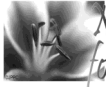


The Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2016

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body"

1 Corinthians 12:13



Mass Intentions for the Week

January 9, Saturday, Christmas Weekday

12:05 Ramon Rubinos

5:15 Albert F. Stefan

January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

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

9:30 Quici, Galipo & Greco families

11:00 Helen W. Erdosy

12:30 A los fieles difuntos

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

January 11, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Dr. John J. Leahy

12:05 Vincent Peter Donzanti

January 12, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Craig Drake

12:05 Stephen W. Watson

January 13, Wednesday, St. Hillary

7:15 Antoinette Catelli

12:05 Arthur Quici

January 14, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Craig Drake

12:05 Special Intention

January 15, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig

12:05 Mildred Stirling

January 16, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 George Favuzzi

5:15 Thomas Shore

January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Alessandra Bilotti

11:00 Ralph Berarducci (L)

12:30 Difunta Silda de Rodriguez

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today, our liturgical observance of Christmas comes to a close with this *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan—while not the Sacrament that he instituted for us—is a sign, an epiphany, of the mission given to the Lord by his Father. As the divine Son of God, Jesus came into the world to save and redeem us. His Baptism begins his public ministry as described in the Gospels, a ministry that climaxes with his Death on the cross and his Resurrection. The Sundays after Christmas Time and leading to the beginning of Lent help us to encounter the Lord as he calls us anew to be his disciples and faithful followers. Let us pray for each other that the graces and blessings of our celebration of the Nativity and Epiphany of the Lord will turn our hearts more so to Christ as members of his Church.

This past week our *Archdiocesan Boy and Girl Choirs* returned from their Epiphany Pilgrimage to Rome. The children, along with their parents, family members and friends, enjoyed many wonderful liturgical, cultural and social events. The Boy and Girl Choirs had the opportunity to sing with the Sistine Choir and also to sing the Mass of the Epiphany on January 6 celebrated by our Holy Father in Saint Peter's in the Vatican. We are so very proud of these young Catholics and continue to support their good work, especially when they sing the Mass here in our Cathedral Basilica.

The Cathedral Parish will host, for the second year in a row, an *Ecumenical Service* during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is observed from January 18 to 25. The Ecumenical Service will take place in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Cathedral Chapel) on Wednesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM. All the Center City Churches have been invited again to participate in this event. Some describe ecumenical efforts—the bringing together of baptized Christians from various Churches and denominations for prayer, reflection, and common activity—as experiencing a long winter. The enthusiasm that marked such efforts after the Second Vatican Council has definitely waned. None the less, we continue to hear the Gospel prayer of the Lord, “that all may be one,” and do our part. Please consider coming to this service and inviting your Christian friends and neighbors to join you.

You will notice the insert in the Parish Bulletin today is *A Voice from the Pew*. I welcome this opportunity for our parishioners to share reflections on how they live their Christian life and faith and to raise matters of interest and concern for other members of the Parish. This opportunity is open to all of our parishioners. Please share your reflections for publication with me at the e-mail address on the front cover of the Parish Bulletin.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be given to the *Little Sisters of the Poor* for their work with the elderly poor at the Holy Family Home in West Philadelphia. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity, especially this past Christmas Time, to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill



Flame of Love Celebration and Mass Tuesday, February 2

6:00 PM

Music, Rosary, Testimonies
Special Presenter: Father Carl Pieber, CM
Executor of the Miraculous Medal Shrine

7:30 PM

Holy Mass
Music by: "Spreading the Flame"

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 Wynnewood Rd., Philadelphia
610-322-1940

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Retreat - January 22-23
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia

Join *Sarah Christmyer*, Editor of the Great Adventure Bible Study Program, who will facilitate this brand-new video program to help you get the "big picture" of the Bible story (the major people, places, and events in Scripture) and find your place in god's wonderful plan as you begin to apply the wisdom of Scripture in your own life. Everyone will receive a full color Bible timeline chart and a workbook with detailed talk outlines and useful exercises, maps and charts to help you get started reading the Bible on your own.

Fee: \$105 includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit). Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or regarding registration.

¿Qué Decir de Nuestro Bautismo?

En esta fiesta del Bautismo de nuestro Señor la liturgia nos recuerda nuestro propio bautismo. En su bautismo Jesús se percató de la misión que le esperaba, y se comprometió decididamente a la misma. Recibió la confirmación del cielo: el Padre y el Espíritu Santo estaban con él en su misión de salvar a los hombres. – En nuestro bautismo, el Padre nos aceptó también como a sus hijas e hijos queridos, y nos dio la misión de vivir la vida de Cristo. -- En esta eucaristía le pedimos al Señor, que está aquí con nosotros, que nos dé la perspicacia, la decisión y la fuerza para aceptar nuestra misión cristiana en nuestra vida.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

Jan. 12 Filming of Spanish Mass, Basilica,
6:00 PM

Jan. 12 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and
Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 13 Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Jan. 13 Parish Council meeting, Drexel Room,
7:00 PM

Jan. 14 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Jan. 14 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room,
7:00 PM

Jan. 15 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 16 Pro Life Summit Mass, Chapel, 9:00 AM

Jan. 16 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10:00 AM

Jan. 17 Religious Education Awards and Mass,
Archbishop Chaput, celebrant, 2:00 PM

Jan. 17 Men's Discernment Group, Neumann Room, 7:30 PM

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Day. The Parish Office will be closed.



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. Send request to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.

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 next date is:

Thursday, February 11, 2016:

Living as a Christian Family in a Culture of Unbelief

Speaker: Professor Melissa Moschella

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. For more information visit: PhillyEvang.org/lectures. Lectures are free and open to the public.



The Year of Mercy begins.. Download our free app

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new free app from Our Sunday Visitor!

The theme for the year is *'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,'* reflected in the elements of the app, which include:

- Daily reflections on mercy
- Daily Scripture reflections
- Book excerpts
- Year of Mercy resources
- Pope Francis' tweets throughout the year
- Year of Mercy news stories
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena

And more!

Choose your favorite store below.



Many parishioners offered donations to assist in the expenses of the **Christmas Altar Flowers**.

We are grateful for the Christmas flower offerings:

Gloria Quici, Callista Chukwunenye, Nick and Louise Pascale, Catherine Maxey, Mr. & Mrs. James Bacon, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Seigenthaler, Joseph D'Agostino, David Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Munafo, Mr. & Mrs. John Quigley, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kilpatrick, Antonia Pugliese, Shirley King, Therese Adamski, Patricia Burke, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Camarata, Dr. Margaret Leahy, Margaret Rubin, Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Krowicki, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Wiley, Catherine Kelly, Mary Erfle, Elizabeth Huber, Araceli Munoz, Salvatore Catania, Charlotte McLaughlin, Felicita Maldonado, John Roberto, Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leigh, Nancy Cantwell, Domenic D'Orazio, Ronald Kirkland, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zubert, Elaine Dynako, Irene Polomski, Lyn Vizzi & Robert Limbacher, Margaret DiPinto, Edward Panek, Isabelle Harding, Richele Rainosek, Darryl L'Heureux, Santa Delgado, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ordo, Janina Bieranowska, Kathleen Fusco, Maryann Healy, Jose Lopez, Michael Klufas, Judith White, Clare O'Reilly, Carolyn Hunt, Cheryl Lajos, Mr. & Mrs. James Fitzpatrick, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Holdsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Clark, Cyprian Anyanw, Margaret Romeo, Constance Cascarino, Aida Santiago, Buenaventura Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Maran, John Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Chiacchiere, Bernard McElhare, Carol Clark, Gwendolyn Tearte, Rudy Deluca, Marcolina Santiago, Grace Feely, Annie Metellus, Mr. & Mrs. James Hennelly, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sierko, Matthew Burrill, Jasmine Breiding, Maria DeLaRosa, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McTaggart, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bielli, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Leone, Michael Smalyga, Susan Danielski, Rosa Ramos.



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

Joseph Capozio, Kristin & Audrey Miller, Cynthia Brach, Barbara DiPipi, Cindy Kiefer, Dave McNichol, Maryann Kehl, Pearl Basser, Helen Ferris, 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 Sujana, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle 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.

