

## Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2019

*“From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.”*

*Mt 17:5*



### Mass Intentions for the Week



#### Mar. 16, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Thomas J. Gibbons, Jr.  
5:15 Isabel Rusko

#### Mar. 17, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Thomas Woltjen  
11:00 Consuelo Ruiz  
12:30 Clemente y Catalina Carrera  
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

#### Mar. 18, Monday, Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:15 Sarah Michalczyk  
12:05 Frances M. Rudderow

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

7:15 Patrick Collins  
12:05 Patricia J. Schipani

#### Mar. 20, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Hellen Nelson  
12:05 Lana H. Crawford

#### Mar. 21, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Kathy Shore  
12:05 John T. Paul

#### Mar. 22, Friday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Marie Petrosina  
12:05 Genevieve Burns

#### Mar. 23, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Anthony Cappiali  
5:15 Robert G. Flamer

#### Mar. 24, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 William Zsembik  
11:00 Eugene Ceppetelli  
12:30 Maria Mirandal  
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

*This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent!* We hear in the Gospel the event of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray. As Jesus was at prayer, his appearance changed. The Apostles were given the great privilege of seeing the Lord in glory. This was an experience of great encouragement for the Apostles. They had been following the Lord, listening to his word and trusting he was the Savior. They heard him predict the necessity of his own death for them and for the salvation of all. They desired to persevere in their fidelity to the call to be his disciples. The Transfiguration, as much as it was a promise of hope for the Apostles, is the same for us as Lent continues. We too want to be faithful as disciples and persevere, especially on our Lenten path to deeper conversion from sin to a more vibrant grace-filled Christian life. The Transfiguration is he promise that the Lord will provide all that we need to be faithful to him now and have the promise of sharing his glory forever. Be encouraged! Persevere with your Lenten resolutions! Repent and believe in the Gospel!

*There is a small group among us that gives additional meaning to the way we observe Lent. This group is our parish Elect.* These men and women were *elected* for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist by Archbishop Chaput this past First Sunday of Lent. *Election* means that they have completed a period of catechetical formation for the reception of the Sacraments. They know what the Christian life is about and have a better understanding of the Sacraments. Now, they enter a period of purification and enlightenment with Lent to be spiritually prepared to be fully initiated with the Easter Sacraments at the Solemn Paschal Vigil on Easter night. As they prepare to be baptized they inspire those of us already baptized to be renewed in our baptismal integrity, to live as Christ intends for us, repenting of sin and following after him according to this word. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, the *Elect* participate in the *Scrutinies*. These are penitential rites to help them uncover in themselves what still needs to be healed so they are free from any impediment to Baptism. These *Scrutinies* will take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass. The *Elect* pass through the *Scrutinies* to prepare for Easter. The baptized encounter the forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. Please pray for our *Elect*. Greet them when you see them at Mass.

*Tuesday, March 19, 2019, is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Saint Joseph is also the patron of the Universal Church and our intercessor for a happy death. On Saint Joseph's Day, consider joining us for the 7:15 AM or the 12:05 Mass.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be directed to the projects for evangelization in the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish and the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you!  
Father Dennis Gill

Young Adults at the Cathedral Present

**Altar Crawl**  
**WEEKLY MASS & HOLY HOUR**

March 11th, 19th, 26th, April 10th & 16th  
6:30 PM in the Basilica



The **Young Adults at the Cathedral** invite you to join us for a Lenten Altar Crawl! We will celebrate Mass at 6:30 PM at a different altar in the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul. Immediately following Mass, there will be a Holy Hour with benediction concluding the night at 8 PM.

