



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2014

**“A word or a smile is often enough to put
fresh life into a despondent soul.”**

St. Therese of Lesieux



Sept. 20, Saturday, St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

12:05 Deceased friends of San Giacomo
5:15 Edward Frankowski

Sept. 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Reverend John Freeman
11:00 Deceased friends in Piano dei Fiori
12:30 Proteccion de la familia Jimenez-xel Hua
6:30 For the People

Sept. 22, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Kay Braha
12:05 Robert John Dangovetsky, Jr.

Sept. 23, Tuesday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:15 Kay Braha
12:05 Jim Lawson

Sept. 24, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Margaret Gloria Sickel
12:05 The Simonis Rush families

Sept. 25, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Lucia Napoleone
12:05 Eugene Morris

Sept. 26, Friday, Saints Cosmas & Damian

7:15 Mrs. Shirley Burbidge
12:05 Albert J. Rusko

Sept. 27, Saturday, St. Vincent de Paul

12:05 Deceased friends of Scerni
5:15 Wiley & Pfizenmayer families

Sept. 28, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People
9:30 Pfizenmayer-Linaugh families
11:00 Deceased friends in the U.S.
12:30 Proteccion de la familia Jimenez-xel Hua
6:30 For the People

Dear Parishioners, Greetings in the Lord!

I am gratefully amazed at the number of people who take advantage of our scheduled weekday Confessions in the Basilica. Each weekday from 11:30 AM until the beginning of the 12:05 PM Mass the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is available in the Basilica. Frequently an additional priest is needed to assist with penitents, especially so that the celebrant of the 12:05 PM Mass can be prepared and vested in time. This is just one of the many services that the Cathedral Parish provides to our parishioners, to those who work in town or those visiting the City. Confessions are also available on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and evening as indicated on the front cover of the bulletin.

I want to encourage our parishioners especially to reclaim the spiritual value of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The authentic living of the Christian life, the life given to us in Baptism and fortified by our reception of Holy Communion, requires a carefulness about every choice we make. Sometimes our choices are indeed contrary to this life, to Christ and his Gospel, and we sin. We may not want to own this, but we separate ourselves from the Lord and all those who belong to him. Living as a Christian, wanting to live in the grace of the Lord, presumes a regular participation in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Perhaps reading this column will invite you to take some time, to examine your conscience according to the Commandments and Christ's law as we know from the Scriptures and the Church. This type of examination stirs up a real sorrow in the Christian for sins and often prompts a desire for the mercy of the Lord in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come without fear or hesitation to the Confessional and meet Christ. If you struggle with the Sacrament and/or have some questions and would like some direction, please feel free to speak to one of our priests. It is our privilege and responsibility to help all of our parishioners, all that we meet, to live the sacramental life of a Catholic.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill

Living Stewardship Now

GOD'S ECONOMY

Today's Gospel tells about a landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. The first ones hired agreed to a price for a day's work. Late in the day, the landowner took on some extra hands. When work ended and the men received their pay, the first hires found they had received the same amount as the ones employed later. There was immediate grumbling about unfairness and being cheated. We should not make the mistake of interpreting this Gospel story in terms of how a boss should behave and how workers are treated in today's world. Fairness and justice in the marketplace are essential, and when a few enrich themselves at the expense of the many, we know it is wrong. As far back as 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things"). This groundbreaking document, well ahead of its time, focused on the relationships and mutual duties of labor and capital, and between governments and citizens. It affirmed the necessity of a just wage for working people to support their families, and the right of labor to form unions. The pope rejected both communism and unrestricted capitalism, while affirming the right to private property. In today's Gospel story, we must realize that Jesus is not talking about any of these issues, but rather, God's relationship with people. God acts with justice toward us: like the laborers who worked all day, we receive what God has promised. However, God is free to act above and beyond simple justice. God often gives with unexpected and lavish generosity, even to those we might consider unworthy. The truth is that in God's economy all of us get not merely what we deserve, but more than we could ever have bargained for.

Living Stewardship Now: Decide to work for justice through service to others. A wide range of opportunities is available in the parish and diocese, or tap into the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service at cnvs.org.



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 9/14/14 was \$5,837. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

Do You Know Your Tribunal?

The Tribunal in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is a group of specially qualified priests, deacons and lay persons whose responsibility is to assist people who have experienced divorce.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakable bond of marriage. This is God's law. The marriage bond cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some weakness in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment procedure addresses this problem—at the time of consent--without affixing blame on either party.

If you are divorced or married outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office. The Tribunal Office is ready and eager to answer all questions. All interviews are private and confidential. Also, please feel free to ask any of the parish priests questions about the work of the Tribunal and the annulment procedure.

