



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

***"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle.
I just wish He didn't trust me so much."***

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



August 16, Saturday, St. Stephen of Hungary

12:05 Natalie Ranalli & family
5:15 Dec. members of Santoni & Borkowski family

August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Lou, Lena & Tony Ferrara
11:00 Alfonzo Ranalli & family
12:30 Esther Serrano
6:30 For the People

August 18, Monday, Weekday

7:15 The Sherry Family
12:05 Joseph Bui Trung Hoa

August 19, Tuesday, St. John Eudes

7:15 Henry J. Hagan
12:05 Juan Chico

August 20, Wednesday, Saint Bernard

7:15 Pfizenmayer-Linaugh families
12:05 Maria Hoan Thi Vu

August 21, Thursday, St. Pius X

7:15 Marcella McDevitt
12:05 Hoan T. Vu

August 22, Friday, Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Janet Collura

August 23, Saturday, St. Rose of Lima

12:05 Roberto and family
5:15 Elias Ionata

August 24, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Monica Grzeczowski
11:00 Nicola DiFonzo & family
12:30 Para las benditas animas del Pulgatorio
6:30 For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord!

The situation in Northern Iraq is horrific! Pope Francis has appealed to the whole Church to raise up one voice of ceaseless prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to send the gift of peace to Iraq. The Holy Father has repeated with great urgency the pressing need for all members of the Church to unite in this prayer for the additional intention for an immediate end to the violence and destruction, especially directed at defenseless Christians, in Iraq. Pope Francis with the same urgency calls the international community to protect those who have suffered from such terrible violence and to guarantee assistance for survival.

Our Archbishop invites all the clergy and faithful to be especially mindful of the Holy Father's request for prayer for Iraq this Sunday. You heard this petition in the *Universal Prayer* at Mass:

For an immediate end to the violence and destruction of life in Iraq, especially as it is directed to the native Christians, that these evils will be defeated by efforts for peace and justice.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

Please add this intention to your daily prayers. You are also encouraged to visit the Most Blessed Sacrament for adoration with this intention in mind as well as joining this intention to the Holy Rosary. *Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!*

There will be a Holy Hour this Sunday afternoon, August 17, 2014, here at the Cathedral Basilica, beginning at 5:30 PM, to pray especially for the intention of peace in Iraq. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Many of you are aware that the air conditioning is not functioning in the Cathedral Chapel. The nearly sixty year old unit completely broke down earlier this summer. We are in the process of obtaining bids for its replacement and repair which will be the most fiscally responsible. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding as we work to complete this project.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

Living Stewardship Now

Inside or Outside?

The Jesus we meet in today's Gospel seems a bit stand-offish. He appears at first to ignore the Canaanite woman's pleas to heal her child! Matthew seems to be suggesting that, until this point in his ministry, Jesus himself thought that his mission was only to the Jewish people. When he is confronted by a Canaanite, and a woman at that, he seems baffled. Her sheer determination to make him listen ensures that he cannot continue to ignore her. More importantly, Jesus acknowledges that her faith in him is equal to that of any of the Jewish people he has met so far. In the end, Jesus praises her faith and heals her daughter. Matthew was writing his Gospel for a community of Jewish Christians who had identified Jesus as the Messiah—the One promised by God to generations of the Jewish people. They were aware, however, that the Christian faith was attracting people of other races and other religions. They would, inevitably, have been struggling to work out how this fit with all the prophecies of the Hebrew scriptures that foretold a Messiah who was destined to save Israel. The meeting between Jesus and the Canaanite woman offers them a clue about how to understand this situation. When Jesus is challenged to heal the outsider, his initial reaction is to refuse; but then he sees her great faith, and this far outweighs the fact that she does not belong to the people he primarily came to save. In this story the new Jewish Christian community must have found help to see that their initial reluctance to admit outsiders was understandable, and then to recognize that God plants faith in others too—and that it is faith rather than background that opens the door into the Kingdom.

Living Stewardship Now: People come to the Church because God calls them. Try volunteering in the parish ministry for people seeking to become Catholic or in a ministry welcoming Catholics who left the Church and want to come home.

Catholic Clinical Consultants

Catholic Clinical Consultants, the behavioral health company of Catholic Healthcare Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, provides individual, couples and family counseling in a welcoming and supportive environment. The staff includes psychologists and Master's level professional psychotherapists. Day and evening hours are available. They are a Medicare provider and accept most health insurance. Offices are in Levittown, East Norristown, Northeast Philadelphia, South Philadelphia and Springfield, Delaware County. To schedule an appointment call: 855-518-2223.

2014 Archbishop's Lecture Series

7 pm in Vianney Hall Auditorium
at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.
donation is \$5 per lecture - information and
online registration: www.phillyevang.org/lectures.
Next Lecture is:

Tues., Sept. 30 *What is Marriage,*
Professor Robert George, lecturer

Basilica Tours



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the Sunday 11 am Mass**. Please meet in front of the side altar of the Sacred Heart, which is to the right of the Main Altar.



Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:

Laura Emerson, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, John Ruddick, Sr., Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Patrick Gallagher, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Sujan, Edward Endrich, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle, Bernard Thompson, Larry Ross, Samada family, John DeMelas, Nick Capozio, Linda Brigandi, Dottie Bianci, Alexia Mervine, Sarah Murnghan, Pauline Cope, Ted Rice, Rita Borsaris, Bernie Brill, Molly Sujan, Linda Brigandi, Elizabeth Grinder, Joe Capozio, Linda Watson, Michael Roman, Diane Motley, Jason Toomey, John Bradford, Brother Thomas Chadwick, Nick Pella, Maritza Gonzalez, Catalinaun bebe, Isaac Hernandez,, Eduvige Rodriguez, Julia Rodriguez, Felix Mogollan, Evelina Navarro, Carmen Vega and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. Please call the Parish Office with the names of anyone who is sick to be included in our prayer list.



Blessed Margaret of Castello
Home for Crisis Pregnancies

Philadelphia and South Eastern Pennsylvania
215-245-1039

We have designated the 4th Sunday of each month for donations to the Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies. Items most in need are: Similac Advance Formula, Diapers (size 4 and 5), Baby bottles and “Onesies” all sizes. You can bring in your donations NEXT Sunday and leave in the sacristy.

Thank you for your continued generosity. God Bless.

*‘Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one
of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
you do for me.’*

Information Session on the Role of Sponsors for those Preparing for the Celebration of the Sacraments

The role of the sponsor is vital in the conversion process of an adult preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments. A sponsor is called to be: 1) A friend and a companion for this adult throughout the process of initiation and beyond. 2) A source of information about Catholic practices and the “nitty-gritty” of daily Christian living. 3) A guide to parish organizations and to meeting other members of the Christian community. 4) A participant in the liturgical ceremonies of the adults, including the sacraments of initiation. 5) A consultant to the priest and catechists on the process of the adults and a participant in discerning the readiness of the individuals for the different stages of initiation. For those interested in learning more about sponsoring individuals preparing for the celebration of the sacraments, please consider attending an information session on **August 19 at 7 pm in the Neumann Room**. Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

Aug. 19 Filming of Spanish Mass, 7 pm

Aug. 19 Information Session for Sponsors,
-see notice this page

Aug. 20 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann
Room, 6 pm

Aug. 23/24 Catholic University Collection

Aug. 24 Mass for 50th Quadrennial Convention
of the First Catholic Slovak Union, 2 pm

Letters of Eligibility

The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation require that the godparents and sponsors are eligible to serve in such a role. This role is more than ceremonial. Godparents and sponsors are witnesses to the Faith of Church celebrated in these Sacraments of Christian Initiation. Living, sharing, modeling and mentoring the same Faith of the Church is at the heart of the role of godparents and sponsors. This is the reason why today as throughout the history of the Church the role of godparents and sponsors has been taken most seriously. So, the first consideration when making the choice for a godparent and/or sponsor centers on the Faith and a relationship between believers.

As a minimum the Church requires that godparents and sponsors be at least sixteen years of age, have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church—with Baptism, Confirmation and Communion, and, if married, are married in the Church. This all means that the person is living and practicing the Faith, especially with participation in Sunday Mass.

Here at the Cathedral Parish, when a request for a statement of eligibility is made, one of our parish priests will contact you to provide the necessary documentation.

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

Reflecting on the words of any Pope helps us to grow in our faith—after all, he is our shepherd, the one who calls us on as one body in Christ. We will offer short excerpts taken from Pope Francis' addresses and homilies since his election which will reflect the themes that we can expect to hear again and again during his pontificate.....