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.  
Free parking in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral  
Enter via the side entrance to the Chapel

Join the Cathedral Parish in the celebration of  
Mass in the Extraordinary Form



*The Solemnity of*  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*

Monday, March 25, 2019  
7:00 PM in the Basilica

Celebrant: Fr. Kenneth Brabazon

Free parking in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral

**Lenten Gospel Reflection—Every Tuesday of Lent**

**Meeting: Tuesday, March 19th, 2019, 11:00 AM**  
**in the Neumann Room**



We will reflect on the 3rd Sunday  
of Lent, March 24, Luke 13: 1-9  
God desires and waits for us to bear  
good fruit.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS**

March 21, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

**The Eighth Commandment**  
**Call to Holiness**

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/](http://www.cathedralre.org/). For additional questions contact Patty Smith at [patty.smith@CathedralRE.org](mailto:patty.smith@CathedralRE.org) or at 267.250.0074 (text messages acceptable).



**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.

**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 3/10/2019 was \$5,629 (1st), \$805 (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:**  
Phoenix McFetridge, Laura Bernal, Sophie Monterosso, Ryley Nazario, Terry Dynako, Dave Dynako, Greg Lund, Corbin M. Schindler, John McGrath, Mary Remshard, Paige Bednarsky, Ted Johnston, 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, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David Shea, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, 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 17** Legion of Mary Meeting, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 PM
- Mar 19** **Gospel Reflection**, Neumann Room, 11 AM  
Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2-3:30 PM  
**Evening Mass & Holy Hour**, Basilica, 6:30-8 PM
- Mar 20** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM  
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6PM
- Mar 21** Catholic Schoolhouse Meeting, Neumann Room, 8:30 AM (must register to attend)  
Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Mar 22** **Stations of the Cross**, Chapel, 12:35 PM (Eng) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- Mar 23** Cultural Heritage Mass, Basilica, 2:30 PM

## EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

### Grupo de Oración

**Domingo, 24 de marzo de 2019, 1:50 a 2:50 PM**  
Lo invitamos a participar en el grupo de oración!  
Todos son bienvenidos. Lugar: Neumann Room

### “Mantener mi fe católica en un ambiente hostil”

**Domingo, 31 de marzo, 2019 a la 1:40 PM,**  
**en el salón de la Capilla (Chapel Hall)**  
Mantener mi fe católica en un ambiente hostil.  
Mas detalles en una próxima edición de boletín.

### Celebración Anual en honor a las personas con discapacidades, el apostolado para sordos, y sus cuidadores Santa Misa

**Sábado, 30 de marzo del 2019, 10:30 AM**  
Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo  
Celebrante y homilista:

Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Organizado por la Oficina para Personas con Discapacidades y Apostolado para Sordos

*¡En esta cuaresma decídate a ofrecer sacrificios por  
Aquel que murió por ti!*

### Vigilia Parroquial ProVida—40 Días por la Vida

Ofrece una hora de tu tiempo para orar pacíficamente y salvar vidas en frente de un centro abortista. El 11 de abril la vigilia parroquial de la Catedral será al frente de “Planned Parenthood” en 1144 [Locust St. Philadelphia, PA 19107](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1144+Locust+St,+Philadelphia,+PA+19107) (12th & Locust) de 8:00 AM a 5:00 PM.

Para averiguar mas detalles y para registrarte por favor llama a Nora a la oficina parroquial al 215-361-1313, o enviándole un correo electrónico a [nmartin@archphila.org](mailto:nmartin@archphila.org). Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo.

### El Santo Viacrucis en español

Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma, 7PM en la Capilla

## EL FIN DE LA CUARESMA



*“El fin de la Cuaresma es profundizar hasta llegar a captar la negrura del pecar. El pecar es negro, es hórrido, es tiniebla. Dios es luz y la tiniebla roba campo a la luz. Pecar es ser ladrón de luz, es decir, ser ladrón de Dios. Dios es luz, pero vital, tiene vida, tiene latir, tiene hipersensibilidad por ello siente hasta lo más hondo cuando le roban de su campo y llora.*

*El llorar de Dios es la expresión gráfica del dolor íntimo del amor cuando le roba el pecado lo que es suyo. El infierno es lo robado a Dios, lo substraído a Dios, el sitio de lo robado a Dios.*

