

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 24, 2019

*“Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Mt 4:17



Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Mar. 25, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:15 Harrison Garolek
12:05 Eyvi Scheving

Mar. 26, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Milan Lazorcik
12:05 William Chin

Mar. 27, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Ann McDermott Smith
12:05 Josephine Sacco

Mar. 28, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Albert Joseph Yonick
12:05 Gildo Martino

Mar. 29, Friday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Kathy Tommasino
12:05 Quici Galipo Grecco Family

Mar. 30, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Carmela DeFlavis
5:15 Mary DeBenedetto

Mar. 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Michael E. Land
11:00 Salvadore J. Ricciardone
12:30 Ronald Santiago Perez
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent! Lent passes quickly and we are already in the Third Week. Jesus continues to invite us to repent and to remind us that there are eternal consequences when we do not repent. Let us heed the Lord more so this Lent than any other Lent in the past. As we move toward Easter we are compelled by the word of God to be enlightened by its truth and purified by its grace. Now is the time to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, to make a good Lenten Confession. Please see the front cover of the Parish Bulletin for the many opportunities here at the Cathedral Basilica to go to Confession. During Lent, there is an additional time on Sunday, beginning at 10:30 AM. The Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 103 with the response, *The Lord is kind and merciful*. May these comforting words from Sacred Scripture inspire and guide our repentance.

An important devotion during Lent is the Stations of the Cross, following Jesus on the way to his suffering and death for us. This is a devotion that can take place in our homes and in church. I encourage you to make this a Lenten devotion. We have the Stations of the Cross twice on the Fridays of Lent: in the Cathedral Chapel following the 12:05 PM Mass and at 7:00 PM in Spanish. There are many wonderful resources on-line to help you make the Stations in your home.

Please see the insert in the Parish Bulletin about the documentary on Saint Katharine Drexel: The Holy Heiress. This special presentation on Saint Katharine Drexel will be on Channel 6 ABC this Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Consider gathering as a family and with friends to view this new documentary together. This documentary is one more effort on our part here at the Cathedral Basilica to make this holy woman more widely known, and to have people turn to her with their petitions and prayers, and to imitate her virtue. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

The Parish Keys and Sword Event 2019 is well underway. I encourage all our parishioners and visitors to go the website, cathedralphila.org/keys/ and learn more about this event and to support it. It is not too early to buy tickets! I would be especially grateful to our parishioners if they could reach out to others to be a sponsor or purchase and ad for the Ad Book. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be directed to the national Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. If possible, please make use of the on-line ability to make 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

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

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

March 28, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

**The Ninth Commandment
Fasting**

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).

Lenten Gospel Reflection—Every Tuesday of Lent

Meeting: Tuesday, March 26th, 2019, 11:00 AM
in the Neumann Room



We will reflect on the 4rd Sunday of
Lent, March 31, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32,
The Parable of the Lost Sheep &
The Parable of the Lost Son

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, April 5, 2019
12:35 PM to 1:30 PM
Cathedral Chapel

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
for adoration after the 12:05 PM Mass.
Please come to adore the Lord!

The Sacrament of Penance will be available
on the First Friday of each month, beginning at 11:30AM

Please note that going forward we have changed
the format and timing of the first Friday Holy Hours
so that more people can participate.

El Santísimo Sacramento será expuesto para adoración después de la Misa de las 12:05 pm el 1er viernes de cada mes a partir de las 11:30 am en la Capilla de la Catedral. Confesiones en inglés a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor

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 3/17/2019 was \$ 6,324.5(1st), \$1,087(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:

Louise Quattrone, 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 24** Legion of Mary Meeting, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 12:30 PM
- Mar 26** **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 27** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6PM
- Mar 28** Catechetical Session for Adults, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Mar 29** **Stations of the Cross**, Chapel, 12:35 PM (Eng) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- Mar 30** Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers, Basilica, 10:30 AM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

¡HOY! 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 decidete 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. Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo.

El Santo Viacris en español

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

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

¿PRODUCTIVO O FRUCTÍFERO?

