Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish Serves all those who come to the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We profess our Catholic Faith, minister to others and welcome all, as founded on the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

September 1, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENCEANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 to 5:00 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (lunch break 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
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Dear Parishioners,

**Humility!** This was the episcopal motto of Saint Charles Borromeo, the Archbishop of the prestigious Archdiocese of Milan, Italy, who died in 1584. Saint Charles was an example of great humility and inspired others to be humble as well. Humility was no easy accomplishment for this very educated and refined Bishop of the Church. Yet, with God’s help, humility is one of his legacies. I highlight Saint Charles because many of us can listen to this Sunday’s Gospel invitation to be humble and think it is not possible for a number of reasons. We just cannot get that close to the ground (the Latin root of the word humility). However, Jesus is clear in his directive for his followers. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted (Luke 14, 11).” One of the greatest helps to humility is an association with the poor—going out of our way for someone in need. This keeps us close to the ground!

We are truly blessed to have a very fine liturgical music program here at our Cathedral Parish. However, it is important to keep in mind that the greatest instrument that assists with singing the Mass is the human voice. And, the most important liturgical song is that which occurs between the priest and the people. This is the reason why we give emphasis to singing the dialogues between the priest and the people during Sunday Mass. I encourage you to sing with confidence these responses to the priest celebrant as you do when you speak these same responses. Next Sunday, September 8, 2019, we will begin to sing again the second form of the Penitential Act—Have mercy on us, O Lord—which we did last Fall and also introduce the singing of the Pray Brethren before the Prayer over the Offerings. Both of these parts of the Mass will be in the worship aid and the cantor will review them before Mass.

**This Monday, September 2, 2019 is Labor Day.** Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel. Following Mass, everyone is welcome to join in praying the Holy Rosary at the Queen of Apostles Garden directly behind the Basilica. The Basilica and Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day.

Next Sunday, September 8, 2019, the Archbishop will celebrate the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass for those in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are marking their Jubilees as Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters. Many of the Jubilarians will be present for this Mass and will also renew their vows. These Jubilarians represent thousands of years of dedicated service to Jesus and his Church. This is an occasion for us to give thanks for the presence of Religious in our lives and for their generous service to us. Our own Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM, celebrates a Jubilee of sixty years. On Saturday, September 7, 2019, Sister Eleanor will commemorate her Jubilee and renew her vows at our 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving for Sister Eleanor and her vocation as a Religious Sister of Mercy. God bless you, Sister Eleanor!

**Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Black and Indian Missions.** If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

God bless you,

Father Dennis Gill
Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:
Charlotte McLaughlin, William Zawacki, 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, 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, Kris Burbage, 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.

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What’s Happening at the Parish
Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Sep 1  Legion of Mary Meeting, APC, 12:45PM
Prayer group in Spanish, NR, 1:50 PM
Sep 2  Basilica and Parish Office Closed,
Chapel to close after 9 AM Mass
Sep 3  Adult Faith Sharing, Neumann Room, 2PM
Sep 4  Scripture Reflection for lawyers, NR, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, NR, 6 PM
Sep 8  Religious Jubilarian Mass, Basilica, 11 AM
Sep 15  *Remain in My Love*, mini marriage conference,
Chapel, 2 PM
Holy Hour for reparation, Basilica, 5:30 PM
Sep 22  *Blue Mass*, Basilica, 9:30 AM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

**TALLER QUINCEAÑERAS**
Sábado 14 de septiembre
Lugar: Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano 222 N. 17 Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19103 (Entrada al estacionamiento y el edi-
ficio por la Calle 17) Para registración e información: Blanca
Herrera - 215-667-2820 Email: bherrera@archphila.org

**TEN MISERICORDIA DE NOSTROS, OH DIOS**
Hora Santa de Reparacion y Peticion
Hoy, Domingo 15 de septiembre, 2019, de 5:30 a 6:30 PM
Lugar: En la Basilica
Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia - archphila.org/vigil

**La Misa Azul**
Domingo, 22 de septiembre de 2019
Acompañanos a orar por los policías, bomberos, y paramé-
dicos que sirven a nuestra comunidad. Agradecemos su
compromiso y dedicación por el bien común.
Lugar: La Basílica

**El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español**
Octubre 27, 2019—1:30 PM
El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en espa-
ñol cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; Por favor hable
con el Diácono Epifanio para suscribirse en la clase de
preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a.
Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente,
por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor informa-
ción. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en
inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información
por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 215-561-1313.

