

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

*“John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”*

Lk 3:16



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Jan. 14, Monday, Weekday, 1st week in ordinary time

7:15 Edward McAvoy
12:05 Deb Ward

Jan. 15, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Stephen Ledva, Sr
12:05 Intention of Erica Bonser

Jan. 16, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Arnold Quici
12:05 Helen Conboy

Jan. 17, Thursday, St. Anthony, Abbot

7:15 Andrew Zipfel
12:05 Helen Conboy

Jan. 18, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Neil McDermott
12:05 Richard A. Poplaski, Sr

Jan. 19, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Michele Lipton
5:15 Martha Schilling

Jan. 20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Sr. Catherine Carroll
11:00 Stuart Murray
12:30 Sonia Lopatynskyj
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the liturgical conclusion to Christmas Time. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River continues the Epiphany revelation of the Lord as our Savior and Redeemer. The optional Collect for Mass this Sunday states: “Grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.” The Epiphany and Baptism of Christ present to us anew the one who shares our humanity and shares with us his divinity. This marvelous exchange again gives us the hope and grace that we can truly be like Christ in all things. To be like Christ is our Christian duty. This is how we worship God with our lives and join the Lord in his saving and redeeming work in our own time. Let us pray that we may be so transformed by our celebration of the Christmas mysteries.

The celebrations of Christmas here at the Cathedral Basilica these past several weeks have been very beautiful and spiritually uplifting. The highpoint of our celebrations were the Solemnities of Christmas and the Epiphany. I am very grateful to our clergy, staff and volunteers who contributed so much to prepare for the Christmas holy days. I am especially grateful to all of our liturgical ministers who are generous with their time year round, and even more so for the Masses of Christmas Time. I thank all of our parishioners and visitors who were so generous in your response to the offertory collections for Christmas Time. These collections represent a significant offering on your part and a tremendous gift to the operational needs of the Cathedral Parish. Once again, many parishioners generously assisted with their donations for the Christmas decorations and flowers. Thank you very much! Masses were offered for those intentions included in the Christmas Remembrance envelopes. These Masses are a reminder of how important it is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the living and deceased year round. Most of all, we praise Almighty God who gives us each year the privilege of celebrating the Birth of his Divine Son.

This Friday, January 18, 2019, the annual March for Life will take place in Washington, DC, to proclaim the sacredness of human life from the first moment of conception, and to insist on the legal end to abortion. Join us spiritually for this intention with your prayers, by attending Mass on Friday, and by praying the Holy Rosary. The Holy Rosary will follow the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses this Friday.

This Friday also begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18—January 25), with the theme: “Justice and only justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16: 18-20). Please keep this intention in your prayers as we pray for Christian unity at the Masses throughout this week.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be the national collection for Catholic Relief Services. 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

UPCOMING HOLY HOURS

(TODAY) Monthly Holy Hour in Reparation

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 5:30 PM in the Basilica,
Followed by 6:30 PM Mass

First Friday Holy Hour

February 1, 2019, 12:35 PM in the Chapel
It follows the 12:05 PM Mass

World Day of Consecrated Life Holy Hour

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 11:00 AM in the Chapel
Followed by 12:05 PM Mass

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage
January 14—22, 2019



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., encourages the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray with the Bishops of the United States to end abortion.

On January 22, 2019, our nation marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Since that date 60 plus million children's lives have been lost to abortion. *Our prayers and sacrifices make a difference, and do make a tremendous difference in the face of the culture of death with our real hope for a culture of life.*

Information on the "9 Days for Life" is posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at www.9daysforlife.com. On this site you will find the prayers, programmatic and promotional resources to encourage this nationwide prayer effort.

The centerpiece of this prayer effort is a simple, novena with different intercessions, brief reflections and suggested acts of reparation that can be received directly each day through a variety of electronic forms. The "9 Days for Life" allows for a wide number of ways for people of all ages and circumstances to participate. The novena of prayer also spans the *March for Life* and can be a way to participate spiritually with the thousands of pilgrims from the Archdiocese who will travel to Washington, DC, on January 18, 2019.

