



## ***First Sunday of Advent*** ***November 29, 2015***

**“In order to console a soul in its sufferings,  
point out to it all the good it can still do.”**

*St. Padre Pio*



### ***Mass Intentions for the Week***

#### ***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

#### ***November 30, Monday, Saint Andrew***

7:15 Arthur Poupard

12:05 Ben Farnese

#### ***December 1, Tuesday, Advent Weekday***

7:15 Dr. John J. Leahy

12:05 Harold & Joan Miller (L)

#### ***December 2, Wednesday, Advent Weekday***

7:15 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig

12:05 Catherine Dalicandro

#### ***December 3, Thursday, Saint Francis Xavier***

7:15 Al Stephan

12:05 Msgr. Arthur Rodgers (L)

#### ***December 4, Friday, Saint John Damascene***

7:15 Helen W. Erdosy

12:05 Thomas Chambers

#### ***December 5, Saturday, Advent Weekday***

12:05 Felice DiStefano

5:15 Bonnie Dooley

#### ***December 6, Second Sunday of Advent***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

9:30 Lena Quici

11:00 Mario ionci

12:30 Vincente y Carlos Cocon family

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

*Advent*, with its First Sunday today, passes so quickly and is often crushed by the all the preparations for Christmas that take place outside of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Advent Time recalls the promised coming of the Savior leading to his Birth in history, his coming at the end of time, and his new coming to our hearts and souls this Christmas. This type of recollection is not meant to be fleeting but one that has an impact on us and in turn on others. Please find time in the busyness of these days to stop and pray. Read the Sacred Scriptures in your home, especially the Advent book of the Bible, the Prophet Isaiah. This prophet, more than any, speaks directly to the promised comings of our Savior and the preparation needed for so great a gift of salvation and redemption. Most of all, the *Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation* takes on a priority during Advent. You will notice in the Parish Bulletin and in the Christmas mailing to your homes that we have increased opportunities in English and Spanish for Confessions. May this Advent be a fitting occasion to ready all of us for Christmas!

The *Advent Giving Tree* appears today with ornaments listing all types of items to help the elderly, needy and homeless in our area. The Advent Giving Tree is a splendid expression of our duty as Christians to reach out to the poor and needy all the time, but especially as we prepare to commemorate the Birth of Jesus who shares his divinity with our humanity. This marvelous exchange impels us to recognize the Christ in each person so deserving of our care. Thank you in advance for your generous participation in the Giving Tree.

The First Sunday of Advent for the Cathedral Parish is also the occasion of our *Annual Eucharistic Devotion, the Parish Forty Hours*. Like last year, this year you are encouraged to sign up for a period of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, to pray in a representative way for the parish as an adorer. The exposed Blessed Sacrament should not go unattended. The sign up chart is in the vestibule of the Basilica and will be there until the conclusion of the Forty Hours on Tuesday evening. Please see the schedule for the Forty Hours in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. I encourage you to make every effort to attend the closing on Tuesday evening with sung Evening Prayer and the Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The *Cathedral Shop* successfully reopened this past weekend. The Shop will be opened, with the generous assistance of the Saint Jude Shop in Havertown, on the weekends and also during the week for Holy Days of Obligation, as well as for special events and tours in the Basilica. Thank you for your patronage of our Cathedral Shop.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be the national collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. 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 Gill

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

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 today, 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

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

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

**Nov. 30/Dec. 1** Forty Hours (see info this page)

**Dec. 1** Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and  
Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Dec. 2** Charismatic Prayer Group,  
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Dec. 3** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room  
7 PM

**Dec. 3** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Dec. 4** Concert: Tallis Scholars, 8 PM

**Dec. 5** Children's Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall,  
10 AM

**Dec. 6** Spanish Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall,  
3 PM

**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 Extraordi-  
nario de la Misericordia

## Esperando en Tensión

“Estén erguidos, mantengan alta su cabeza”. Éste es el mensaje que el Señor nos comunica en este Primer Domingo de Adviento. Hay hoy guerras civiles terroríficas, hambre en muchas partes del mundo, y hay millones de refugiados que buscan seguridad. Y sin embargo el Señor nos tranquiliza diciendo que deberíamos mantener bien altas nuestras expectativas y nuestra esperanza., porque él está todavía con nosotros y cerca de nosotros. – Estemos atentos a su presencia no sólo aquí en la eucaristía, sino también en la vida de cada día.

*Vigilantes, Pero no con Miedo:* Mucha gente en el mundo está sentada en la oscuridad del hambre, del sufrimiento, de la violencia. Y a pesar de ello, si somos Pueblo de Dios, mantenemos indestructible la esperanza de que la verdad, la bondad y la justicia prevalecerán un día, porque creemos que Cristo nuestro Señor ha venido y vive entre nosotros. Luchamos, sabemos que el camino es escabroso, pero el Señor viene con nosotros y nos dice: Ven conmigo, sirve conmigo, ama conmigo, comparte y date a ti mismo conmigo, y así tú serás mejor, y la Iglesia y el mundo serán también mejores.



## 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.



## *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses*

***Monday, Dec. 7: 5:15 PM (Vigil)***

***Tuesday, Dec. 8: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM,  
12:35 PM and  
7:00 PM (Mass in Extraordinary Form)***

## 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](http://PhillyEvang.org/lectures).



## *Readings of the Week*

***Monday: November 30***

Romans 10:9-18/Psalm 19:8-11  
Matthew 4:18-22

***Tuesday: December 1***

Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Luke 10:21-24

***Wednesday: December 2***

Isaiah 25:6-10a/Psalm 23:1-6  
Matthew 15:29-37

***Thursday: December 3***

Isaiah 26:1-6/Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

***Friday: December 4***

Isaiah 29:17-24/Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

***Saturday: December 5***

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Psalm 147:1-6  
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

***Sunday: December 6***

Baruch 5:1-9/Psalm 126:1-6  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6

## 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*

### CALENDAR CRUNCH

We live in an era when calendars seem to rule our lives—the office calendar, the school calendar, the holiday calendar, the social calendar. Not surprisingly, many of us rely more and more on technology to help us keep track of all our various obligations and responsibilities. The new Church year begins today and the scriptures invite us to pause, slow down, and consider some of our core priorities as disciples of the Lord. Statistics show that, more than any previous generation in human history, we have disposable time to use how we choose. We are not tied to the unrelenting agricultural calendar of traditional farm work or to sixteen-hour days in factories, yet we often feel rushed and over-committed. This all comes down to how we use our God-given time. The readings today declare that God will fulfill the promises that God has made. Until that time of perfect justice, righteousness, and salvation comes upon us we are asked to do four things: to be alert at all times, not to give in to worry and distractions, to pray for strength, and to care lovingly for one another. So, as we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Savior, think about the stewardship of time. Think back to third grade when we learned the difference between needs and wants, and realize how much the line has blurred between the two since then. Is your calendar too full? Streamline it by looking at it with an informed eye: What must you do and what would you like to do, and how can you put God first this Advent?

### *Living Stewardship Now*

Light an Advent candle before one meal each day. Spend a few moments thanking God for the gift of time, and pray to use it well.

### 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.