**Nuestra Señora del Encuentro Radio**
Menciona sus nombres:
1. Los cuatro maestros que más te ayudaron durante tus
tiempos escolares.
2. Tres amigos que te ayudaron durante un tiempo difícil.
3. Cuatro personas que te han enseñado algo que vale la
pena.
4. Seis personas que te han hecho sentir amado y apreciado.
5. Cinco personas que les gusta pasar tiempo contigo.
6. Seis santos o santas, héroes o heroínas que te
haninspirado.

VERDADEROS GANADORES
Diferentes versiones de esta pequeña prueba han estado
circulando en la Internet por un tiempo. En realidad no
 tienes que pasar la prueba; sólo leer las preguntas y te darás
cuenta de su propósito. Sin ver las respuestas—sin trampa—mira a ver si sabes lo siguiente:
1. Las cinco personas más ricas del mundo.
2. Los últimos cinco ganadores del trofeo Heisman.
3. Las cinco últimas ganadoras del concurso de Miss
América.
4. Los últimos cinco ganadores del Premio Nobel o del
Premio Pulitzer.
5. Los últimos cinco ganadores de “Óscares” por mejores
actores o actrices.
6. Los ganadores de la Serie Mundial durante la última
década.

¿Cómo te fue? ¿Te perdiste en algunas o en todas las
categorías? El caso es que ninguno de nosotros recordamos
todos los que han hecho noticia en el pasado. Esas
personas son las mejores en sus propios campos de
experiencia, pero los aplausos cesan, los trofeos y medallas
pierden su brillo, los logros se olvidan, y los tributos y
certificados quedan enterrados con sus dueños.

Aquí tienes otra pequeña prueba. A ver qué tal te va en
ésta. Las respuestas a las siguientes preguntas son única y
personalmente tuyas. Menciona sus nombres:
1. Los cuatro maestros que más te ayudaron durante tus
tiempos escolares.
2. Tres amigos que te ayudaron durante un tiempo difícil.
3. Cuatro personas que te han enseñado algo que vale la
pena.
4. Seis personas que te han hecho sentir amado y apreciado.
5. Cinco personas que les gusta pasar tiempo contigo.
6. Seis santos o santas, héroes o heroínas que te
haninspirado.

¿Fue más fácil? Tal vez te acordaste de aún más perso-
nas a medida que hacías memoria. Este pequeño ejercicio
demuestra que las personas que han marcado una diferencia
en nuestra vida no son aquellas con más credenciales, más
dinero o más premios, sino más bien las que nos han de-
mostrado su cariño. Sus acciones pesan tanto como sus pa-
labras.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora
¡Practica la reciprocidad generalizada! Ayuda a aquellas
personas a quienes les es imposible pagarte tus favores.

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Evangelization
Getting “Unstuck” in the Spiritual Life

Two Sundays ago, our First Reading and our Gospel encouraged us to consider the burning love that Jesus has for us in his desire to bring us freedom, and the father’s love. As he said: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” One of the ways by which that love is communicated to us is through the sacraments of the Church.

In Baptism that burning love purges our hearts of original sin and any actual sins committed up to that time if we were baptized as adults. As we know, however, we can sometimes douse that flame by way of our subsequent falling into the same old habits and sins to which our fallen nature is vulnerable. Recognizing this leaning in our hearts, the Lord does not beat us up over our sins but offers to overwhelm them with even more love; removing the guilt incurred, again opening the way to eternal life in heaven by the grace sanctifying grace revived in and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The first reading from that Sunday (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10) was especially helpful as we examine the plight of Jeremiah the prophet, “stuck” in the mud. The prophets of Israel often become a sign to the people of Israel not only in their words but in their very person. A little background may be helpful. The kingdom of Judah is on the verge of being overrun by the Chaldeans. Zedekiah the king of Judah is doing everything to avert the surrender and conquering of his kingdom. For a time, his efforts seem to work. God’s word to his people as communicated through his prophet, Jeremiah, on the other hand, calls on the people to do something radically counter-intuitive, he calls upon them to surrender and by so doing, save their lives. This doesn’t sit well with the people and they decide to rid themselves of him by casting him into a cistern holding not water, i.e. not doing what a cistern is supposed to do, but rather mud. Into that mud the prophet sinks down and is “stuck”.