Please use every electronic means available to promote the "9 Days for Life."

Plenary Indulgence for Those Participating in the 2019 March for Life

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has made available a *Plenary Indulgence* to those who participate in the events surrounding the *March for Life* on the 17th and 18th of January, 2019, in the Diocese of Arlington and the Archdiocese of Washington.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes an Indulgence in this way (article 1471):

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

This *Plenary Indulgence* may be obtained by participating in the events of the *2019 March for Life* and by fulfilling the usual three conditions: sacramental Confession, the reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. Those who would like to obtain the gift of the Indulgence should be truly penitential and, motivated by charity, can apply it to the souls in Purgatory.

The aged, the sick and those who truly cannot leave home to participate in the *2019 March for Life* can also obtain the *Plenary Indulgence*. In this case, it is also necessary to be detached from any kind of sin with the intention of fulfilling the three conditions as soon as possible. Also, it is necessary to be spiritually united to the events of the *2019 March for Life* and make an offering of any infirmity to Almighty God.

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. The offertory collection for Christmas 12/24-25 was \$30,233.00. The offertory collection for 12/30/2018 was \$5,370.5 (1st), \$1,054 (2nd) and for 1/6/2019 was \$5,499.5(1st), \$1,261 (2nd). ***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:

*Dolores Bearden, Michael Piotrowski, 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, 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 13** Legion of Mary Meeting, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 PM
Holy Hour for Vocations, Basilica, 5:30 PM
- Jan 15** Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:30 PM
- Jan 16** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM
- Jan 17** Homeschool Class, NR & CH, 8:30AM
[Must register to participate.](#)
Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Jan 21** **The Basilica & Parish Office closed.**
Chapel to close at 2 PM.
- Jan 22-24** **Basilica & Chapel to close at 2 PM**
- Jan 25** Young Adult Bible Study, APC, 7 PM
- Jan 27** Baptisms in Spanish, Basilica, 1:30 PM
- Feb 2** Public Veneration of the Relic of St. John Vianney, Basilica, 2 PM approx. (details to come)

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Próxima Hora Santa

¡Hoy! Hora Santa por la Vocaciones
Enero 13, 2019, 5:30-6:30PM

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.**

9 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

Enero 14 al 22, 2019 (**¡empieza mañana!**)

Nuestro Arzobispo, Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, nos anima a unirnos en oración con los obispos de la Conferencia Episcopal para lograr la abolición del aborto. El 22 de enero es el aniversario de el desastroso veredicto del caso Roe contra Wade de la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos en la que legalizaron el aborto; desde esa fecha **mas de 30 millones de bebés han sido destrozados en los vientres de sus madres.**

Con nuestras oraciones y sacrificios podemos lograr un gran cambio ante la cultura de la muerte, con esperanza de establecer una cultura de la vida.

Te animamos a que te unas a nosotros en oración durante estos nueve días, puedes hacerlo a tu modo o visitar esta pagina que contiene oraciones: 9daysforlife.com

Indulgencia Plenaria

El Papa Francisco ha concedido una [indulgencia plenaria](#) a aquellas personas que participen en la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC el 17 y 18 de Enero, 2019.

Nuestra Señora del Encuentro Radio

Excelente estación de Radio Católica

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 Viva 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!

Jesus' Disciples for Today

As we start a new year and hear the Life of Jesus, recorded by the Evangelist St. Luke, why not take an imaginary trip to the Jordan River in the Holy Land, and see, how 2000 + years ago, the people tried to learn about the longed for Messiah. As we sit quietly on the riverbank, behind reeds, and other tall grasses, we see many curious and inquiring people yearning for the one promised by God. They believed what was told them by the Prophets recorded in the Hebrew Scrolls and in the psalms regularly sung and chanted in local Synagogues. On this particular day we hear the familiar and authoritative voice of a man called John the Baptist. He is crying out the need of all to repent. John is aware that the Christ, the Anointed Son of God, is soon to approach him for Baptism. John's message is a hard one, for he sees how far removed by sin, we/they are from the holiness to which God is calling all humankind. His message is harsh but they know he speaks truth; in fact, some think he is the Messiah, but he clearly dispels this erroneous idea, not being worthy "to untie His sandals".

