

Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 28, 2019

**"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!"**

CF. 1 COR 5:7B-8A

Mass Intentions for the Week



Apr. 27, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 12:05 Leone, Cuccurullo,
Kenny Family
5:15 For the intention of
Mary Ann & Michael Leigh

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- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Lorenzo Malanga
11:00 Delores O'Dowd
12:30 Jose Rivera Gonzalez
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Apr. 29, Monday, St. Catherine of Siena

- 7:15 Kathleen Lacey
12:05 Author Quici

Apr. 30, Tuesday, Easter Weekday, St. Pius V

- 7:15 Brian Waldbillig
12:05 Dorothy Fry

May 1, Wednesday, Easter Weekday, St. Joseph the Worker

- 7:15 Theresa Kathleen B. Lynch
12:05 Mary DeBenedetto

May 2, Thursday, St. Athanasius

- 7:15 Yolanda M. Cicirello
12:05 Adolfas Paulauskas

May 3, 1st Friday, SS. Philip & James

- 7:15 Essie Mae Rubin
12:05 Antonina Cipolla

May 4, 1st Saturday, Easter Weekday

- 12:05 Anthony Cappiali
5:15 Barbara Conn

May 5, Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gayle Mendrich Ross
11:00 Richard L. Rossi
12:30 Antonio y Tomasa Sanchez
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and also Divine Mercy Sunday. As Catholics we continue to celebrate the great event of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead for this Sunday and every day until Pentecost Sunday, the conclusion of the fifty days of Easter. The Resurrection of our Lord is indeed an event that happened once in history but also happens now. The eternal Son of God went to the cross for us and so his death is eternal, present to everyone in every time. The same eternal Son of God was raised from the dead for us and so his resurrection is likewise eternal, present to everyone in every time. All that we hear about the Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospels, we hear with the ears of faith today, confident that the gifts given in history are given anew. Today, as the Gospel of John reveals, we receive the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of our sins. We follow the witness and example of Saint Thomas and believe Jesus is truly risen and profess our faith in him. Our faith in the Resurrection needs to be firm and comprehensive. I encourage you to listen carefully these weeks of Easter Time to the prayers at Sunday Mass and the readings from Sacred Scripture to encourage and deepen a vivid faith in the Resurrection. *Christ is risen! He is truly risen, Alleluia!*

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will assemble this week—Monday through Wednesday—with the Archbishop to reflect on their vocation as your priests with a special focus on health of mind, body and spirit. These days of our convocation always prove beneficial on many levels to assist us in our ministry and service as well as being an opportunity for personal enrichment. Please pray for all of our priests over the next few days for many blessings to come from our meeting together.

This Wednesday, with May 1, 2019, we begin the Month of Mary. Mary, our Blessed Mother, is inseparable from the work of her divine Son. Our devotion to Mary leads to a greater love and fidelity to Jesus, his word and his way of life. Next Sunday, May 5, 2019, we will have the annual Archdiocesan May Procession immediately following the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. I encourage you to join us. Also, I encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary with greater frequency during this month and to pray the Easter prayer of our Lady, the *Regina Coeli*, as part of your own prayers. You are most welcome to bring flowers to any of the shrines of our Blessed Mother in the Cathedral Basilica during the month of May.

May and June are very important months for the success of our Parish Keys and Sword Event 2019. I invite our parishioners to ask among business associates and other institutions, especially restaurants, to consider an ad in our Ad Book. We depend on the success of the *Keys and Sword Event* to supplement many significant needs of the Cathedral Basilica. Please see the website to learn about this year's event and to purchase tickets, cathedralphila.org/keys.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the national collection for the Catholic Homes Missions. If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering, cathedralphila.org/donate. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish with your Easter offerings, donations for the Easter Flowers and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

Happy Easter!

Father Dennis Gill



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Sunday, April 28, 2019

5:00 PM Holy Hour & recitation
of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 – 6:30 PM Confessions
6:30 PM Holy Mass

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, May 3, 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

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

Gospel Reflection

The up-coming meetings before summer will be held on the last Tuesday of April and May: **April 30th and May 28th**.

There will be no formal meetings in June, July or August.



**On Tuesday, April 30th,
we will reflect on the
Gospel for the
3rd Sunday of Easter:
Peter, tend to my sheep
John 20: 1-19**

When: 11:00 AM

Where: Neumann Room

All are welcome!