One of the king’s servants has pity on Jeremiah, intercedes for him with the king and pulls him from the muddy mess with the help of three nameless men. Jeremiah will draw from his experience of being stuck to communicate to the king his people’s future if they should not surrender. The king and his people are “stuck.” In sin, we too are “stuck.” Surrender however, and acknowledging our misery in the mire is the beginning of our being rescued. The recognition, rather than discouraging us ought to inspire us to rejoice.

St. Bernard once said: “Is it possible for such wretchedness to make a many happy?” Whoever you are, if you are in this frame of mind, do not despair: it is mercy not misery, that makes a man happy, but mercy’s natural home is misery. [...] Sickness has real utility when it leads to the doctor’s hands, and he whom God restores to health gains by having been ill.”

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we see not three nameless men coming to our rescue to pull us from the mire, as Jeremiah did, but the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Doing so they do not promise us a carefree, suffering-free life, but something so much more: a new life, a resurrected life. Next week we will consider what can help us recognize those areas of our lives wherein we are stuck and so best cooperate with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in order to be truly free.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

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1 Lk 12:49
2 Sermons of Conversion, p.46
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

First Friday Holy Hour: Consoling the Heart of Jesus
Friday, September 6, 2019, 7:00 PM
Join the Sisters of Life every first Friday for a holy hour of reparation and prayers for healing of the Church.
Location: St. Malachy’s Church, 1429 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia
More info: No registration required; all are welcome!

Gender Matters,
Fighting for the Integrity of Persons
Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Location: St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Wayne PA.
More info: The parish Mass at 8AM is open to participants. Additional information & registration at https://gendermattersphilly.eventbrite.com

The Sixth Patricians Meeting
Remain Steadfast in Your Faith with a little help from the angels, like St. Raphael
Sunday, September 8, 2019, 12:45 PM – 2:45 PM
Spiritual Director: Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.
Presenter: Mr. Thomas Koge*
Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307
September 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the tea interval, a special lunch will be served to honor our Blessed Mother. For additional information visit cathedralphila.org/legion-of-mary

Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition
Discovering God’s Plan For Love and Life
Sundays beginning September 22, 2019 – 6:00 - 7:30 PM
This DVD program answers the questions your middle school children may have about sexual morality, relationships, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. This program uses a dynamic mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, all packed into eight life-changing lessons. Parent session on 9/22, 6 PM, followed by 8 sessions for middle school students: 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17.
Location: Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland, PA. Room 1, 2nd Floor, flag entrance.
More information: This event is free, please fill out the registration, View the trailer: youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=MgYgBhPqHVU

Archdiocesan Events
Monthly newsletter with many excellent events:
www.phillyevang.org/newsletter/

Resources for Catholics to know their Faith

ộ Scripture
□ Bibles
□ The New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) – Available as an app
□ The Revised Standard Version, 2nd Catholic Edition (RSV2CE) – Available as an app
□ The New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)
□ Explanations of the differences: https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/how-to-choose-a-catholic-study-bible
□ Study Bibles (Tend to have more information in them along with the Scriptures)
□ The Catholic Study Bible [NABRE]
□ The Didache Study Bible [RSV2CE]
□ The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible [RSV2CE]
□ The New Jerusalem Bible [NJB]
□ Commentary (for those who want a scholarly background to the Scriptures that is easy to read)
□ The Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture http://www.catholiccommentaryonsacredscripture.com/volumes-authors/

ộ Tradition
□ The Church Fathers: http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/
□ https://www.eccel.org/fathers.html

ộ Magisterium
□ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Edition
□ Online: http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/INDEX.HTM
□ Online/Print: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/

(Cont. next week)

Tours of the Cathedral Basilica
A guided tour of the Basilica is available after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass (except on 1st Sunday starting October). Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.

Forty Days For Life
Opening Mass & Holy Hour
Sunday, September 29, 2019
5:15 PM Holy Hour, 6:30 PM Mass
All are welcome to attend the Philadelphia Archdiocese’s Respect Life Sunday Celebration. Join the Holy Hour for Life led by the Sisters of Life, followed by Mass. After Mass, there will be opportunities to sign up for 40 Days for Life locations, dates and times.

Location:
The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Celebrant:
Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.