



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

“A kindness received should be returned with a freer hand”

St. Ambrose



Mass Intentions for the Week

January 23, Saturday, St. Vincent

12:05 Kathleen Keenan

5:15 Richard W. & Veronica M. Ennis

January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Agnes Klein

11:00 Francis Regina Glover

12:30 Difunto Sebastian Rodriguez

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

January 25, Monday, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

7:15 Joseph P. Testa

12:05 Lucy Risoli

January 26, Tuesday, SS. Timothy & Titus

7:15 Agnes M. McLaughlin

12:05 Charles G. Blatz

January 27, Wednesday, St. Angela Merici

7:15 Helen Clark

12:05 Richard Ward

January 28, Thursday, St. Thomas Aquinas

7:15 Frances Plesco

12:05 Special Intention

January 29, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Thomas Paul

12:05 Margaret Donahue

January 30, Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Stephen A. Jaskiewicz

5:15 Christine Arena

January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Charles & Angela Galipo

11:00 Silverio Berarducci

12:30 Difunto Eustaquio Delgado

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This week marks a change with our parish staff. *Mrs. Carol Ruddick* has retired as our Parish Secretary after six years of service to the Cathedral Parish in this very important role. Carol was hired by Monsignor McCulken shortly before his transfer to Saint Matthias Parish and she continued throughout the five year tenure of Monsignor Rodgers and has fulfilled this role during my first year and a half as Rector and Pastor. On behalf of all of you, including Monsignor McCulken and Monsignor Rodgers, I thank Carol very much for her good and dedicated work. We wish her all God's blessings as she begins her retirement. Tomorrow, *Ms. Nora Martin*, a committed Catholic woman, will assume the role of our Parish Secretary. Nora is completely bilingual in English and Spanish. She comes to us with an impressive background in administration and with highly developed management skills. Again, on behalf of all you, I welcome Nora to the Cathedral Parish.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will visit the Cathedral Parish next weekend, January 30 and 31, 2016, and beg for the benefit of Holy Family Home in West Philadelphia. The Sisters will imitate the manner of begging handed on to them by their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, and have baskets at the entrances to the Basilica to receive donations. The Little Sisters of the Poor are familiar to all of us here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They have served the elderly poor in our area for more than 140 years. Thank you in advance for your goodness to the Little Sisters.

Catholic Schools Week will be observed next week, January 31 through February 6, 2016, throughout the country and here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The theme this year for Catholic Schools Week is: *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. Catholic Schools continue to provide an excellent opportunity for a faith based education for our children. The Cathedral Parish has students in several area Catholic elementary and high schools. We are proud of all of our students and, together with them and their families, acknowledge the unique gift of the Catholic School for their education. Catholic Schools Week reminds us of our need to support these schools in every way possible.

Tomorrow, a *Mass for the Dead* will be offered for His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francis B. Schulte, at 11:00 AM in the Basilica. Archbishop Schulte is the Archbishop Emeritus of New Orleans, Louisiana. His Funeral Mass will take place later this week in New Orleans. The Archbishop was a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, ordained in 1952, and also served the Archdiocese as an auxiliary Bishop before becoming the Diocesan Bishop of Wheeling, West Virginia, and then the Diocesan Bishop of New Orleans. During the last years of his life, he resided at our local retirement home for priests, Villa Saint Joseph in Darby. All are welcome to the Mass for Dead. May Archbishop Schulte rest in peace!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be for the support of the Cathedral Parish Young Adults Group. 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



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

50 Aniversario de la clausura del Concilio Vaticano II

Puede encontrar información más completa en el sitio web del Consejo Pontificio para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización:

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>.

FECHAS PRINCIPALES DE LA OBSERVANCIA DEL JUBILEO:

Observancia arquidiocesana de *24 horas para el Señor*,
Viernes 4 de marzo - Sábado 5 de marzo del 2016

Observancia del Segundo Domingo de Pascua o Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, Domingo 3 de abril del 2016

Peregrinación arquidiocesana al Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, Sábado 23 de abril del 2016

Clausura del Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia Clausura de la Puerta santa y Misa solemne en la Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo, Domingo 20 de noviembre del 2016 a las 6:30 PM

Soul Magazine

Keep up to date with the latest news from the World Apostolate of Fatima as well as upcoming events. Purchase a one-year (4 issues) or three-year (12 issues) subscription to Soul Magazine.

