

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 11, 2019

“Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” Mt 24:42A, 44



Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 10, Saturday, Weekday;

St. Lawrence

- 12:05 Concetta Bordley
- 5:15 David Mack

Aug 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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

Aug 12, Monday, Weekday,

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- 7:15 Verlyn & Sheila Westra
- 12:05 Maria Giuseppina Rivero

Aug 13, Tuesday, Weekday,

Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

- 7:15 Jeannette Iannettoni
- 12:05 Teresa Burke

Aug 14, Wednesday,

St. Maximilian Kolbe

- 7:15 Brigida Hurtado
- 12:05 Robert DiAndrea
- 5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Aug 15, Thursday, The Assumption

- 7:15 Pro populo
- 12:05 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
- 12:35 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
- 5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
- 7:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Aug 16, Friday, Weekday,

St. Stephen of Hungary

- 7:15 Rose Fortuna
- 12:05 Robert Lux

Aug 17, Saturday, Weekday; BVM

- 12:05 Teresa C. O'Connell
- 5:15 Linda J. Rios

Aug 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 William Hunt
- 11:00 Dora Miglionico
- 12:30 Eduviges Rodriguez
- 6:30 For the People of the
Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come (Luke 12: 40).” This verse from today’s Gospel spoke rather loudly and clearly to me. This past week I was in the intensive care hospital room of a loyal friend of our Cathedral Parish, along with her husband and family, as the medical staff removed her from a ventilator with the expectation that death would soon follow. She was well prepared spiritually, especially with the celebration of the Sacraments, for the Son of Man—the Lord—to come to her. Two weeks ago, her impending death was farthest from any of our minds. In her hospital room last week, my own thoughts took me to my last days with a prayer that I would be prepared for heaven. Yes, at the hour of our deaths, we want to be and should be prepared to meet the Lord in glory. However, the lesson of today’s Gospel is that our preparation begins now for everlasting life. What does this mean? Everything we do at this moment—no matter how young or old we might be—is part of our pilgrimage to our true home in heaven. At this moment, we should have our eyes fixed on Jesus, knowing his love and grace, keeping his commandments and witnessing to his life at work in us. This habitual way of living the Christian life is how we are then in a constant state of preparation for when the Son of Man comes. In this way our life on earth is always connected with our life in heaven. The closest we are to heaven on earth is during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. I encourage you as you participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion that you pray that at *this moment* you are prepared as ever for the Lord, if he should come *at this moment*.

This Thursday, August 15, 2019, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Holy Day of the Assumption, like all the Holy Days of Obligation, requires Catholics to participate in the celebration of Mass and—as much as possible—to observe the day in a Sunday like manner. This is often difficult for many. However, carelessly to pass over this obligation is a grave sin. Please see the schedule for Masses for the Holy Day elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us that we too have the promise of Heaven like Mary because of our Savior’s death on the cross.

I am happy to inform you that we have a new Coordinator of Religious Education, Mr. Edward Specht. Edward will be assuming the responsibilities of Patty Smith who has retired from this position. These duties include primarily the coordination of religious education for our school age children and the Christian Initiation of Adults and Children. Please see the introduction of Edward elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. I remind parents whose children attend public schools that now is the time to register your children for Religious Education, <http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/religious-education-for-children/>.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Catholic University of America. 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

Join the Cathedral Parish
in the celebration of

*The Solemnity of The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)*



Thursday, August 15, 2019

- 5:15 Vigil Mass in the Chapel (8/14)
- 7:15 Mass in the Chapel
- 11:30 Confessions in the Basilica
- 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, please use 17th St. entrance.



Edward J. Specht IV
Cathedral Coordinator
of Religious Education

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Edward Specht.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia and I'm a proud graduate of Philadelphia's Catholic schools. First Saint Barnabas in Southwest Philadelphia and then West Catholic High School. From a very young age I have always felt a strong calling to serve the church and over the last 19 years, I have done just that. I have served in a variety of roles in my home parishes such as lector, Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (at church and for the home bound), as well as catechist and in more recent years I have taken on a role as Director of Religious Education, in my home parish, Epiphany of our Lord, in South Philadelphia. I am now truly humbled to be working for you all here, at the cathedral parish, as your Coordinator of Religious Education. Please feel free to come introduce yourself and come to me with any concerns or questions you may have. I very much look forward to meeting all of you and working with the parishioners of the Cathedral parish.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

