

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 4, 2019

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Mt. 5-3*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 3, First Saturday, Weekday; BVM

12:05 Al DiEsso
5:15 Isabel Rusko

Aug 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intention of Tom & Mary Ivory
11:00 Louis E. Lachowicz
12:30 Claudino Colon
6:30 For the People of the
Archdiocese

Aug 5, Monday, Weekday, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Mayor

7:15 David F. Quinlan
12:05 Mary Harvey

Aug 6, Tuesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:15 Deceased Clergy & Religious
of the Archdiocese of Phila.
12:05 Ronald V. Rotoli

Aug 7, Wednesday, Weekday, St. Sixtus II & Companions

7:15 Chico Guzman Family
12:05 Stanley Adam Iniewicz

Aug 8, Thursday, St. Dominic

7:15 Priscilla Franchetti
12:05 Maria Angelica Rivera

Aug 9, Friday, Weekday, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:15 Pearl Hines
12:05 Mary Frances McElhare

Aug 10, Saturday, Weekday; St. Lawrence

12:05 Concetta Bordley
5:15 David Mack

Aug 11, Nineteenth Sunday in OT

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galipo, Greco Family
11:00 Living & Deceased Members of
The Sacred Heart
12:30 Josefina de Gonzalez
6:30 For the People of the
Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

All throughout these summer weeks the Sunday Gospel has directed our Christian lives in helping us to be more intentional and serious Christians. Often times today, Christians are defined by a rather lukewarm engagement of the Gospel rather than by its vigorous application. In the Gospel for this Sunday, the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, we hear the Lord's instruction not to store treasures for ourselves but to be rich in the sight of God. What does this mean? Does it mean something different than when first heard by the New Testament disciples? Essentially, it means one thing and the same thing as when first preached by our Lord. For a Christian, God and his way of life must be first and above all. In the end, nothing else matters. The Christian is to live with all things directed toward God for the praise of God and for the salvation of the world. How do we concretely make this expectation of Jesus the real fabric of our lives? Three things are needed: a knowledge of the Word of God, conscious participation in the Sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and regular prayer and reflection. God's Word speaks to us of God and what he wants from us. He wants us, completely and totally. He will provide for us with his love and grace to turn to him constantly and follow him. The Sacraments—the real presence of Christ at work in our lives—allows the Word we hear to take flesh in us and to be holy as the Lord is holy. Daily prayer and reflection keep us steady and focused on the Lord's instruction for us and in responding to his divine life at work in us. As Christians in this world we cannot afford to coast. In fact, the culture is not with us and even reduces our Christians lives if we allow it to infect us. All the more, we need to hear the Lord speak to us today. We must be about God and God alone—with the help of one another.

The Cathedral Parish is blessed with many fine dedicated liturgical ministers for the celebration of Mass on Sundays and all throughout the week. Some have served for decades and others have just begun their ministry. However, we are in need of additional liturgical ministers in three areas in particular—greeters, lectors and altar servers. I invite you—parishioners and visitors—to consider serving the Parish in one of these liturgical ministries. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please contact Sister Eleanor after Sunday Mass or at the Parish Office (215-561-1313). Sister Eleanor will provide you with the necessary information to carry out this ministry. If you are interested in proclaiming God's Word or serving Holy Mass, please contact Father Biedrzycki after Sunday Mass or at the Parish Office. Formation will be provided for new lectors and servers.

Sister Mary Luchia, our Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate, will resume this month reaching out to families in our Parish with school age children. These visits from Sister are opportunities to share about living the Faith and passing the Faith on to our children. If you would like to schedule this visit in advance or meet in the Cathedral Rectory instead of your home, please call the Parish Office (215-561-1313) and leave a message for Sister Mary Luchia.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Basilica. 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 to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill



HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
God bless you.

GIVE TO GROW

Together



Support Our Men! August 8-12, 2019

Biking for Vocations - Support Our Men! -

The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood is organizing the [2019 Biking for Vocations pilgrimage](#). From August 8-12, several seminarians studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will cycle 150 miles and visit ten churches in the Archdiocese in order to raise awareness of vocations to the priesthood and generate support for the seminarians currently in formation. This pilgrimage reflects the diligence and effort involved in discerning and pursuing a vocation. Visiting many churches reminds us that a priestly vocation is not an individual affair, but instead is built on a collective effort of the whole church praying with and for these men. Here's how you can support their hard work!

- Greet the seminarians when they arrive near you!
- Support the seminarians financially!
- Meet the seminarians who are riding!
- Pray for the seminarians during their pilgrimage!

