomas N. O'Neill

Jan. 9, Wednesday, Christmas Weekday
7:15 Thomas R. Cunningham
12:05 Victoria Paqueriello

Jan. 10, Thursday, Christmas Weekday
7:15 Chico Guzman Family
12:05 Anthony Inverso

Jan. 11, Friday, Christmas Weekday
7:15 Norene Farrell
12:05 Julia Chimento

Jan. 12, Saturday, Christmas Weekday
12:05 Deborah Magnotta
5:15 Leone, Cuccariello Family

Jan. 13, The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Living & deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00 Donna Marushak
12:30 Pedro Benitez
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Three Kings arrive guided by the star to the manger with their gifts, with their adoration of Jesus. The Holy Gospel details that the Magi, after they adore their Savior and Redeemer, return to their country by another route. Our celebration of Christmas—especially if it was more than a holiday and was a real encounter with Christ come among us anew—fills us with praise and thanksgiving. We are so very grateful that Jesus takes on our humanity in all things but sin and shares with us his divinity. He gives us a most generous share of his grace. This gift of grace allows us to turn to Jesus with the gift of ourselves, with a new commitment to the Christian life, and a deeper desire to worship him in the Holy Eucharist. All these blessings of Christmas unite us with the Kings who were changed by their encounter with the Lord, so much so as to return to their country by a different way. So, may our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany change us so to return to life in this New Year by a different way as more faithful followers of the Lord.

Traditionally, the New Year is the occasion for making resolutions. Often times these resolutions focus on ourselves and wanting to improve our health and circumstances of life. May I suggest that among these well intended resolutions there might be some spiritual resolutions as well. Consider a decision to spend serious time in prayer each day, in the early morning and/or before retiring to bed. Daily Mass makes a fine resolution and is a sure way to focus on the Lord and his Word each day. Commit to a more regular practice of Confession. Pray the Holy Rosary more frequently. Read a book about a saint or one of the great spiritual classics like the Confessions of St. Augustine. Do something for the poor each month of the New Year. This is just a brief list of some spiritual resolutions, to which you could add many more personal suggestions. The New Year gives us the opportunity to be fit in mind, body and soul!

This Sunday evening, January 6, 2019, there will be a Holy Hour before our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Basilica, to pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood. This is a regional Holy Hour for the parishes in our area. Similar Holy Hours will be taking place all throughout the Archdiocese. We need good holy and faithful priests. This begins with helping men with our prayers to respond to the divine call to Holy Orders and to be like Christ, the Priest. Please join us for this Holy Hour. If this is not possible, then unite with us spiritually in your home and pray for the intention of vocations to the Holy Priesthood. This is a reminder to pray as well for our two parish seminarians, Michael Cieslak and Edward Town.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be for the winter maintenance needs of the Cathedral Basilica.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways, and especially this Christmas Time.

God bless you for the Epiphany of the Lord and the New Year!
Father Dennis Gill

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.

"Unique From Day One"

MARCH for LIFE

46th Annual March for Life

Friday, January 18, 2019
National Mall - 12th St. Washington, D.C.

Join us in Washington D.C. for the World's Largest Pro-Life Event, the March for Life! This year's theme is "Unique from Day One", and listen to speakers and performers such as Abby Johnson, Ben Shapiro, and the Sidewalk Prophets!

Location:
The March for Life Rally will take place at noon at 12th St. on the National Mall, in between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1:00 PM.
More information: http://marchforlife.org

Philadelphia - Washington Roundtrip

• Leaving from St. Francis Xavier Church, Philly, bus departs at 7:00 AM on Fri. Jan. 18. Fee: $35.00 includes a box lunch. For reservations contact Guy Vacca at 215-232-1335 as soon as possible.

• Leaving from St. Ignatius Parish in Yardley, PA Bus departs 8 AM from Church parking lot, returns 8 PM. No cost for this trip. To reserve a seat, contact Jeannie Ivcic at cicvi17@verizon.net or call rectory at 215-493-3377 ext 211 or lruppersberger@gmail.com.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

January 10, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

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 267.250.0074 (text messages acceptable).

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, God bless you.

GIVE TO GROW Together

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. Offertory collection for 12/23/2018 was $6,292.5 (1st), $1,017 (2nd). The collections for 12/30/2018 and Christmas will be posted in 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:
Beverly Martin, Evan C. Farrington, Darcel Burney, 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, Mary W., James Pinto, 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, 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 6 Legion of Mary Meeting, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 PM
Holy Hour for Vocations, Basilica, 5:30 PM
Jan 8 Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:30 PM
Jan 9 Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM
Jan 10 Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room, 7 PM
Jan 12 Archdiocesan Mass for Religious Education, Basilica, 10:30 AM
Children's Choir to sing at Mass, 5:15 PM
Jan 21-24 Cathedral to close at 2 PM (Chapel & Basilica)
Feb 2 Public Veneration of the Relic of St. John Vianney, Basilica, 2 PM approx. (details to come)

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Próximas Horas Santas

¡HOY! Hora Santa por las Vocaciones
Enero 6, 2019, 5:30 PM en la Basílica
Seguida por la Misa de a las 6:30 PM
www.heedthecall.org

Hora Santa por el Día Mundial de la Vida Consagrada
Febrero 2, 2019, 11:00 AM
Seguida por la Misa de a las 12:05 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Enero 27, 2019— 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.