“Sí”, dijo Joel, “estoy adicto a la productividad. Soy empresario y tengo tres hijos. Mis días están repletos”. Joel sintió su presente estilo de vida retado durante un retiro de hombres. El director preguntó: “¿Creen ustedes que Jesús tenía una lista de logros diarios? (‘Tres personas quedaron sanadas hoy. Dos buenas contestaciones a los escribas y fariseos. Una gran parábola, y comida para 5,000 personas. Hice todo muy bien hoy’)”. Joel escuchó intensamente. Jesús habló sabiamente y con misericordia, ofreciendo su gracia. Ocasionalmente se alejaba de las multitudes, mas, cuando estaba entre la gente, estaba verdaderamente con su pueblo y amaba a todos. Pero, ¿era Jesús productivo? La productividad puede llegar a convertirse en un estilo de vida. La productividad busca lo que lo fructífero ya posee desde los comienzos, esto es, la seguridad de la presencia y del amor de Dios. Joel vio cómo lo fructífero le permite darse del todo al momento presente. Lo fructífero se enraíza en la gracia de Dios y exige confianza en el Espíritu Santo, igual que el abono alrededor de la higuera, de la cual nos habla el Evangelio de hoy. El Espíritu obra en todo tiempo y lugar, y si se lo permitimos, también obrará en nosotros, estemos o no ocupados.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Deja a un lado las listas y dedica un tiempo junto a Dios—ora, toma una siesta, juega con los niños, admira la naturaleza. No será productivo, pero sí fructífero.

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MISA SEMANAL Y ADORACION EUCARISTICA DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Marzo 11, 19, 26, abril 10 & 16, 6:30 PM en la Basilica
Los jovenes adultos de la Catedral te invitan a participar en la Santa Misa y Adoracion Eucaristica durante esta Cuaresma! La Misa en ingles se celebra a las 6:30 PM en diferentes altares en la Basilica cada semana.

¡Este Martes, Marzo 26, en el Altar de N.S de Guadalupe!
Inmediatamente despues de la Misa, Adoramos al Señor Sacramentado en silencio. El evento culmina al las 8 PM.

Todos son bienvenidos, jovenes y no tan jovenes.
Parqueadero gratis en el lote localizado al lado de la Capilla. Entrar por la puerta lateral de la Capilla

En la cruz la libertad - TOTUS TUUS

[YouTube.com/user/nsetvradio](https://www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio)

¿Sabes cuál es el acto más libre y liberador que pueda existir?...lo descubrirás al escuchar al Padre Antonio Ruíz en el programa "Totus Tuus", dedicado a San Juan Pablo II



Jesus' Disciples for Today

On more than one occasion recently, I have said to myself, it is truly time to push the pause button; things outside of my own life have grabbed my attention and pulled me in a direction to which I do not want to go. Perhaps you as well, want to make a radical change in how you desire and need to use your energy, be it physical, mental or spiritual. We are free to make such choices, and will do well if we choose to do so with the help of God. The presence of evil in our world does indeed make it harder at times, to follow the path of God's grace, but if we desire to live a holy life, it can happen when we are ready for such a conversion. It does mean putting God in the center and not self. This change of heart, calls for discipline, prayer, contemplation and serving the needs of others. We can be sure that this would be God's desire for us as well. How many times during these years and even during these last few weeks of Lent, we have heard the call to selflessness.

I was deeply touched and so encouraged to change when just this week a person came forth in the Church after Mass, with several prepared meals for "Aid for Friends". This loving, generous and kind gift would mean much for a hungry person, unable to prepare a hot meal. This act of compassion is not unlike the story of the Prodigal Son, whose loving father gave him new life; he did not blame the son for his sins, wasting his birthright, etc., but gave him the gift of a loving welcome home. Jesus told this story so that we would realize how compassion and forgiveness can be hard, but likewise truly life-giving for the giver and receiver. The same can be true of the gift of love Jesus gave to the adulterous woman he met at the well. He knew her story completely, and the emptiness of her life, and He filled it with this His love, even though He was the one asking for water. He certainly shows us the power of love, which caused her to turn around, converting her life to Discipleship with Him.

During these last weeks of Lent, let us look to Our Lord and those He is calling to new life right in our own midst. Our 8 Catechumens are now members of the Elect who have chosen to follow Jesus, after studying His life, Passion, Death and Resurrection. The person of Christ has captured their hearts to the point that they have renounced former ways in order to become Catholic Christians. They are prime targets of the evil spirit these days, which calls all of us to pray for them on these last days of their sacred journey to Easter. As members of this parish community, let us be willing to make some loving sacrifices and to pray on their behalf, for strength and resolve to follow in Jesus' footsteps. May each of us as well, deepen our own sacred relationship with our Divine Lord, as we also, climb the hill of Calvary, with our Savior at our side.

"We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

S. Eleanor McCann, RSM

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
in the Cathedral Basilica**

**Principal Celebrant:
Archbishop
Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap**



River Hill High School Choir Visits the Cathedral Basilica!

On Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 PM the River Hill High School Choir, Clarksville, Md., will share their gift of song at the Cathedral Basilica Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. Under the direction of Katherine Geiger, the choir will perform works by Mendelssohn, Powell, Tavener, Palestrina and more.