Visit the website to meet the seminarians, view the itinerary, and make a donation

heedthecall.org/bikingforvocations

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM MASS

NOVEMBER 2, 2019

2:30 PM



"Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine"

Come gather in communal remembrance of our deceased loved ones who have gone before us.

The Cathedral Parish will present Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, to be sung as part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In order to experience the full beauty of the Requiem, we are in need of sponsors to help financially sponsor the music for this Mass.

All who donate will be given the opportunity to have the names of deceased loved ones included in the In Memoriam section of the worship aid for this Mass.

To donate please use the QR code or visit cathedralphila.org/music



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 Sunday 7/28/19 was \$5,385.5 (1st), \$1,180(2nd) collection.

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:

Rose McKenna, McKinley Angelucci, Mary Jo D'Ortone, Amanda Razzano, Jaelin Liver, Steve Cook, 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, 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, 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, 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

- Aug 4** Legion of Mary Meeting, APC, 12:45PM
Baptisms in English, Basilica, 12:30 PM
- Aug 5** **Chapel will open for 7:15 AM Mass as usual**
Basilica will open at 10 AM
- Aug 6** Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2PM
- Aug 7** Scripture Reflection for lawyers, NR, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, NR, 6 PM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Participa este día de precepto en la Celebración

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María



Jueves, 15 de Agosto de 2019

- 5:15 Misa de vigilia en la Capilla (Agosto 14)
- 7:15 Misa en la Capilla
- 12:05 Misa Solemne con musica en la Basilica
- 12:35 Misa en la Capilla
- 5:15 Misa en la Capilla
- 7:00 Misa Solemne en el Rito Extraordinario en latín,
en la Basilica con musica

Parqueadero disponible al lado de la Catedral,
Por favor entrar por la calle 17th

Sacramento del Matrimonio en español **18 y 25 de Agosto, 2019**

Para mayor información hable con el Diacono Epifanio
de Jesús después de la Misa dominical de 12:30 PM
en español

Conferencia de mujeres católicas 2019

Considere unirse a más de 1300 mujeres católicas en un día de amistad, oración y crecimiento en la fe en la Conferencia de Mujeres Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Este año el tema es "Única e irreplicable: Tu misión como mujer católica." El día estará dedicado a explorar la maravillosa verdad que Dios nos ha dado a cada una de nosotras una misión personal y única, una participación en su plan para salvar al mundo. Presentadores en español: Mary Cruz Guzmán y las Hermanas de la Vida. Sábado, 26 de octubre del 2019, de 9am a 4:30pm, Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Cze-stochowa, Doylestown, PA. Presentaciones en inglés y en español. Último día de registración 1 de octubre o hasta agotar cupos. Para más información, visite

<http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/>

EL SEÑOR DE LA PIZZA

Thomas Monaghan es un empresario con mucho éxito, que ha hecho su fortuna en una cadena grande de pizzerías. Creció en un orfanato y en algún momento de su vida pensó que la acumulación de bienes costosos era justificable y aun necesario. Sin embargo, al leer el libro *Mera Cristianidad* del reconocido escritor C. S. Lewis, Monaghan se dio cuenta de que la causa de su motivación para amar y mostrar sus riquezas era la necesidad de impresionar a los demás, lo cual es una forma de orgullo. Una vez que quedó libre de las ataduras que las riquezas ponían en su corazón, Monaghan simplificó su vida—no avión privado, no coches de lujo, ni mansión enorme—y ahora goza con contribuir a aquellas causas que edifican el reino de Cristo. Hace unos años él describió su nuevo entendimiento de lo que quiere decir corresponsabilidad y discipulado. Dijo que la gente pensaba que él estaba haciendo grandes sacrificios, pero que la gente no entiende en qué consiste el dar. Él atribuye a Dios todo lo que tiene, de ahí que cualquier dinero que él tenga también es de Dios. Sí, es cierto que tuvo que trabajar duro, pero ¿de dónde vinieron el entusiasmo, la energía, la voluntad y la perseverancia para trabajar? Todo vino de Dios. Monaghan está convencido de que él no tiene derecho a adjudicarse ningún derecho o crédito por unas habilidades y aptitudes que han venido de Dios; por tanto, nada de lo que haya producido con esos talentos le pertenece, sino que todo es de Dios. Monaghan añade que, como consecuencia, su motivación para hacer esos supuestos sacrificios debe saltar a la vista de cualquiera. Todo esto lo ha llevado a creer que el verdadero valor de la vida consiste en ponerse en camino al cielo ¡y llevar consigo a tantos como pueda! Siempre le sorprende cuando la gente se refiere a él como un católico muy devoto por compartir tanta riqueza. Aunque se siente muy halagado, dice que es demasiado pecador para merecer tal elogio.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Rico o no, hay muchas maneras de compartir las bendiciones de Dios:

Dona la ropa que esté poco usada y artículos domésticos a algún lugar benéfico.