Nuestra Señora del Encuentro Radio

Excelente estación de Radio Católica

Tiene como objetivo no solo informar, sino formar. No solo divertir, sino convertir. Establece no solo comunicación, sino comunión. Por eso huye de la banalidad, y apuesta por la educación en la sabiduría y la virtud. Entrega valores constructivos, aporta criterios de reflexión para vivir desde la fe y con esperanza la realidad actual.

¡Sintonizanos!
nseradio.com
www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

REGALOS REALES

En muchas partes del mundo el día de hoy se conoce como la fiesta de los Reyes Magos pues, como nos dice el evangelio de hoy, los reyes o magos vinieron a ver al Niño Jesús. El nombre que la Iglesia le da a este día, la Epifanía, proviene de una palabra griega que significa "revelación" o "hacer visible". En este relato escuchamos que quienes honraron al Niño Jesús no fue su propia gente—y ciertamente no el rey Herodes—sino extranjeros lejanos. El Evangelio de san Mateo nos cuenta su historia. No existen muchos detalles acerca de los magos, pero sí muchas leyendas piadosas por el correr de los siglos. Una versión moderna es la opereta *Amahl y los Visitantes Nocturnos*, que antes la ponían por televisión durante este tiempo del año. La esperanza de los judíos por siglos era que el Mesías, el Ungido de Dios, sería enviado al pueblo judío para salvarlo de sus pecados y librarlos de sus enemigos. Pero aquí vemos que Dios revela a su Hijo no sólo a los judíos sino también a los paganos, personas como nosotros que buscan al Salvador y que se alegran al reconocerlo. Estuvimos esperando al Salvador durante todo el Adviento, hemos celebrado el maravilloso regalo de su nacimiento en la Navidad y ahora, en este nuevo año civil, ¿con qué regalos corresponderemos? Las resoluciones de Año Nuevo incluyen a menudo hacer ejercicio físico para rebajar esas libras extras que ganamos durante las festividades y celebraciones. Todo eso es muy santo y muy bueno pero, ¿por qué no tomar la resolución de hacer algo extra por las personas que amamos y por la comunidad en que vivimos? Demuestra el amor de Dios que mueve tu corazón o, como dicen que dijo san Francisco de Asís: "Predica el evangelio siempre y, cuando sea necesario, usa las palabras".

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Regalos reales. . .
. . . para Dios: Ama a Dios, recibe los sacramentos, ora, estudia la palabra de Dios.
. . . para la Iglesia: Sirve en algún ministerio parroquial, contribuye al ofertorio, mantén las misiones.
. . . para la comunidad: Recicla, conserva los recursos naturales, ejerce tu derecho al voto.
. . . para la familia y amistades: Dedícale tiempo a los niños, mantén tu apertura, relájense juntos.
. . . para ti: Come alimentos buenos, haz ejercicio, desarrolla tus habilidades y ¡sé agradecido!

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Liturgical Music is the Song of the Supper of the Lamb:
A Workshop presented by Fr. Dennis Gill

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Liturgical Music has a different starting point than any other type of music. It is the song of Salvation, the Song of the Supper of the Lamb. The workshop will focus on how an authentic understanding of the Christian Mystery is the starting point for understanding the Church's norms for liturgical music. The workshop will also look at how liturgical music sings this mystery all throughout the Mass and thus become song that unites heaven and earth, becomes itself a form of worship and demands a participation that is at the time internal and external.

Location:
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium,
222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

More Information:
Free admission, all are welcome!
Parking available, use entrance on 17th St.

Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers

We want to share a standing invitation from a group of center city lawyers to join them each Wednesday morning from 8 to 9 am to read the scripture selections for the upcoming Sunday Mass, reflect on those passages and share a few moments of prayer together. This group meets in the Neumann Room directly behind the Basilica. For more information, feel free to reach out to Mike Broadhurst at 215-569-5438 or **Broadhurst@blankrome.com**

Local Life Saving Resources

♦ **Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia. 24/7 hotline: call or text 610-626-4006 www.prolifeunion.org.**
♦ **Community Women's Center 267-239-0753.** 1202 Locust St. 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19107. cwcamerica.org
♦ **Abortion pill reversal.** Dr. Monique Ruberu, OBgyn in Philadelphia 469-231-9084, abortionpillreversal.com/

YOUNG ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

UPCOMING HOLY HOURS

(TODAY) Holy Hour for Vocations
Sunday, January 6, 2019, 5:30 PM in the Basilica, Followed by 6:30 PM Mass
Sponsored by The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood Archdiocese of Philadelphia. www.heedthecall.org

World Day of Consecrated Life Holy Hour
Saturday, February 2, 2019, 11:00 AM
Followed by 12:05 PM Mass

ADVENT GIVING TREE 2018

Thank you for you're your generosity with those in need! Our Advent Giving Tree drive was a success! Lost of people received present this Christmas. With your help we were able to contribute to St. John's Hospice, St. Francis Inn, Women of Hope, The Holy Family Home which is run by the Little Sister's of the Poor, a toy drive for children, Guiding Star home for single pregnant women and their kids, and a couple of religious orders.

Gospel Reflection

Anyone who is interested in an hour of reflection on the coming Sunday Gospel, please feel free to join us on the last Tuesday of each month. We meet in the Neumann Room from 11:00 AM – Noon. **All are welcome.**
Sr. Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.

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!**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

On-line LIVE Support Group for Families/ Individuals Affected by Divorce/Separation

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us weekly every Tuesday for a LIVE support group for families or individuals that are affected by divorce and separation. Location: On-line via Laptop or Call-in with Phone Speakers: Presented by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith. Prayer, Reflection, Sharing in a Safe Setting. Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. To Learn More/Sign Up: Email director.srnf@gmail.com. and type SUPPORT in the title to receive sign-in link. Call/Text 215-870-9913 for more information. www.nonnatus.org

Marian Consecration for healing in our Church during this time of crisis

January 9th-February 11, 2019. Beginning January 9, we will individually be reading Father Michael Gaitley's book, 33 Days to Morning Glory. We will gather on February 11th at St. Pius X Church in Broomall, PA for the 8:00 a.m. Mass to meet for our final consecration, at the end of Mass. Location: Feb. 11th 8:00 AM Mass at St. Pius X Church; 204 Lawrence Road Broomall, PA. More info: Contact Sarah Albanese at sarah.albanese@gmail.com

A Day of Healing with You are Made New Ministry

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9 AM - 8 PM

Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self-criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community-building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits - of body, mind, and emotion – in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. Facilitators: De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. Location: Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford PA. Learn more & Register: https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/

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

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. This presentation is for everyone. It can be especially helpful for situations such as: relationship problems, habitual sin, chronic anger, fear, sadness, or other areas of life where you feel "stuck" and unable to move forward. **Speaker:** Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization & Archdiocesan Unbound Ministry, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This free presentation is 2 hours including a break and time for Q&A. **It will be offered at the following times/locations: Sun, Feb 24, 2-4 PM**, Our Lady of Peace, Milmont Park. **March 12, 7-9 PM** Visitation BVM, Norristown. **More information and to RSVP visit** phillyevang.org/events/

Archdiocesan Events

Office for the New Evangelization Monthly Newsletter:
www.phillyevang.org/newsletter/

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

KINGLY GIFTS

This day in many parts of the world is called Three Kings Day because of today's Gospel reading about the visit of the three kings or magi to see the child Jesus. The church's name for the day, Epiphany, is based on a Greek word that means "to reveal" or "make visible." Here, the child Jesus is honored not by his own people—and certainly not King Herod—but by strangers from afar. Only Matthew's Gospel tells their story. There are not many details about the magi, but pious legends have built up around them over the centuries. A modern version is the operetta *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, which used to be seen on television at this time of year. The Jewish hope for centuries had been that a Messiah, God's Anointed One, would be sent to the Jewish people to save them from their sins and deliver them from their enemies. But here we see that God reveals the Son not just to the Jews but to the Gentiles, people like us who are also seeking a Savior, one whom they recognize with joy. We have expected the Savior all through Advent; we have celebrated the wonderful gift of his birth during Christmas; and now, in this new calendar year, what gifts will we present to him in return? New Year's resolutions often include a decision to work off all those the extra pounds that we have gained from all our feasting and celebrating. That is all well and good as far as it goes, but why not resolve to do something extra for those you love and something more for the community in which you live? Show the love of God that is at work in your heart, or as Saint Francis of Assisi is thought to have said, "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

Living Stewardship Now

Kingly gifts . . .

. . . for God: Love God, receive the sacraments, pray, study God's word.

. . . for the Church: Serve in a parish ministry, contribute to the offertory, support the missions.

. . . for your community: Recycle, conserve natural resources, vote.

. . . for family and friends: Make time for children, keep an open door, relax together.

. . . for yourself: Eat good food, exercise, develop your abilities, and be thankful!

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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.