Soul Magazine has many uplifting articles from writers such as Father Andrew Apostoli and Father Matthew Mauriello. Many of our Regular Features include: World Events, Pilgrim's Journey, Saints Alive, Questions & Answers, Arts Review and more. Makes a great gift. To purchase a subscription go to: giftshop.wafusa.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

Jan. 25 Young Adults, Board Game, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Jan. 26 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 27 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Jan. 28 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Jan. 28 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 29 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan. 30 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10 AM

Jan. 30 Boy Scout Mass, 11 am, Bishop Fitzgerald, celebrant

Jan. 31 Spanish Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM

Feb. 1 Filming of Spanish Mass, Basilica, 6 PM

Feb. 2 Candlemas Mass in Extraordinary Form, Basilica, 7 PM

Women's Weekend Retreat: "When Jesus Speaks" February 19-21, 2016

Jesus peaks with his disciples often in Scripture. Do we, in the 21st Century recognize that he is speaking those same words, asking those same questions, to us? Jesus wants to be in an intimate friendship with us - we just need to learn how to listen. On this retreat, you will look at seven questions Jesus asks and explore how to move from those questions to a personal response.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia
267-350-1830

40 Days for Life Philadelphia

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, all are looking for ways to respond to the Holy Father's invitation to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with renewed zeal. One great opportunity to do this is to participate in 40 Days for Life, a continuous period of prayer and witness outside of an abortion clinic in an effort to protect the lives of unborn children and extend a hand of mercy to the men and women caught in the snare of abortion.

February 10-March 20

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood
1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia

Consider signing up for a time slot during this year's 40 Days for Life outside of the Planned Parenthood office. For more information and to sign up for a time slot visit:

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia>



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica for:

James McCool

Request of the Gucken Family

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Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Basilica and the Cathedral Chapel. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle. If you wish to make the suggested donation of fifteen dollars for an intention for a Sanctuary Lamp, you may contact the Parish Office directly or place your intention and offering in the collection basket.



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.



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, February 5, 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.



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

Ed Murray, 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 Suján, 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. Call 610-667-5778 for tickets.

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 Sacraments of Marriage
and Holy Orders*

Thursday, January 28, 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 25

Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16/Psalm 117:1bc, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday: January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8/Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: January 27

2 Samuel 7:4-17/Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: January 28

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday: January 29

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: January 30

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/Psalm 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday: January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13/Luke 4:21-30

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 1/17/15 Sunday was \$7,698. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

Young Adult Group

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults at the Cathedral Parish:

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.

Social Activity: We will be hosting a Board Game Night THIS COMING Monday, January 25 from 6:30-8:30pm – in the Neumann Room. This will be an evening of friends, board games of all varieties, snacks and fun! We will have Board Games available but if you would like to bring one feel free to do so. We hope to see everyone there!

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 is happening: Feb 14

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. Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

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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. The Cathedral Rosary can be purchased in The Cathedral Shop.

Living Stewardship Now

KNOWING YOUR GIFTS

A few years ago, a parish held a Women's Day of Reflection. Each participant was asked to compile a list of what they perceived as their God-given talents. Many seemed to get stuck at this point. Some gazed out of the window, others chewed on their pencils, and a few wrote things down and then vigorously crossed them out. One woman whispered, "This is so difficult. I could have written much more if I'd been asked about my faults and failings." Finally time was up, and the facilitator asked everyone to share what they had written. She looked around the room and asked someone to start things off. Rather reluctantly, Kerrin stood up. Many people there knew her well. She was deeply involved in service to others throughout the community. She studied scripture with other parishioners, she belonged to a prayer group, she helped organize annual parish retreats, and she ran a local food pantry. She said, "I really had to think hard about this. I couldn't come up with a list, because I don't believe I'm all that special. But I do know that my family says I'm a gentle person." There was an audible gasp of astonishment that this wonderful woman could not see her own gifts. Many of us have never stopped to think what our real talents are. Alternatively, we may think that we know what they are but we believe that to acknowledge them is to show undue pride. Either of these approaches may hold us back from the fullness of life to which we are called. It is part of the adult life of faith, however, to recognize what skills and capabilities God has blessed us with and then decide, in gratitude, to use those gifts to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

Living Stewardship Now

"All things in this world are created out of God's love, and they become a framework of gifts, offered us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of God's love more readily." —Saint Ignatius Loyola

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.