Compra en tu comunidad y apoya a los negocios de tu localidad.

Muéstrate resistente a los anuncios; compra sólo lo necesario.

Pasa tiempo con familiares y amigos.

Comparte con algún banco de alimento local alimentos que no se echen a perder.

Apoya los esfuerzos de tu parroquia y las causas buenas con tu tiempo y habilidades.

Apaga el televisor y emplea ese tiempo para montar en bicicleta, practicar el excursionismo, la pesca, una buena lectura o simplemente caminar y dar un paseo por ahí.

Sé bueno con el planeta tierra: Disminuye los residuos, recicla, siembra un jardín.

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Nuestra Señora del Encuentro Radio y TV
nseradio.com www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio

Join the Cathedral Parish
in the celebration of

*The Solemnity of The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Thursday, August 15, 2019

- 5:15 Vigil Mass in the Chapel (8/14)
- 7:15 Mass in the Chapel
- 12:05 Solemn Mass in the Basilica
with music
- 12:35 Mass in the Chapel
- 5:15 Mass in the Chapel
- 7:00 Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary
Form, in the Basilica with music

Parking available in the lot adjacent to the
Cathedral, use 17th St. entrance

The Catholic Life Institute
Invites you to a

Tea with Therese

Four Tuesdays beginning
September 10, 2019
7-8:30 PM

Learn how to live the
Little Way of Spiritual
Childhood and have fun
at the same time!

The evenings include tea, treats, small
group discussion, and lots of fun with
fellow devotees of the Little Flower!

*The same course will also be taught
on-line on Thursday evenings from
8-9 PM, beginning Sept 12.*

Speaker: Susan Brinkmann,
OCDS of the Catholic Life Institute

Location: Fatima House in Bedmin-
ster, PA

More info: catholiclifeinstitute.org
to learn more and to register!



Evangelization

"Warm the chill" – Fighting Lukewarmness Pt. 2

Last week, we took a look at a spiritual illness that many Christians suffer and have suffered throughout the ages known as **"Lukewarmness."** St. Thomas defines lukewarmness as **"a certain sadness, causing a person to be slow in performing spiritual acts because of the effort they require."**¹ Similar to the treatment of a physical ailment, once we have identified the problem and a cause or two for its development, we want to consider how it is we may begin to heal.

One spiritual writer proposes the following as a principle cause of this tepid attitude towards God and neighbor saying: **"Lukewarmness arises from prolonged neglect in the interior life. It is always preceded by numerous small unfaithful acts. Unless these are repented of, the guilt weighs heavily on the relationship of such a soul with God."**² If a neglect of the interior or spiritual life is a principal cause of lukewarmness, then it would seem to be a good place to start in treating the illness. What makes for a healthy spiritual life then? These practices aren't hard to imagine either as they are the bread and butter of any saint-in-the-making, namely: prayer and the sacraments.

First, **prayer.** Prayer is nothing more nor less than the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.³ The simplest forms of prayer that come down to us are **vocal prayer**, prayers we make with our voice, and **mental prayer** or meditation, prayer which we enter into with our mind. Many of us learn foundational vocal prayers as children: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, etc. In time, these prayers ought to be complemented by, and lead us to, a more mature conversation with God found in mental prayer.

This more mature time with God, 15-20 minutes or more in practice, not only gives us a chance to tell God what is on our mind and in our heart, but allows him to speak to us in turn and tell us what is on his. This kind of prayer may be facilitated by reading a passage from the bible, meditating on the mysteries of the rosary or on some other holy subject, for example those same vocal prayers we learned as children. It is this sort of prayer that helps us to begin seeing our life and work with supernatural eyes – having meaning not only here but hereafter too.

Second, the **sacraments.** We'll focus especially on two of the seven we might receive in the course of the Christian life: Eucharist and Reconciliation. Whenever we find ourselves in a spiritual rut, it is a good idea to begin our recovery by making a good confession. There we might lay our soul bare before the divine physician through the mediation of his priests and consider prayerfully where we stand before God and neighbor, especially if we are conscious of mortal sin. Freed of the muck of sin that blinds our eyes to God and his glory, we do well to approach our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, what the saints call the **"medicine of immortality."**⁴ Another spiritual writer advised souls desirous of knowing and sharing Christ's love for his people, to draw near to the furnace of the tabernacle, the source of all power.