The Tribunal
222 North Seventeenth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-587-3750



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

Tom Fiordimondo, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, 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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns
this week in the Cathedral Basilica*

*For Bleistine, Szcwzak and
Felinski Families*

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

How Do Catholics Interpret the Bible

Thursday, September 25, 2014, 7:00-8:30 PM
Neumann Room
(entrance from the rear of the Basilica)

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 am - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6

This Mass will be rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times:

- 9 a.m. DT-2, Channel 6 digital
- 10:30 a.m., LaSalle University 56
- 5:00 p.m., DT-2, Channel 6 digital



Blessed Margaret of Castello
Home for Crisis Pregnancies

Philadelphia and South Eastern Pennsylvania
215-345-1029

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

- Sept. 23** Augustine's Brothers Mens Group,
Neumann Room, 6:30 pm
- Sept. 23** World Library Choral Reading,
Chapel Hall, 7 pm
- Sept. 24** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann
Room, 6 pm
- Sept. 25** Catechetical Session, Neumann
Room, 7 pm
- Sept. 25** Puerto Rican Mass 6:30 pm
- Sept. 27** Roman H.S. 125th Anniversary Mass,
1:30 pm, Archbishop Chaput, celebrant
- Sept. 27** Archdiocesan Boy & Girl Choir
Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 am
- Sept. 28** Men's Discernment Group, Neumann
Room, 7:30 pm
- Sept. 28** Pro Life Holy Hour, Chapel, 5:30 pm
followed by Respect Life Mass at 6:30 pm,
in Basilica, Archbishop Chaput, celebrant
- Sept. 29** St. Thomas More Society Mass, 5:15 pm
Archbishop Chaput, celebrant
- Sept. 29** Archdiocesan Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Hall, 7:30 pm
- Sept. 30** Augustine's Brothers Mens Group,
Neumann Room, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 1** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann
Room, 6 pm
- Oct. 2** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room,
7 pm
- Oct. 4** Archdiocesan Boy & Girl rehearsal,
Chapel Hall, 9:30 am

21 de Septiembre del 2014

Domingo vigesimoquinto durante el año

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Isaias 55, 6-9.* El profeta llama al pecador a convertirse, a dejar el pecado y buscar al Señor, Él está cerca y perdona.

Segunda lectura: *Filipenses 1, 20b-26.* Nadie como Pablo ha vivido tan intensamente su existencia cristiana hasta poder afirmar: “*Para mí la vida es Cristo y la muerte una ganancia*”.

Evangelio: *Mateo 19, 30—20, 16.* A través de una hermosa parábola, Jesús nos revela que el Padre Dios ama a todos, a todas las horas, paga a todos por igual, pues esa paga—el premio—es pura gracia de Dios.

¿Buscan información sobre cómo puede recibir los sacramentos de iniciación tales como el bautismo, comunión y confirmación?

Vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándoles en la nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. (Mateo 28:19)

Las Sacramentos de iniciación reciben a los que buscan a Dios y desean aprender más acerca de la fe Católica. Nos alegra ayudar a la gente en su preparación para integrarse totalmente a la Iglesia Católica por medio de los sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía.

Nos reunimos para reflexionar sobre el significado del mensaje bíblico de Jesús en nuestras vidas personales, y poco a poco, venimos a ser parte de la Comunidad de Fe, aprendiendo más acerca de las creencias y tradiciones de la Iglesia y profundizando en nuestro compromiso con Dios y la forma de Vida Católica.

Algunas actividades específicas incluyen oración, participación en actividades parroquiales. Para más información, por favor, comunicarse con el Señor Jim Browne (habla muy bien el español) o con el Padre Angelo J. Hernández. Dios los bendiga.

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholics brothers and sisters residing in the Senior Residences of **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, and Watermark.**

Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and celebrate the Sacrament of the Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know.

There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313.** Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral and in your goodness pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others.



Readings of the Week

Monday: September 22

Proverbs 3:27-34/Psalm 15:2-4ab, 5
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: September 23

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: September 24

Proverbs 30:5-9/Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: September 25

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc
Luke 9:7-9

Friday: September 26

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Psalm 126:1bc-6
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: September 27

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8/Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: September 28

Ezekiel 18:25-28/Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11/Matthew 21:28-32

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 Motivation of Mission

When I was studying theology, I wrote to the [Superior] General [of the Jesuits], who was Fr. Arrupe, asking him to dispatch me, to send me to Japan or to some other place. However, he thought about it a length and said to me, with great kindness, "But you have had a lung disease, which is not very good for such demanding work," so I stayed in Buenos Aires. Fr. Arrupe was so kind because he did not say, "But you are not holy enough to become a missionary" - he was kind; he was charitable. It was the dimension of mission that gave me such great determination to be a Jesuit: to go out, to go to the missions and proclaim Jesus Christ. I believe this is a feature specific to our spirituality: to go out, to go out to always proclaim Jesus Christ, and to never stay somehow closed in our structures, which are so often transient. This is what motivated me.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

October 3, 4, 5

Spirituality Center, 1140 King Rd., Malvern

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God; grieve your loss; and forgive yourself and others.

For information and registration call: 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

If you are a single woman between age 25 and 40 interested in joining with other women to pray the Rosary to discern your vocation, please email vocationprayergroup@gmail.com for additional information. Thank you!

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!

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.

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.