

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016

“The things that we love tell us what we are.”

St. Thomas Aquinas



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

February 1, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Leo Lamanno

12:05 Carolyn King

February 2, Tuesday, Presentation of the Lord

7:15 Dr. John J. Leahy

12:05 George A. Hettenbach, Jr.

7:00 PM Mass in Extraordinary Form

February 3, Wednesday, St. Blaise

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin

12:05 Lucy Risoli

February 4, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Marie A. Ragusa

12:05 Special Intention

February 5, Friday, St. Agatha

7:15 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig

12:05 Mary McGoldrick

February 6, Saturday, St. Paul Miki

12:05 Monica Grzeczowski

5:15 Ugo Sabatini

February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Mary Frascella

11:00 Quici, Galipo & Greco family

12:30 Difunto Bobby Velazquez

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

In the Parish Bulletin for the first week of December 2015, I presented the membership of the reconstituted Parish Pastoral Council. The reconstitution of the Parish Pastoral Council took several months of work on my part and on the part of the Council itself. This reconstitution was necessary to bring the Council into conformity with the protocol established by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The new membership of the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on the Cathedral Parish website. Likewise, over the past several months I have worked on the reconstitution of the *Parish Finance Council* to increase its membership, with a greater diversity among the members. All members of the Parish Finance Council are to be appointed by the Pastor for a three year term, which can be renewed only once. So, I have established terms of office for the current and new members of the Council. The current members of the Parish Finance Council will not have a second term since they have served faithfully for many years under the previous Rectors and will conclude membership at the end of their newly established term. “The Parish Finance Council assists the Pastor in a consultative capacity only, namely, to advise and assist the Pastor in his administration of the finances and temporalities of the parish. (Cf. *Parish Finance Councils: Purpose, Principles and Obligations, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 2004*).

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Rector and Pastor, Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill

Parochial Vicar, Reverend Angelo J. Hernandez

Parochial Vicar, Reverend Kenneth C. Brabazon

EX OFFICIO

Parish Business Manager

Leonard Diana

Representative of the Parish Pastoral Council

Nicholas Pascale

SIX APPOINTED MEMBERS

Patricia Donohue

January 2019 (New Member)

James Frankowski

January 2018

Matthew Oberholzer

January 2017

Robert Spires

January 2019 (New Member)

Gary Votto

January 2018

Member of the Spanish Speaking Community/TBA

January 2019 (New Member)

You are invited to speak to any member of the Parish Finance Council with questions and concerns about parish finances so they can represent your interests to me at our regular meetings.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be to supplement costs associated with parish maintenance. 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

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos pide dos sacrificios especiales:

1) AYUNAR --- es decir, hacer una sola comida fuerte al día, el miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo. El ayuno obliga a todas las personas de 18 a 59 años.

2) GUARDAR ABSTINENCIA --- es decir, no comer carne todos los viernes de cuaresma. El no comer carne puede sustituirse por un sacrificio todo los viernes de cuaresma. La abstinencia obliga desde los 14 años.

Soul Magazine

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

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

Feb. 2 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and
Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

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

Feb. 3 Blessing of throats during the 7:15 AM
and the 12:05 PM Masses.

Feb. 3 Charismatic Prayer Group,
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Feb. 4 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room,
7:00 PM

Feb. 4 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Feb. 5 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering
with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann
Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 6 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall 10 AM

Miercoles de Ceniza

**La Santa Misa en la Catedral Basilica
el miércoles, 10 de febrero 2016 a las 7PM**

La Catedral tiene VIA CRUCIS en español todos los viernes, a las 7 PM, durante la cuaresma. No dejes de asistir invita a toda tu familia y amistades...La CUA-RESMA empieza el MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA; este día vamos a la Iglesia para que el Padre nos haga con ceniza una cruz en la frente y diga "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio". ¿Por qué hacemos esto los católicos? Esta costumbre es para recordarnos que todos algún día hemos de morir y que nuestro cuerpo se va a convertir en polvo.

Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, helping the Church, growing in Faith or obtaining exclusive access to top rated insurance coverage for your family, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world with approximately 2 million members in over 16,000 Councils. The Pennsylvania State Council will conduct an information session **after the Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday, February 21** in the Neumann Room. Knights of Columbus members will be available after all Masses on the weekend of February 20/21 to answer questions. For more information, go to kofc.org or contact Fran O'Hara at 610-733-1812.



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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – February 2016: Confession, Sacrament of Mercy

“Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace...”

Each time the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance is celebrated, the priest begins the formula of absolution with these words. They express the profound reality that is taking place. First, there is the recognition that the Church mediates God's loving activity of forgiveness of sins. Jesus intentionally created the Church to extend his victory over sin. Second, this Sacrament, like all the others, begins with God's initiative. Long before we recognize our need for God's mercy, he is already calling us to him, extending his offer of grace. That, of course, is what the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance is all about: God's love which overcomes even our sins. There is nothing that we can do in life that will cause God not to love us. As Pope Francis has said so well, it is not God who tires of forgiving us; rather, it is we ourselves who tire of asking for forgiveness! But we never should give up on our desire for holiness. God will forgive us if we approach the Sacrament with sincere contrition. There is no need to be afraid!

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called on the Church to throw open the doors of mercy, to show the *vultus misericordiae* – the face of mercy – to all those who need it. Whether one receives this Sacrament regularly (a commendable practice) or has not been to Confession for many years, let this Year of Mercy be a time in which we take advantage of this generous offer of “pardon and peace.” –Eric Banecker, Seminarian, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Quote from Catholic Tradition:

“In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.” –St. Thomas Aquinas

“When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.” –Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary of St. Faustina 1602

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

- Recommended Book for the Month: *7 Secrets of Confession*, Vinny Flynn
- Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: *Confession* by Fr. Larry Richards



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

Kelly Butler, Ed Murray, Joseph Capozio, Kristin & Audrey Miller, Cynthia Brach, Barbara DiPipi, Cindy Kiefer, