



## *The Solemnity of Christ the King*

*November 22, 2015*

**“The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty”**

*Psalm 93: 1*



### ***November 21, Saturday, Presentation of BVM***

12:05 Alfonzo Altobelli  
5:15 John Martorano, Sr.

### ***November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Julius Michael Guarino  
11:00 Angela Altobelli  
12:30 Rene Cirino  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

### ***November 23, Monday, Saint Clement I***

7:15 Molly Altomare  
12:05 Dominic A. Sirano

### ***November 24, Tuesday, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac***

7:15 Henry Hagan  
12:05 Leone & Cucurullo families

### ***November 25, Wednesday, St. Catherine of Alexandria***

7:15 Amanda M. Carter  
12:05 John D. McCarthy

### ***November 26, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day***

9:00 Doris Ward Tissot

### ***November 27, Friday, Weekday***

9:00 Helen W. Erdosy

### ***November 28, Saturday, Weekday, BVM***

12:05 Edison Giacomucci  
5:15 Grace Liebert

### ***November 29, First Sunday of Advent***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Chales Galipo  
11:00 Joseph A. Pino  
12:30 Clemente & Catalina Carrera  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we bring the Liturgical Year to a fitting close with the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King*. This Solemnity reminds us that our Christian lives are not lived alone but in communion with Christ who reigns over the whole world and, most of all, in our hearts. We are the privileged members of a Kingdom where He alone is Lord. With Him we worship and adore our Father, most fully in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. With Christ our common King we all belong to Him and to one another in His Kingdom. When we serve another, no matter how small or insignificant the service may be, we serve Christ and help to bring His Kingdom more fully into our world. This Solemnity also reminds us—through the Kingdom of the Lord given this occasion to worship the Lord and freely serve one another—of our duty to promote and protect religious liberty in our country. Please take the opportunity to read the insert in today's Parish Bulletin on this topic.

Next Sunday, November 29, 2015, is the *First Sunday of Advent*. As quickly as one Liturgy Year comes to a close, a new one begins. As with the beginning of the civil New Year, the beginning of the new Liturgical Year can be an opportunity for resolutions in favor of our Christian lives. Perhaps, this Advent might be the time to make the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation a more regular practice, or to read more frequently the Bible, or to do some community service to assist the poor and needy. Please see the information in the Parish Bulletin for the additional times for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Advent here at the Basilica.

The Cathedral Parish, as the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has the honor of beginning the new Liturgical Year with our *Annual Eucharistic Devotion, the Parish Forty Hours*. I encourage you to participate in whatever way you are able in this splendid devotion that highlights for us the Real Presence of Christ in His Holy Body and Blood. Please see additional information about the Forty Hours in the Parish Bulletin.

A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to you, your families and friends! The Cathedral Chapel will be open on Thanksgiving Day morning, November 26, 2015, for the 9:00 AM Mass. I hope many of you can begin your Thanksgiving Day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the greatest act of thanksgiving for Christians.

Please remember to pray, especially as we near the end of this month of November, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to aid the poor in the Cathedral Parish and neighborhood. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways.

God bless you,  
Father Dennis Gil

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION  
PARISH FORTY HOURS IN THE BASILICA

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

11:00 AM Solemn Mass and Exposition

of the Most Blessed Sacrament

*Exposition continues for adoration*

*until before the evening Mass.*

*Confessions will be heard beginning at 5:30 PM.*

6:30 PM Mass

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**AND DECEMBER 1, 2015**

7:15 AM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

*Confessions will be heard beginning at 11:30 AM.*

12:05 PM Mass with Exposition

of the Most Blessed Sacrament

*Exposition continues for adoration*

*through to Benediction.*

7:00 PM Evening Prayer with Benediction

of the Most Blessed Sacrament

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

**Nov. 23** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Nov. 23** Filming of Spanish Mass, 6 M

**Nov. 24** Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Nov. 25** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Nov. 26** 9:00 AM Mass only

**Nov. 27** Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7 PM

**Nov. 29** Roman Catholic H.S. Alumni Mass, 9:30 AM

**Nov. 29** Spanish Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM (immediately following Mass)

**Nov. 29** Forty Hours starts following the 11 AM Mass



### THE ADVENT GIVING TREE 2015

The *Advent Giving Tree* in the Basilica is decorated with gift tags which identify gift ideas for the less fortunate in our area. This year the gifts will be distributed to Mercy Hospice, Women of Hope, St. John's Hospice, Sacred Heart Home and other neighborhood institutions that service the homeless and needy. The tree will be up starting Sunday, November 29

Please participate in the *Advent Giving Tree*! During the first weeks of Advent take a gift tag or tags. Drop your wrapped gift or gifts with the identifying tag on the gift itself by the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2015. This will allow for the distribution of these gifts for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.