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

May 2, 2019, 7-8:30 PM, Neumann Room

The Church, the Body of Christ

Precepts of the Church

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).

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**Wedding Anniversary
Mass**

**Saturday, May 4, 5:15 PM
in the Basilica**

**May Procession
& Rosary**

**Sunday, May 5, 2019
following the 11AM Mass
in the Basilica**

All are welcome! Couples married for 25yrs or more who would like to receive a certificate must register with the Archdiocesan Office for Life and family: 215-587-0500 phillycatholiclife.org • cdoughty@archphila.org

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 Palm Sunday 3/14/19 was \$9,510.5 (1st), \$1,447 (2nd), and for Easter Sunday 3/21/19 was \$23,571 (1st) and \$2,049 (2nd). \$3,981.00 was collected on Good Friday for the Holy Land Sanctuaries.

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:

Daniel Moyer Sr., Gloria Quici, Michele Smith, 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, Sergio Hernandez, Marcia Clark, Fruma Ludwig, John Cantwell, Jr., Jeffrey Press, Daniel Kilpatrick, Carol Snipes, Eileen & Herbert Luscomb, Teresa Mirabelli, Janice Holshin, Rose Rippe, Russell Heim, Karen Spadaccini, Pearl Hammond, 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, 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

- Apr 28** St. Thomas More Alumni Mass, 9:30AM
Taste & See Parish Event, Drexel Hall,
12:30-3PM
Baptism Preparation Session,
Neumann Room, 12:30PM
Legion of Mary Meeting, APC, 12:30PM
Baptisms in Spanish, Basilica, 1:30 PM
Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Chaplet, Basilica,
5PM
- Apr 30** Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11AM
Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2PM
- May 1** Morning Scripture Reflection for lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, NR, 6PM
- May 2** Catholic Schoolhouse Homeschool Meeting,
Neumann Room, 8:30 AM
- May 4** Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass,
Basilica, 5:15PM
- May 5** Archdiocesan May Procession,
Basilica, following the 11 AM Mass

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

¡Hoy! Domingo de la Misericordia Abril 28, 2019

**5:00 PM Hora Santa y Coronilla de la Divina
Misericordia, en la Basílica, en inglés**

Misa Arquidiocesana de Aniversarios de Matrimonio

**4 de Mayo, 2019 • 5:15 PM
(25 años de matrimonio o más)
En la Basílica, en inglés**

Procesión Mariana Arquidiocesana

**5 de Mayo, después de la Misa de las 11 AM
En la Basílica, en inglés**

Celebración de la Virgen

Domingo 19 de Mayo, 2019, Misa 12:30 PM

Durante la Misa de español de las 12:30pm estaremos
celebrando a la Santísima Virgen varias de sus
Advocaciones.

1:30 PM Refrigerio en el Salón de la Capilla.
Acompáñanos!

Nuestra Señora del Encuentro Radio Excelente estación de Radio Católica ¡Sintonízalos!

nseradio.com www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio

Reflexión Pascual de los sermones de San Bernardo
Fuente: www.la-oracion.com → → →

Jesucristo, muestra de la misericordia del Padre

No te preguntes ya, oh hombre, por qué tienes que sufrir tú;
pregúntate más bien por qué sufrió él.

Dios, nuestro Salvador; hizo aparecer su misericordia y su amor por los hombres. Demos gracias a Dios, pues por él abunda nuestro consuelo en esta nuestra peregrinación, en éste nuestro destierro, en ésta vida tan llena aún de miserias.

Antes de que apareciera la humanidad de nuestro Salvador, la misericordia de Dios estaba oculta; existía ya, sin duda, desde el principio, pues la misericordia del Señor es eterna, pero al hombre le era imposible conocer su magnitud. Ya había sido prometida, pero el mundo aún no la había experimentado y por eso eran muchos los que no creían en ella. Dios había hablado, ciertamente, de muchas maneras por ministerio de los profetas. Y había dicho: Sé muy bien lo que pienso hacer con ustedes: designios de paz y no de aflicción. Pero, con todo, ¿qué podía responder el hombre, que únicamente experimentaba la aflicción y no la paz? "Hasta cuándo - pensabairán anunciando: «Paz, paz», cuando no hay paz?" Por ello los mismos mensajeros de paz lloraban amargamente, diciendo: Señor, ¿quién ha dado fe a nuestra predicación? Pero ahora, en cambio, los hombres pueden creer, por lo menos, lo que ya contemplan sus ojos; ahora los testimonios de Dios se han hecho sobremanera dignos de fe, pues, para que este testimonio fuera visible, incluso a los que tienen la vista enferma, el Señor le ha puesto su tienda al sol.