Witness Is What Counts!

Faith can only be communicated through witness, and that means love. Not with our own ideas but with the gospel, lived out in our own lives and brought to life within us by the Holy Spirit. There is, as it were, a synergy between us and the Holy Spirit, and this leads to witness. The Church is carried forward by the saints, who are the very ones who bear this witness. As both John Paul II and Benedict XVI have said, today's world stands in great need of witnesses, not so much of teachers, but rather of witnesses. It's not so much about speaking, but rather speaking with our whole lives: living consistently, the very consistency of our lives! This consistency means living Christianity as an encounter with Jesus that brings me to others, not just as a social label. In terms of society, this is how we are—we are Christians closed in on ourselves. No, not this! Witness is what counts!



A Study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians

The second reading for our Sunday Liturgies are taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This series of lectures will study the letter and get in touch with this community of believers whom Paul loved so much.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia
Tuesdays: Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7 at 7:30 pm
Free will offering
Call 267-350-1830 to register

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 has now arranged for a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intention and prayer request to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

For more information on the parish Charismatic Prayer Group, please call the Parish Office.

Tithing Online

You can make weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions or other donations on-line, either from your personal checking account or a debit/credit card. Go to our new website: **www.cathedralphila.org** and click on "Make A Donation" and follow the instructions.

One option is to manually make weekly or monthly donations or you can have your credit/debit card or checking account automatically debited each week/month.

We hope this service will provide convenience and ease to our parishioners and visitors. Thank you for your truly generous support during this difficult financial time and for your continued interest in our Parish!



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 8/10/14 was \$4,707. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

17 de Agosto del 2014

Domingo vigésimo durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Isaias 56, 1. 6-7.* El profeta recuerda que Dios llama a todos los pueblos a la salvación y no sólo a los judíos. Su templo se llamará: "*Casa de oración para todos los pueblos*".

Segunda lectura: *Romanos 11, 13-15. 29-32.* Pablo afirma que los dones de Dios son irrevocable: Él es fiel a sus promesas, a su misericordia y espera el retorno de Israel.

Evangelio: *Mateo 15, 21-28.* Mateo relata la súplica y la fe de la mujer cananea. El mismo Jesús proclama: ¡Mjue, qué grande es tu fe!, y le otorga el milagro.

Sesión informativa sobre el papel de patrocinador (Sponsor) para los que se preparan para recibir los Sacramentos.

El papel del Patrocinador (Sponsor) es vital en el proceso de la conversión de un adulto que se está preparando para la celebración de los Sacramentos. Un patrocinador (Sponsor) está llamado a ser: 1) Un amigo y un compañero para este adulto durante todo el proceso de iniciación y más allá; 2) Una fuente de información sobre las practicas católicas y el compromiso de la vida cristiana cotidiana; 3) Un guía para organizaciones de la Parroquia y conocer a otros miembros de la comunidad cristiana; 4) un participante en las ceremonias litúrgicas de los adultos, incluyendo los Sacramentos de la iniciación; 5) Un consultor para el Sacerdote y catequistas en el proceso de los adultos y un participante en discernir la preparación de los individuos para las diferentes etapas de la iniciación. Para aquellos que estén interesados en aprender más sobre como uno puede patrocinar individuos interesados en recibir los Sacramentos, por favor considere asistir a una sesión informativa del día **19 de Agosto a las 7 pm en la Sala Neumann** de la Catedral. Para más información llame a la Rectoría al 215-561-1313.

La Vela del Santuario



Aceptamos donaciones para la vela Del Santuario en la Basilica y en la Capilla de la Catedral. Esta vela siempre está prendida para recordar a todos que entran que Jesús está presente en el Tabernaculo. Si quiere hacer una donación (\$15) por sus propias intenciones o por otras, favor de venir a la Casa Parroquial para hacer los arreglos.



Readings of the Week

Monday: August 18

Ezekiel 24, 15-24/Deuteronomy 32:18-21
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: August 19

Ezekiel 28:1-10/Deuteronomy 32:26-28
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: August 20

Ezekiel 34:1-11/Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: August 21

Ezekiel 36:23-28/Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: August 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14/Psalm 113:1-8
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: August 23

Ezekiel 43:1-7a/Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: August 24

Isaiah 22:19-23//Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20