### APERTURA DE LA PUERTA SANTA y MISA SOLEMNE

Domingo 13 de diciembre del 2015 a las 6:30 pm

Confesiones a las 5:30 pm

Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap--  
Celebrante principal y homilista

Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo  
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Acompañe al arzobispo Chaput y a los fieles de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia al comenzar nuestra observancia solemne del Año del Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia

### *Un Rey diferente, como Ninguno*

La palabra “Rey” nos remite a poder, riquezas, esplendor. En la fiesta de hoy de Cristo Rey, ¿qué clase de rey se nos presenta? Un hombre que lleva una corona de espinas, vestido con un manto de púrpura para mofarse de él como de un rey farsante, y de pie como un criminal acusado ante Pilatos, quien representa a los poderes del mundo. ¿Dónde se puede encontrar el verdadero poder de Cristo como Rey? En la verdad del poder del amor de Dios, para el que Cristo vino a testificar, amando hasta el fin con auténtica actitud de servicio. Dios Padre nos ama totalmente en su Hijo Jesús. Por eso Jesús es nuestro Señor y Rey.

### **Getting Through the Christmas Holidays After the Death of a Loved One**

St. Paul's Church  
9th & Christian Streets, Philadelphia  
Tuesday, December 1 - 7:00 PM  
Speaker: Father Joseph Leggier,  
Teaching Chaplain at Jefferson Hospital  
Call 215-923-0355 for more information  
Parking is across the street in the school lot



### **Cathedral Custom Rosary**

These beautiful custom made rosaries from Italy are still available. Chose from a Bohemian Glass brown or pearly/green shade. The Crucifix is the same one that appears on our Main Altar, There is also an exact replica of our Main Altar and images of SS. Peter and Paul and our Cathedral crest. You can visit the Parish Office for an order form or call 215-561-1313 for more information.



*Concerts at the  
Cathedral Basilica*

*Come and Experience  
Great Music in the Cathedral*

## **Tallis Scholars**

Friday, December 4 at 8 PM

Tickets: General Admission \$35

Front Section: \$50

For more information and to  
Purchase Tickets visit:  
[www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org](http://www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org)

### *Celebración*

Invitamos a todos los Feligreses de la Parroquia de la Catedral para la Celebración de las Vírgenes de Ecuador: Nuestra Señora de la Presentación del Quinché. El Salvador: Nuestra Señora de la Paz. Puerto Rico: Virgen de la Divina Providencia. Uruguay: Virgen de los Treinta y Tres Orientales.

Domingo, **29 de noviembre** de 2015  
Durante la Misa en Español – 12:30 pm

Se invita además, a un compartir en el Salón de la Capilla después que termine la Misa

*¡Le Esperamos!*



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

*Pearl Basser, Helen Ferris, Catherine Ferrero, Oscar Rodriguez, Enrique Rodriguez, Linda Watson, Randy Burbage, Rosa Maria Santos, Amy Fife, Theodore Barry, M.D., Marissa Kostrzewa, David Kaplan, Marilyn Mullen, Kathleen Aponik, April DeMatto, Paula Cohen, Janice Holshin, Lauri Mitchell, Maryann Healy, Darren Gardner, Barbara Elaine, Nicholas Tiziano, Christopher Browne, Darren Gardner, Laura Emerson, Regina Carberry, Patrisha Bollinger, Anna Marie Burgio, Jeanine Tingeter, Bobby Mitchell, Shirley King, Thomas Sabol, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Suján, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle, Bernard Thompson, Larry Ross, Samada family, John DeMelas, Nick Capozio, Linda Brigandi, Dottie Bianci 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.***



## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Friday, December 4, 2015**

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed  
for adoration before the 12:05 PM Mass.

*Please come to adore the Lord!*

The Sacrament of Penance will be available on the  
First Friday of each month, beginning at 11:00 AM.