Ahora, por tanto, nuestra paz no es prometida, sino enviada; no es retrasada, sino concedida; no es profetizada, sino realizada: el Padre ha enviado a la tierra algo así como un saco lleno de misericordia; un saco, diría, que se romperá en la pasión, para que se derrame aquel precio de nuestro rescate, que él contiene; un saco que, si bien es pequeño, está totalmente lleno. En efecto, un niño se nos ha dado, pero en este niño habita toda la plenitud de la divinidad. Esta plenitud de la divinidad se nos dio después que hubo llegado la plenitud de los tiempos. Vino en la carne para mostrarse a los que eran de carne y, de este modo, bajo los velos de la humanidad, fue conocida la misericordia divina; pues, cuando fue conocida la humanidad de Dios, ya no pudo quedar oculta su misericordia. ¿En qué podía manifestar mejor el Señor su amor a los hombres sino asumiendo nuestra propia carne? Pues fue precisamente nuestra carne la que asumió, y no aquella carne de Adán que antes de la culpa era inocente.

¿Qué cosa manifiesta tanto la misericordia de Dios como el hecho de haber asumido nuestra miseria? ¿Qué amor puede ser más grande que el del Verbo de Dios, que por nosotros se ha hecho como la hierba débil del campo? Señor, ¿qué es el hombre para que le des importancia, para que te ocupes de él? Que comprenda, pues, el hombre hasta qué punto Dios cuida de él; que reflexione sobre lo que Dios piensa y siente de él.

No te preguntes ya, oh hombre, por qué tienes que sufrir tú; pregúntate más bien por qué sufrió él. De lo que quiso sufrir por ti puedes concluir lo mucho que te estima; a través de su humanidad se te manifiesta el gran amor que tiene para contigo. Cuanto menor se hizo en su humanidad, tanto mayor se mostró en el amor que te tiene, cuanto más se abajó por nosotros, tanto más digno es de nuestro amor. Dios, nuestro Salvador -dice el Apóstol-, hizo aparecer su misericordia y su amor por los hombres. ¡Qué grande y qué manifiesta es esta misericordia y este amor de Dios a los hombres! Nos ha dado una grande prueba de su amor al querer que el nombre de Dios fuera añadido al título de hombre.



Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

Upcoming Concerts

Central Bucks High School-West Chamber Choir

Dr. Joseph Ohrt, Conductor



**Saturday, May 4, 2019
7:30 PM
Free will Offering**

The Central Bucks High School-West Chamber Choir from Doylestown, Pennsylvania is on for the

most respected school choral ensembles in the nation. Having presented 500 world premieres in the last 30 years the choir is a pioneer in the collaboration of contemporary art. West Choirs have performed 11 times in The White House and for many presidents and heads of state.

Program:

The choir will perform many contemporary works including a new set of 13 choral songs based on poetry of Charles Anthony Silvestri and written for the choir by 13 different composers.

Complimentary parking, use entrance on 17th St.

Epiphany Singers

Friday, May 10, 2019, 8:00 PM —Free will Offering

Be sure to check our website for updates:

CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

Email us at: concertsatthecathedral@gmail.com

Call or text: 610-223-4191

Cantate Domino—Cathedral Choir Camp

July 8, 9, 10, 2019 • 9:00 AM-2:00 PM



This camp is open to all boys and girls throughout the Archdiocese, ages 7-15. Our camp provides a unique musical experience, which includes an introduction to sacred repertoire, vocal breathing techniques, vowel formation, choral tone, sight singing and music theory.

For more information and to register visit
cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

The passion of our Saviour is the salvation of mankind

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

-From an Easter homily by an ancient author,

Sermo 35, 6-9; PL 17 [ed. 1879], 696-697.



Archdiocesan Events

The Office for the New Evangelization publishes a monthly newsletter with many excellent events:

www.phillyevang.org/newsletter/

The Third Patricians Meeting at the Cathedral

Everyone Can be a Saint!