The Christian Life is full of challenges both great and small. A healthy spiritual life can be a great help in making every challenge a true joy. **"Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth!"**⁵

Father Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, 1 q.63 a.2

² Ibid.

³ CCC 2559

⁴ CCC 1331

⁵ Cf. Ps 104:30

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Extraordinary Year of Mission Summer Saint Series Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 6:00 PM

Hear the dynamic story of St. Dominic and the power of the Rosary as a spiritual weapon. Speaker: Dr. Antonio Raymundo, physician and Carmelite. Location: Drexel Hall at the Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. More info: Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at phillymissions.org

Nourish for Caregivers meeting Second Thursdays continuing August 8, 2019 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for a loved one, whether it be a loved one with a disability, an ill or aging parent, spouse, friend or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experiences. Location: St. Anastasia Rectory Meeting Room, Newtown Square, PA. More info: No charge, walk-ins welcome. Questions? Contact Aimee at 610-724-8950 or aimeegustitis@outlook.com. More details and online RSVP: <http://www.phillyevang.org/nourish/>

Retrouaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages Friday-Sunday, August 9-11, 2019

A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. Location: Malvern Retreat House, McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave. Malvern, PA 19355. More Information: Visit helpourmarriage.org or call 215-766-3944

Tea with Therese Four Tuesdays beginning September 10, 2019, 7-8:30 PM

Learn how to live the Little Way of Spiritual Childhood and have fun at the same time! The evenings include tea, treats, small group discussion, and lots of fun with fellow devotees of the Little Flower! The same course will also be taught on-line on Thursday evenings from 8-9 p.m. beginning Sept 13. Speaker: Susan Brinkmann, OCDS of the Catholic Life Institute
Location: Fatima House in Bedminster, PA
More info: Visit catholiclifeinstitute.org to learn more and to register!

You Are Invited by the Philadelphia Catholic Medical Association and the Catholic Medical Association Student Section

Join us for an hour of prayer Sunday Mass & Welcome Reception With Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM
Sunday, September 29, 2019
Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA.
5:15 PM Hour of Prayer with the Sisters of Life
6:30 PM Mass
Light meal and refreshments to follow in Drexel Hall
Please RSVP to <http://evite.me/Ytth5D1DUt>

Introduction to CREDO for Christian Initiation Thursday, August 22, 2019, 2:30-4:30 PM

Join us for an introductory presentation to CREDO, Saint Benedict Press' new, World-Class RCIA program by the Dominican Friars and the Thomistic Institute. CREDO is a full, 36-session RCIA video program (including 7 sessions of Mystagogy) that will change the way you look at RCIA. This program is approved by the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

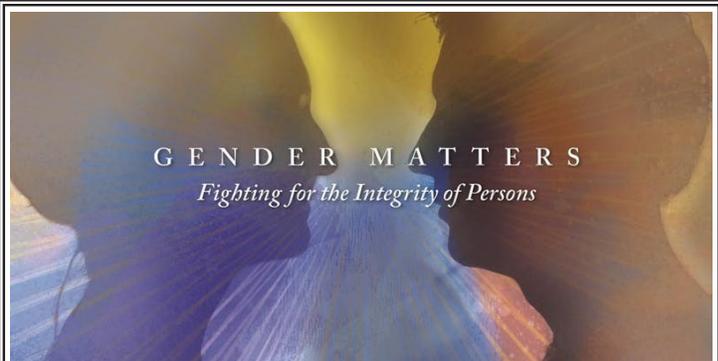
Presenters:

Dominican Friars and Fr. Dennis Gill

Location:

Auditorium Archdiocesan Pastoral Center,
222 N 17th Street, Philadelphia

More info: No charge to attend; Please RSVP by August 9 to Mary Ann Johnson, 215-587-3537, majohnson@archphila.org



Gender Matters, *Fighting for the Integrity of Persons*

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Please join us as we discover together the compassion and clarity of Jesus for persons facing sexual identity problems. The Father designed us and Jesus redeems us. His redeeming love ushers in the splendid challenge of becoming whole: men and women who are integrating the powers of life and love in our lives, one day at a time.

Speakers:

Andrew Comiskey and Desert Stream Ministries

Location:

St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Wayne PA.

More info:

The parish Mass at 8AM is open to participants.

Please register at:

<https://gendermattersphilly.eventbrite.com>



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.