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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

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 8/4/19 was \$5,763.5(1st), \$2,045(2nd) collection.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support to the Cathedral Parish.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Judy Miller, 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, 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, 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 11** Legion of Mary Meeting, APC, 12:45PM
Aug 13 Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2PM
Aug 14 Scripture Reflection for lawyers, NR, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, NR, 6 PM
Aug 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Aug 24 Anniversary of the Little Sisters of the Poor,
Basilica, 10:30 AM

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 17

TALLER PRE CANÁ

Noviembre: Sábado 9 & domingo 10

Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano 222 N. 17 St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 Entrada por la Calle 17 El Taller Pre-Caná consiste de dos días. Por favor, reserven las fechas. Para información y registración: Blanca Herrera - 215-667-2820/2824 Email: bherrera@archphila.org

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

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

NO TE LO PUEDES LLEVAR

Querida Eleonor,
Gracias por la tarjeta de cumpleaños. Ahora que he llegado a los 83 años me doy cuenta de que mi vida está llena de experiencias que debo saborear, y ahora estoy tratando de reconocer y apreciar esos momentos. Estoy leyendo más y limpiando menos. Me siento en el patio y admiro el panorama sin aspaventarme por la mala hierba del jardín. Paso más tiempo con mis familiares y amigos, y menos tiempo en los quehaceres. No estoy “ahorrando” nada: Uso mi mejor vajilla y toda la cristalería buena para celebrar todo acontecimiento posible, como por ejemplo, perder una libra de peso, arreglar el lavabo tapado, o el brote de los primeros tulipanes. Todos los días uso mi perfume preferido y me pongo mi mejor chaqueta para ir al mercado. “Algún día” y “uno de estos días” son frases que ya están desapareciendo de mi vocabulario. Si algo vale la pena verse, oírse o hacerse, quiero verlo, oírlo y hacerlo ahora. Me parece divertido decirle a alguien, “quédate con el cambio”, o darle una buena propina a alguien que tenga un trabajo monótono. He descubierto que entregar mi tiempo y mi atención a alguien con necesidad hace que se me olviden mis dolores y pesares, por eso me apunté como voluntaria en la organización de San Vicente de Paúl. Estoy tratando inmensamente de no aplazar, retrasar o dejar de hacer nada que le añada lustre o una sonrisa a mi vida. Son las pequeñas cosas sin hacer lo que me enoja; me enoja no haber escrito ciertas cartas que tuve la intención de escribir, me lamento de no haberle dicho suficientes veces a las personas más cercanas a mí lo mucho que las amo. Cada día, cada minuto, cada aliento es verdaderamente un regalo de Dios. Y cada mañana al despertar le doy gracias a Dios porque la vida es tan maravillosa.

Te quiere,
Rosa

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Escribe en tu calendario una vez al día algo por lo que estás agradecido. Revisa tus apuntes al final del mes. Repite esta acción.

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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Tuesday (8/13) – Bible Study, 6:30PM, 13th Fl of 222 N 17th St. Join us as we read and discuss God’s Word together. As always, there is free parking in the Cathedral lot during study. We may go out after for a drink too if everyone can.

Tuesday (8/27) – Phillies Game Night, 7:00PM, Citizens Bank Park. We are getting together a group to go to a Phillies game in the evening. Please RSVP if you plan to come by AUG 12th so that we can try to get group tickets. See details on our facebook page.

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)

Religious Education for Parish Children at St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier CCD/PREP will have its first class of the school year on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier School. We will have classes for grades 1 through 8.

The first Registration for all grades will be held at the Cathedral of Ss Peter and Paul on Sunday, August 25th after the 11:00 am Mass in the Cathedral.

A second registration will be held on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at SFX school on 24th and Wallace Streets.

Please provide a baptismal certificate for children new to our CCD/PREP.

You may also register by mail. Registration fee will be posted soon and it must be included with the registration form. Visit the website for more info.

Send completed registration forms to: Pat Schuyler, 9896 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115. Please do not send registration forms and/or fees to the Cathedral or St. Francis Xavier rectory.

To obtain a mail-in registration form and for more information, contact Pat Schuyler at 215-568-2594 or email patshuyler@gmail.com.