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307
(Tall building behind the Cathedral, 222 N. 17th St)**

The Lord said... “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” (Leviticus 19:1-2). The universal call to holiness has always been a teaching of the Church. St. Francis de Sales had suggested ways to approach holiness in everyday life. Join us! **Presenter:** Audrey Lam Ph.D. Dr. Lam is a parishioner from Our Mother of Good Counsel Church at Bryn Mawr, a school psychologist in the Philadelphia School District, and serves as a spiritual director and is actively involved in facilitating the Christlife program in her parish.⁴

Living Out the Corporal Works of Mercy

The Church calls us to almsgiving throughout the year.
We continue to highlight several opportunities:



Aid for Friends

Aid For Friends is one of the largest and most established home delivered meals program in Pennsylvania, serving 300,000 free dinner meals, 58,000 soups and 42,000 breakfast bags to an aggregate 1,700 home-bound persons each year. They also provide nearly 100,000 hours of friendly visiting annually. They have served more than 16,000,000 meals to 15,000 individual homebound persons over the past 43 years.

- The statistics in Philadelphia speak for themselves: 256,000 persons are age 60 and older.
- Philadelphia seniors' poverty rate is almost double that of PA and the nation.
- More than 120,000 seniors have trouble paying for life's most basic necessities.
- 13,000 older Philadelphians need help preparing meals; 73% live alone; 40% rarely leave their home.

HOME COOKED MEALS: Aid For Friends' (AFF) volunteer cooks prepared 300,000 dinner meals at their homes, area churches, synagogues, organizations, and at AFF commercial kitchen. They donate most of the ingredients.

REAL FRIENDSHIP FOR THE ISOLATED: AFF visitor volunteers develop a one-to-one relationship with their own special homebound friend. They bring seven frozen dinners to the same person once a week and sit and talk with them for a while.

MORE THAN JUST MEALS: AFF provides advocacy, nutritional beverages for the malnourished (Ensure), birthday and holiday gifts and occasional emergency financial assistance.

THEY SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES: 30% of those they serve are below age 60; 28% are over age 85.

NO COST: All food and services are provided completely FREE of charge.

Cooking for your family?

Cook a little extra, freeze it, bring it over

Please pick up meal trays (instructions included) by the Church entrances on the 4th Sunday during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Return prepared meals Sunday mornings during the Mass times in the Sacristy. These meals are stored in the *Aid For Friends* freezer in Drexel Hall (below the Chapel). If you are interested in taking meals to the homebound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact **Mrs. Lynn Trumbetta**, by phone 215-464-2224 or email afflynn@yahoo.com. You must first register with *Aid For Friends* to deliver meals. *Aid for Friends* encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.

Additional Ways to help

Monetary donations • Pantry Wish List
Corporate/Group Opportunities • Cooks • Visitors

For details please visit aidforfriends.org
or call (215) 464-2224

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference

Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, 2019

Come learn about the Unbound model of healing and deliverance, a simple process of prayer that will help set you free from the things that bind you. This conference is for those who wish to find freedom for themselves or want to learn how to help others find freedom. **Speakers:** Neal, Matt and Janet Lozano, Heart of the Father Ministries. **Location:** St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Media, PA. **More info:** Visit heartofthefather.com/events

Presentation: What Can We Do?

The Role of the Laity in a Time of Crisis

As the Church undergoes this period of profound crisis, many of us feel helpless as we watch a drama unfold that we can do nothing about. But the truth is that we are not powerless. The history of the Church tells us that lay people have a role to play in the Church's times of turmoil. Join us for an evening of reflection on the mission of the laity in times of ecclesial crisis and learn what you can do to cooperate with Christ's action to purify and heal His Church. **Speaker:** Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. No charge to attend. Please RSVP at phillyevang.org/events.

Date/time options for this talk:

- Thurs, May 23 at 7 PM, Epiphany of Our Lord, South Philadelphia
- Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 7:00-8:30 PM, St. Hilary, Rydal
- Wed, June 5 at 7 PM, St. Anthony of Padua, Ambler
- Tues, Sept 17 at 7 PM, St. Stanislaus, Lansdale

Upcoming Vocations Office Event Quo Vadis (for High School students)

Jun. 24-27, 2019

Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA

Registration Deadline: June 3, 2019

For more information on upcoming events, visit heedthecall.org/summer or contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 610-667-5778



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.