The Strath Haven High School Choir, Wallingford, PA will join the River Hill High School Choir for two culminating selections. The Strath Haven High School Choir is under the direction of John Shankweiler.

The concert is open to the public. No tickets are required.

Free-will offering.

Complimentary parking is available
in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral.

For additional information, call or text 610-223-4191.

Experience Great Music in the Cathedral All Catholic Chorus Concert



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



From the lively spiritual, "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" to a deep, thought-provoking anthem, the All Catholic Chorus will present a program that will truly entertain. Their repertoire will range from a sacred song of the Renaissance period to the inspiring and creative songs of modern day composers. Mr. Thomas Kuchler, music director at Conwell Egan Catholic High School, will direct the Chorus. Ms. Katherine Chmelko, choral director at Nazareth Academy High School, will accompany on the piano.

*Tickets available at the door and online:
cathedralphilaconcerts.ticketleap.com*

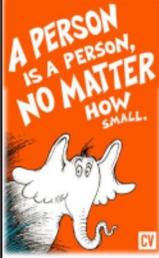
Complimentary Parking, use entrance on 17th St.

-Cathedral Community Concert-



40 Days for Life Holy Hour with the Knights of Columbus

April 6, 2019, 7:30 PM in the Basilica
This event is sponsored by the Knights
of Columbus Council 1191.



Cathedral Parish Prayer Vigils 40 Days for Life Campaign

Will you give one hour of your day to protect the most innocent and vulnerable in our society?



Join Cathedral Parishioners on **April 11, 8AM-5 PM** in front of Planned Parenthood on 12th and Locust. To sign up for a 1 hour peaceful prayer vigil shift please contact Nora at the Parish Office: 215-561-1313 or info@cathedralphila.org

Learn about fetal development, abortion & racism, methods of abortion, abortion pill reversal, side effects of abortion, education opportunities, Sisters of Life, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, and more: sidewalkservantsphilly.com & prolifeunion.org/outreach/sidewalk-servant

Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 PM Theology Lecture: "When Peter and Paul Disagree: Living in Faithfulness and Charity Amid Public Controversy"

The past few years have witnessed public controversies waged at a very high level regarding to Church's doctrine and discipline, with Bishops, scholars and others criticizing one another and calling one another to accountability, while the Successor of Peter himself has been the object of criticism for his magisterial pronouncements and pastoral administration, even from Catholics generally noted for long-standing fidelity to the Magisterium. While surveying the present situation this lecture will seek to identify the guideposts and caveats for understanding and responding to these challenges that may be found to emerge from Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and ecclesial experience. What principles should guide such public dispute? What are the parameters for criticism without rupture of communion, failure of charity or collapse of civil discourse?



Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Michael Magee, Chair of Systematic Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Location: Vianney Hall Auditorium, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA

More information: Free and open to the public; For more information visit: scs.edu/Lectures

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Readings for Mass for this Week

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

A Balanced Life

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

Presenter: Mr. Erick Pezoa, Cathedral Parishioner and Appian Developer at AmeriHealth Caritas. In this talk, Erick 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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

FRUITFUL OR PRODUCTIVE?

"Yes," said Joel, "I'm hooked on productivity. I run a business, and my wife and I have three young children. I have to produce and my employees have to produce if we're to accomplish anything. My days are jam-packed. If there's any time left over I spend it with my family." Joel's thinking on productivity received a shake-up at a men's retreat. The retreat leader asked a question. "When you think of Jesus, do you think of him with a daily to-do list? ('Three people healed today. Two fast comebacks to the scribes and Pharisees. One really great parable told. Oh yes, and dinner for 5,000. And I got the disciples to distribute the leftovers. A very good day. Well done, me')." Joel listened intently. "Jesus spoke wisely and constantly extended mercy and grace. He might now and then retreat from the crowds, yet when he was with people, he was really with them. He saw needs that others could not see. He loved people well. But was he productive? Productivity can become a mind-set of constantly moving forward. Being busy, not at times and in moderation, but as a lifestyle. Productivity seeks what fruitfulness claims as its starting point—the assurance of God's presence and love." Fruitfulness, Joel saw, allows you to be fully present in the moment. Fruitfulness is deeply rooted in the soil of God's grace. Fruitfulness requires a fundamental trust in the Holy Spirit, like compost around the roots of the fig tree in today's Gospel. The Spirit is working at all times and in all places and, if we allow it, is at work in us—busy or not.

Living Stewardship Now

Put aside the lists and waste some time with God—pray, take a nap, play with the kids, admire nature. It may not be productive, but it will be fruitful.

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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.