**Concert - Tony Melendez
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
St. Martin's Chapel**

Saturday, January 30 at 2 pm - \$20

Born without arms, Tony is an accomplished guitarist who has traveled across the United States and forty foreign countries, making countless television appearances, including The Today Show, Good Morning America, Geraldo, CBS This Morning, The Late Show with Arsenio Hall, 700 Club, Robert Schuller, and prime-time network specials for Variety Clubs and Very Special Arts.

La Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor

Una fiesta de alegría por la esperanza que este niño trae a la gente. Aquí está el futuro, aquí está la salvación: Dios ha guardado su promesa de vida y de perdón.

MISA:

**A LAS 12:30 pm, 7 de febrero 2016
en la Capilla.**

Sus hijos serán bendecidos, así como, las estatuas del niño Jesús que pueden traer ese día.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation and
The Anointing of the Sick*

Thursday, January 14, 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.



Readings of the Week

Monday: January 11

1 Samuel 1:1-18/Psalm 116:12-19

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: January 12

1 Samuel 1:9-20/1 Samuel 2:1, 1-8

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: January 13

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: January 14

1 Samuel 4:1-11/Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mark 1:40-45

Friday: January 15

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Psalm 89:16-19

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: January 16

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Psalm 21:2-7

Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11/John 2:1-11

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 12/27/15 Sunday was \$5,846 and for the 1/03/16 Sunday was \$7,562. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

Young Adult Group

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults at the Cathedral Parish:

1) **Friday Evening Bible Study:** Please join us for Bible Study **every Friday** from **7:00-8:30pm** in the Neumann Room (room entrance is from the outside on the backside of the church). Our group gathers to reflect on the readings and the Psalm for the upcoming Sunday. Bible Study resumed on January 8, we look forward to seeing you each Friday moving forward.

2) **Service Activity:** The Young Adults at the Cathedral are planning to serve meals at a local homeless shelter on **Saturday January 23 from 10am until noon**. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Doug Steinberger at DougSteinberger@gmail.com for further details. We would love to have you join us and give back to the community.

3) **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 THIS Sunday: **Jan 10**

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 email youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com. Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

Mi Hijo Amado, Mi Predilecto

Sintiendo todavía el espíritu de la Navidad, celebramos hoy el Bautismo del Señor. En la Navidad, Jesús se manifestó como un niño, pero era ciertamente el Hijo de Dios. En la fiesta de Epifanía se manifestó a sí mismo a los gentiles como el Salvador de todas las personas y de todos los pueblos. Hoy, en la fiesta de su Bautismo, se nos revela como el Hijo amado intensamente por el Padre, acogiendo al Espíritu Santo que viene a morar en él y a guiarle en su nueva misión pública. Ahora ya puede comenzar abiertamente su misión. -- En esta eucaristía pedimos al Señor que nos haga conscientes de cómo también nosotros, por medio de nuestro propio bautismo, somos hijas e hijos queridos del Padre, y cómo el fuego del Espíritu debería inflamarnos para continuar la misma misión de Jesús.

Living Stewardship Now

APOSTLES OF THE GOOD NEWS

The baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John, may seem odd to us. Here are all the people lining up who have responded to John's call to repent and be baptized and who are then urged by him to go and live good lives. Here also is Jesus, quietly waiting his turn, and we wonder: Why does the Savior of the world need baptism? This, as we might expect, is not to be a simple baptism of water. As John the Baptist had foretold, the heavens open and power pours down upon Jesus from the Holy Spirit. He is revealed as the Beloved Son, the one Saint Paul later described as the one "who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). After he was raised from the dead and before his ascension into heaven, Jesus appeared to his *disciples*, or followers. He reminded them that John had baptized with water, but that they "in a few days . . . will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). At Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit fills his followers. They become his *apostles*, the ones sent forth, and begin to take the Good News of the Savior out into the world—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching—all in his name. We too are disciples, always learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but we are also his apostles in the world today. In the words of the great Saint Teresa of Ávila:

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion
on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world.

Living Stewardship Now

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is." —Saint Athanasius

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.