*Dios es luz y cuanto sale de Él es luz; le pertenece; no es insensible a su pérdida. El pecado es cruel latrocinio a la luz que hace llorar a Dios. Por eso Jesús lloró y lloró con frecuencia porque se encarnó en un mundo donde a cualquier parte a donde volvía los ojos encontraba latrocinio de Dios, despojo de Dios...”*

*“Cristo sorbió odio y elaboró amor; recibió odio y lo convirtió en amor; le dimos muerte y nos dio vida sacada de esa muerte que le dimos.*

*La cruz es el laboratorio en el que con el odio se elabora amor. Milagro sin precedentes.*

*Desde ya, desde ahora, desde el día feliz del Calvario “todas las cosas (el dolor, la muerte, por más odio que el demonio meta en el mundo) colaboran al bien (= al éxito, al fruto, al amor, a hacer Dios, resurrección, vida) en aquellos que aceptan la cruz” (Rm 8, 28).*

*¡Oh poder infinito de la sabiduría insondable de Dios puesta en acción por la inmensidad de su amor! “¿Dónde está muerte tu poder?”. No se ve por ningún lado. “¿Por qué buscáis entre los muertos al que vive?” Jesús, el muerto, el crucificado, no está aquí; resucitó. Para mí tampoco ya la muerte existe. Porque mi morir diario (en mis enfermedades, debilidades, pasiones, dolores, dificultades...) al ser aceptado en obediencia humilde a Dios queda convertido en resurrección.”*

Padre Rodrigo Molina (+2002)

## Videos

Como hacer una buena confesión:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge8n-4uPquE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge8n-4uPquE)

Mensajes de Luz—P. Rodrigo Molina

[youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-F96SgHIT9Vrb-swqmt3UdnYY9IQNAYI](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-F96SgHIT9Vrb-swqmt3UdnYY9IQNAYI)

El Evangelio Comentado (homilía diaria)

[nsetv.com/liturgia/el-evangelio-comentado](https://nsetv.com/liturgia/el-evangelio-comentado)

## To Love Fasting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our journey through Lent, I would like to reflect with you upon one of the key practices of this time: fasting. St. Benedict, who wrote his rule as “a father who loves you; ... who lays down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome,” in his chapter on the Tools of Good Works, says that the monk is to “love fasting.” Monks are to love fasting as a tool of good work because fasting, if done properly, will bring us to a point of vulnerability, openness to our weaknesses and openness to God. This practice helps us to laugh at ourselves because we come face-to-face with reality. Fasting helps us to recognize our dependence on God and is a practice that all Christians are to take up often, not just during Lent, as the earliest Church can teach us.

To understand the practice of fasting which stems from the earliest days of the Church, we look to the writings of the *Didache* (Doctrine of the Twelve Apostles), one of our earliest written catechisms. It tells us in Chapter 8: On fasting and praying, “And let not your fastings be with the hypocrites, for they fast on the second [Tuesday] and the fifth day of the week [Thursday]; but do you keep your fast on the fourth [Wednesday] and on the preparation day [Friday].” Additionally, if we want to understand what this fasting of the early Church looked like, it has been argued that we should look to the practices of Muslims during Ramadan.<sup>1</sup>

What does this mean for us today when the current prescriptions for fasting are as follows, “When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.”<sup>2</sup> For me, this is weak sauce, because it is the bare minimum that we should be doing. That being said, one should not just jump into a full day of fasting without consulting a priest as a spiritual guide, lest we fall into spiritual pride and use this as an opportunity to show off. Also, health considerations need to be considered, consult your doctor.

So, here’s some advice that was given to me to help begin entering into this holy practice:

1. Begin the practice by setting a reasonable timeframe: 12 hour fast, 18 hour fast. Work your way up to longer time periods. Because we tend to eat three full meals, we need to give our bodies time to adjust. (i.e. Dinner at 6 PM and don’t eat until 12 Noon the next day = 18 hrs.)
2. Practice throughout the year, except on Solemnities, and you can dive deeper in Lent.
3. If you want to engage in a bread and water fast throughout the day, don’t do it on Wonder bread, get something nourishing: i.e. Ezekiel 4:9.<sup>3</sup>
4. The purpose is not a diet: intermittent fasting is becoming a new fad (they finally caught up to the Church). The purpose is to get to know God better: read Scripture and be nourished by God in the Eucharist; the health benefits will naturally follow these.