## Archbishop's Lecture Series

*Living as a Christian in a Culture of Unbelief*

Join Archbishop Chaput as he welcomes distinguished scholars who will present on the theme "Living as a Christian in a Culture of Unbelief." The dates are as follows:

**Monday, December 7, 2015:**

*The Truth Will Set You Free: Liberal Order and the  
Future of Christian Freedom*

*Speaker: Professor Michael Hanby*

All lectures begin at 7:00 PM and are held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Vianney Hall Auditorium, 100 E. Wynnewood Road, Philadelphia. Each lecture will be presented by guest lecturers. For more information: PhillyEvang.org/lectures.

## 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.

*This sacrificial offering—which benefits all—is greatly appreciated.* Please consider an increase to your weekly offering. The operation and maintenance of the Cathedral Basilica and Parish is approximately 20,000 dollars a week.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 11/15/15 was \$7,644. Additional weekly income comes to approximately the same amount. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!



## Readings of the Week

**Monday: November 23**

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20/Daniel 3:52-56

Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday: November 24**

Daniel 2:31-45/Daniel 3:57-61

Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday: November 25**

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Daniel 3:62-67

Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday: November 26**

Daniel 6:12-28/Daniel 3:68-74

Luke 21:20-28

**Friday: November 27**

Daniel 7:2-14/Daniel 3:75-81

Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday: November 28**

Daniel 7:15-27/Psalm 3:82-87

Luke 21:34-36

**Sunday: November 29**

Jeremiah 33:14-16/Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2/Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## 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](http://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 commitment to our Parish!



## Young Adult Group

**Friday Evening Bible Study:** Please join us for Bible Study **every Friday** from **7:00-8:30pm**. We primarily meet in the Neumann Room (located on the backside of the Cathedral) however please e-mail us (see below) to receive the updates on our location due to room availability. Our group gathers to reflect on the readings and the Psalm for the upcoming Sunday. Upcoming Bible Study Dates: **Dec 4, 11, 18**

**\*\*there will not be Bible Study the day after Thanksgiving (Nov 27), Christmas Day (12/15) or New Year's Day (1/1)**

**Food & Fellowship:** Our group meets for dinner on the **second Sunday of each month directly following the 6:30pm Mass** at Con Murphy's (1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway). Our next Food & Fellowship will take place: **Dec 13**

**Faith Building Event:** On **Monday, December 7** following the **5:15pm Vigil Mass** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception the Young Adults will be meeting in the Chapel to have a presentation by our priests on **How to Pray the Rosary**. This event will be prayerfully focused on deepening our devotion to our mother Mary whether you are faithfully devoted to the Rosary or have never prayed one before. Following the presentation we will move into the main sanctuary and pray a Rosary together. We hope to have you join us for Mass, the presentation and praying the Rosary.

**Ice Skating & Snacks:** The Young Adults at the Cathedral will be gathering at **1:30pm on Saturday, Dec 12** at the Cathedral to walk over for Ice Skating at Dilworth Park. (adults \$5, skate rental \$9) We will skate for a few hours and then enjoy some festive snacks for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please plan to join us for this afternoon get together.

If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail [youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com). Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

## Living Stewardship Now

### TRUTH TO POWER

On this solemnity of Christ the King we are reminded how Jesus spoke truth to power—the power of the mighty Roman Empire in the person of Pontius Pilate, the prefect (governor) of the Roman province of Judea and the local representative of the Emperor Tiberius. Pilate's role in this backwater province was to keep order, prevent uprisings, and ensure that taxes were paid to Rome. Today's Gospel reading shows that Pilate couldn't quite decide what to make of Jesus. He obviously wasn't a mob leader, a zealot, or a con man. Jewish leaders had told Pilate of Jesus' claim to be King of the Jews, which could be interpreted as a potential threat to Roman rule. Jesus said if he were claiming kingly rule in Judea his followers would be rising up in revolt. Jesus said to Pilate, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." More importantly, he added, "I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:36, 37). Pilate was reluctant to condemn Jesus because he could find no fault in him, but his reluctance was finally overridden by fear of a riot or even rebellion by the Jews against Roman rule. Jesus "suffered under Pontius Pilate," as we say in the Creed, because only Pilate could order crucifixion. The Gospels clearly show the political maneuvering between Roman rulers and Jewish religious leaders, neither of whom wanted any threat to their particular powers. Jesus was outside their usual frame of reference. He was a puzzle and a contradiction to them. He ruled by neither violence nor oppression; he simply witnessed to God's truth. Anyone seeking this truth has only to listen and to respond to become part of the kingdom of God.

## Living Stewardship Now

Stand up for those who have no voice. Join rallies, sign petitions, send letters and e-mails on behalf of anyone being treated unjustly.

## 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.