The moment arrives and Jesus asks his cousin John to baptize Him. Why so? In wonderment, John conforms, but knows it is not out of Jesus' need for forgiveness, but because it is needed by all of us, His followers. Jesus is formally confirmed by the voice of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit as the Beloved Son of God. He is setting the example, blessing the waters of the Jordan, and helping those wanting to take the next step forward as His followers. We today, many as infants, through the faith of our parents, were taken to the waters of Baptism and put on our way as His followers. The next step would be our Confirmation by the Holy Spirit and then culminated in the reception of the Holy Eucharist. These Sacraments of Initiation put us in touch with Our Divine Lord; such encounters strengthen us in taking on the challenges of Discipleship. As we follow the Savior in the early days of his public life, we find him in the desert for 40 days of prayer and fasting, then He moves on to be with the humble people of Galilee. Here we find Jesus going to the synagogue of Nazareth where he spent His childhood, and is handed a scroll to proclaim, one written by Isaiah. The prophet's words of bringing liberty to captives, sight to the blind, etc. confirm for all, that this local young man is on a mission and is soon seen carrying it out. His Divinity is beginning to shine forth.

Perhaps today, Jesus is speaking to us, about holding others hostage by our own behaviors. He may be inviting us to find within those deep prejudices, ancient grudges, unfair biases, lingering hateful memories an opportunity of letting them go. Not only do we free the other, but also open our own hearts to His peace, and to offer loving kindnesses instead. This desire to be like Him, to radical transformation and conversion, is a grace. When we pay attention to it and ask God's help, we might actually sense God's holy presence lifting us up figuratively. This is a gift, but one God would have us receive if we are serious about living in likeness to Jesus. Can He count on you to be His disciple for this day and age?

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Eleanor McCann, RSM

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

January 17, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

The Sacrament of Matrimony

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).

YOUNG ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL



Join us for Bible Study on Jan. 25th 7-8PM in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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)

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 becomes 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.



Congratulations to the newest members of our Cathedral Parish who were baptized on January 6, 2019:

**Pascal Robustiano Costas
Joseph George Melillo, Jr.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



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. **Upcoming Baptisms:** Feb. 3, Mar 3, Apr. 7.

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 names of people attending.

Next 3 sessions: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, in the Basilica, 12:30 to 1:30 PM.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAN UP PHILLY 2019 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 9, 2019, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Now in its 11th year Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Location: Neumann University Mirenda Center 1
Neumann Way, Aston PA 19014

Speakers include: Eagle star Ron Jaworski, Matthew Kelly, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior

For more information or to register visit our website - www.manupphilly.com

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

APOSTLES OF THE GOOD NEWS

The baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John, may seem odd to us. Here are all the people lining up who have responded to John's call to repent and be baptized and who are then urged by him to go and live good lives. Here also is Jesus, quietly waiting his turn, and we wonder: Why does the Savior of the world need baptism? This, as we might expect, is not to be a simple baptism of water. As John the Baptist had foretold, the heavens open and power pours down upon Jesus from the Holy Spirit. He is revealed as the Beloved Son, the one Saint Paul later described as the one "who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). After he was raised from the dead and before his ascension into heaven, Jesus appeared to his *disciples*, or followers. He reminded them that John had baptized with water, but that they "in a few days . . . will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). At Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit fills his followers. They become his *apostles*, the ones sent forth, and begin to take the Good News of the Savior out into the world—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching—all in his name. We too are disciples, always learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but we are also his apostles in the world today. In the words of the great Saint Teresa of Ávila:

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion
on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world.

Living Stewardship Now

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is." —Saint Athanasius . . . 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.