Evangelization

“Thy Will Be Done”

In the Gospels of Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:1-13) the disciples ask the Lord Jesus how to pray and He gives them the Our Father. One of the key lines for Christians that is particular to this prayer for our lives is “Thy Will be done.” The reason: it is the heart of our response to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ as He died on the cross for us to bring about our salvation and to incorporate us into the Kingdom of the Father as adopted sons and daughters, freely chosen and loved despite our sinfulness. You see, when we stop to think about the love of God our Father and how this love has been revealed, we come to recognize that what He wants for us is better than anything we can imagine. This is true about our Vocations (priesthood, religious life, married life),¹ our vocations (what we do within our particular vocation), and the plans we have for our lives. When we dare to ask Him, “Who am I? What did you create me to do? Now that I am in...[Vocation]...what is your vocation for me (and my family)?” He will respond with an answer which will fill the deepest longing of our hearts and with the grace needed to face the challenges that come with the answer.

One person who found this to be true in her life was Sr. Clare Crockett, whose life is given to us in a beautiful YouTube video, entitled “All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett (Full Movie).” This video and others are referenced below.² What Sister and I and countless others have discovered is that we have a Father in heaven who loves us and that this love has been revealed to us through His Son. We have discovered this is not just a pious thought or wishful thinking, but a reality. What we also discovered was that in order for us to know this love profoundly, we had to stop thinking we were adults, spiritually, and recognize that we were children who wanted to run but could barely crawl; that we are children in relationship to our Father. Our Father wants to teach each one of us how to run in the freedom of His children, but we must first accept this reality: that we are more like children spiritually than adults, despite whatever form of religious education we have received. The reality that we need to be receptive and in order to be receptive we need to be open and be vulnerable with God. This can be particularly difficult because of the loss of fatherhood in our society and so we need to first ask God to heal us so that we can more easily relate to Him as Father. We can also ask Mary to help us receive the Father’s blessing in our lives. She wants to help us and, frankly, sometimes its just easier to go to Mom before we go to Dad. Though both our Father and Mary, our Mother, love us unconditionally, based on how we were raised we may have found that going to Mom was easier than going to Dad.

Therefore, I say to you: seek His Will. It follows from His command, “seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides” (Matt. 6:33). His Will is Love, Mercy and in it we find assurance. He created you, He knows you best, He can fulfill you. Do not be afraid! Ask Him and He will show you the full freedom of the children of God. He will give you peace and joy that can exist alongside the sufferings and challenges of this life. He will help you to carry His cross unto the joy of resurrection.

Fr. Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B.

¹ “Scripture does not present singleness as such as a vocation, for it does not include self-gift to another.” Thomas Dubay, S.M. “...And You Are Christ’s: The Charism of Virginity and the Celibate Life.” San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 24.

² <https://youtu.be/-0LKZm2BqZo>; https://youtu.be/A_xUXj77hSU; <https://youtu.be/gFQ0BpNXsXO>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Real Suffering, A Four-Week Study
Wednesdays September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Why do we suffer so much in this life? What is the purpose and meaning of our trials? How can we find hope and healing amidst our sorrow? This four week study seeks to answer these difficult questions.

Location: Saint Maria Goretti Parish Center, Hatfield, PA. Cost is \$15.00; For additional information contact the Parish Office at (215) 721-0199.

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/Ytht5D1DU>

Padre Pio Festival
September 14 & 15, 2019

Join us for a weekend of prayer and worship along with music and fun festivities for the whole family in honor of one of the Church's most powerful saints, Padre Pio!

Location: St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland, PA
 More info: padrefiofestivalhollandpa.com

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:** Oct 6, Nov 3, 2019, Jan 5, 2020 (no baptisms in Sep or Dec).

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. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

Upcoming prep sessions: Aug. 11 in the Basilica (no prep on 8/18), Sept 15 & Oct 20 in the Neumann Room.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website:

cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

Men's Retreat

September 6-8, 2019

4:00 PM Registration - 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:30 PM Retreat begins - Cost \$240, \$50 deposit.
 San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave. Long Branch, NJ 07740. 732-222-2731, sananfolsoretreats.org

Purchase Tickets to REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick
Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 7:00-9:30 PM

Archbishop Carroll High School,
 211 Matson Ford Road, Radnor

Tickets: \$25/person

Only checks accepted in person.

Make checks payable to Real Life Catholic

To purchase tickets online visit

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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.