Fr. Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B.

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## Archdiocesan Cultural Heritage Mass 2019 March 23, 2019, 2:00 PM Procession and 2:30 PM Mass

Principal celebrant and homilist:  
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Many cultures join in one faith to create  
one family in Christ! All are welcome

Location: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul,  
Philadelphia, PA

## Experience Great Music in the Cathedral All Catholic Chorus Concert



Sunday, March 31, 2019  
3:00 PM in the Basilica



Tickets available at the door and online:  
[cathedralphilaconcerts.ticketleap.com](http://cathedralphilaconcerts.ticketleap.com)  
Complimentary Parking, use entrance on 17th St.

## The Cathedral Parish is participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read

The Cathedral Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help – please click here to learn more. Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. **The survey can be accessed at [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) from February 16<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

## Parish Greeters

Please consider a much-needed service to your Cathedral Parish Community, that of helping with Hospitality at one of the Masses each week-end. In some cases, we are pairing folks who are taking turns at one of the entrances, every other week.

When you greet people and hand them worship aids or bulletins, you make it clear that each person counts...Who knows, Jesus may be coming in the door: do we recognize him?



<sup>1</sup> See <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/to-love-fasting/> for a deeper discussion on this point (links contained within including: <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/didache.html> for the Didache)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.medjugorje.org/sebreadrecipe.htm>

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## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Roman Catholic 7th Grade Visitation Day

Roman Catholic H.S invites prospective students for the Class of 2024 to visit the school on Wednesday, **March 20th** for 7th Grade Visitation Day. Questions? (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail [admissions@romancatholichs.com](mailto:admissions@romancatholichs.com).



### Innovations in Women's HealthCare

-A seminar on the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY-  
Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 11AM -1PM

This seminar will shed light on the great work being done in building a culture of life in women's healthcare using the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTECHNOLOGY. It will help couples struggling with infertility (and contemplating IVF), it will help couples who want effective and morally acceptable methods of family planning, and women struggling with various gynecologic issues such as repetitive miscarriage, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), endometriosis, post-partum depression, premenopause, etc. **Speaker:** Dr Monique Ruberu. **Location:** Saint Maron Maronite Church, 1013 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. **To learn more:** [www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/events.html](http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/events.html)

### A Balanced Life

**Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

Presenter: Mr. Erick Pezoa, Cathedral Parishioner and Ap- pian Developer at AmeriHealth Caritas. In this talk, Erik will speak about how to balance FAITH, family, community building, profession, physical health, and mental health. Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307. Light refreshments provided by Legion of Mary of the Cathedral

**The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers**

**March 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM—Cathedral Basilica**

Principal Celebrant:

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap

### Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### GOD SUPPORTS THE CALLED

Many years ago, the story goes, a mother wanted to encourage her young son's progress in learning the piano. She took him to a concert featuring the renowned Polish pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski. Once seated, the mother spotted a friend and went over to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the concert hall, the little boy wandered away from his seat, and finding a door labeled "No Admittance," he pushed it open. As the house lights dimmed, the mother returned to her seat and discovered her son was missing. Suddenly the stage curtains parted, and in the spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage, the horrified mother saw the little boy sitting at the keyboard innocently picking out, note by note, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great Paderewski made his entrance onto the stage. He quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't stop. Keep playing!" Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. He reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato with his right hand. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed an unexpected situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized. That is the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly worth noting. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful, flowing music. Yet with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. When you commit yourself to living the life of a disciple, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master whispering in your ear, "Don't stop. Keep playing." Feel God's loving arms around you. Know that God's strong hands are playing the concerto of your life.

### Living Stewardship Now

Make a list of what you feel are your God-given skills and talents, small or large. Ask someone you know and trust to check out your list and make any changes they feel are necessary. What did you learn about yourself?

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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.