



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2014

**“Faith has as its adversary Doubt —
but it is Faith, not Doubt, that moves mountains”**

L. Goff



Mass Intentions for the Week

August 23, Saturday, St. Rose of Lima

12:05 Roberto and family
5:15 Elias Ionata

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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

August 25, Monday, SS Louis & Joseph Calasanz

7:15 The Sherry Family
12:05 Maria Hoan Thi Vu

August 26, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Marion Ebner McNulty
12:05 Filippa Maiorano

August 27, Wednesday, Saint Monica

7:15 Stephen Gallasso
12:05 Catherine & Calvin Meyers

August 28, Thursday, St. Augustine

7:15 Henry J. Hagan
12:05 Wiley-Gilligan Families

August 29, Friday, Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Franco Constantino

August 30, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Peppino Pachioli & Family
5:15 Fadal Ashmar

August 31, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Merriel Wallace
11:00 Raffale Giacomucci & Family
12:30 Las Beditas Animas del Pulgatorio
6:30 For the People

Dear Parishioners,
Greetings in the Lord!

Two very significant meetings took place in the parish these past two weeks. They were wonderful meetings. In a sense the whole parish was a part of these meetings.

On August 12, as promoted in the parish bulletin, an Inquiry or Information Session was held for adults seeking Baptism and Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. The people who attended sincerely desire to know more about becoming a Catholic, receiving the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and living among us as members of the Church. On August 19, as promoted in the parish bulletin, a session was held for members of the parish who would like to sponsor or mentor these inquiring adults. It is the parish community, especially when assembled for Mass on Sunday, who encourages and welcomes those seeking membership in Church with the celebration of the Sacraments. It is also the parish community that mentors, especially by good Christian example these same men and women. As a parish community, we will come to know more these soon to be catechumens and candidates for the Easter Sacraments as we see them among us at Sunday Mass. Pray for them, greet them, and encourage them. Our own faithful Christian lives is the greatest support we provide for our soon to be new members of our Catholic Community.

If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic Faith and the reception of the Sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Also, if you would like to be a sponsor for someone in sacramental formation, please call the Parish Office.

In just a few short days schools will open and the new academic year will be underway. The opening of school is also the occasion to enroll our school age children in religious education. Parents, I remind you of your obligation to your children—as promised at their Baptism—to provide for their education in the Faith. If you have any questions or need assistance with enrolling your child in a religious education program, especially for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

Living Stewardship Now

Not Hired, But Chosen

When a company is recruiting for a top management position the process is detailed and thorough, with many interviews for each candidate and a full review of educational background, professional credentials, references, previous experience, and more. No company wants to take a chance on a person who is anything other than the best available. Contrast this with today's Gospel account. Jesus first questions his disciples. Who do people say Jesus is? They give him several answers. Then he asks them who *they* say he is. It is impulsive, big-hearted Peter who exclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Think of Peter for a moment: a good Jew, but almost certainly illiterate and a fisherman by trade. Not exactly high up in the social order, is he? Nevertheless, Jesus saw not only what Peter was, but what he could become. He saw into the heart and mind of this man and said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus was not without humor, as this was a play on words. The name Peter comes from the Greek word for rock (*petros*). The beginning of our Church, which today embraces one and a half billion people worldwide, lay in the hands of this one man and his fellow disciples. With the authority of God and the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus promised that ultimate evil would never prevail against it. Nevertheless, the Church is made up of flawed human beings who sometimes fail as followers of Jesus. We must never forget that even Peter himself, after Jesus chose him as "the rock", failed spectacularly by denying his Lord three times. When we fail, we should not walk away but strive even more to live a faithful Christian life.

Living Stewardship Now: Spend no time fault-finding or criticizing other members of the parish. Pray for them and write notes of gratitude for what they do that is good.



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica

For James Edward O'Donnell

Request Christine Malone

Lily's Gift

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. Lily's Gift can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. Call Sister Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530.

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:

*Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Nancy Tomaszewski, 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, 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.***

Climate Change: The Local and State Response

Join neighbors for a panel discussion featuring Robert McKinstry, Practice Leader of the Ballard Spahr law firm's Climate Change and Sustainability Initiative and Sarah Wu, Policy and Outreach Manager, City of Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Sustainability.

- What efforts have Philadelphia and Pennsylvania made to conserve energy and lower carbon emissions?
- What is the impact of multi-family dwellings (condos and co-ops) on climate change?
- What are the legal options available to the state under proposed new EPA regulations to reduce emissions from coal-fired plants?
- What progress has Philadelphia made in reducing its impact on climate change?

Monday, September 15 - 7:30 pm
Parkway Central Library
1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia
Room 108

**Labor Day
Monday, September 1
Mass: 9:00 am only**

**The Cathedral Basilica will close
after the 9 am Mass.**

**The Parish Office will be
closed all day.**

If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient, but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."

St. Therese of Lisieux

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

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

Aug. 27 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 pm

Sept. 1 Labor Day, 9 am Mass only, then the Cathedral will be closed for the rest of the day

Sept. 7 Religious Jubilarian Mass, 11 am, Archbishop Chaput, celebrant

Sept. 11 First Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7 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.

24 de Agosto del 2014
Domingo vigesimoprimer
durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Isaias 22, 19-23*. En base a un relato histórico, el profeta describe las características propias de un funcionario público, que se debe al bien del pueblo.

Segunda lectura: *Romanos 11, 33-36*. Pablo, en un arrebato de alabanza a la sabiduría de Dios, nos recuerda que “*todo es de Él, por Él y para Él*”.

Evangelio: *Mateo 16, 13-20*. Un texto denso y rico en enseñanzas: Jesús plantea a sus discípulos y a nosotros: “¿*Quién soy yo para ustedes?*”. Elige a Pedro como fundamento de su Iglesia y le confiere el poder de las llaves.

Hearing Aid Assistance Available

Do you know someone who needs hearing aids and can not afford them? Starkey Hearing Foundation's *Hear Now* program provides help. Call 800-328-8602 to discuss eligibility with a *Hear Now* representative.

or email: hearnow@starkey.com

Hearing Aid Donations Welcome

Repurpose those old, used or no longer needed hearing aids. Package carefully, include your name and address and mail to:

Hear Now Donation
6700 Washington Ave. South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

All donations are tax deductible.

Baptisms and Holy Matrimony

Information can be found on our website
under Sacraments
www.cathedralphila.org

New Parishioners

Download parish registration forms from the website or call the Parish office to register.



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 25

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12, Psalm 96:1-5
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: August 26

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-14, Psalm 96:10-13
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: August 27

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18/Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: August 28

1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Psalm 145:2-7
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: August 29

1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Mark 6:17-29

Saturday: August 30

1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: August 31

Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

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.....

The Holy Spirit Gives Us the Words to Say

Who is the real driving force of evangelization in our lives and in the Church? Paul VI wrote clearly: "It is the Holy Spirit who today, just as the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer who allows himself to be possessed and led by him. The Holy Spirit places on his lips the words which he could not find by himself, and at the same time, the Holy Spirit predisposes the soul of the hearer to be open and receptive to the Good News and to the kingdom being proclaimed" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 75). To evangelize, therefore, it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God's Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us. Let us entrust ourselves to him! He will enable us to live out and bear witness to our faith, and will illuminate the heart of those we meet.



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 8/17/14 was \$. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.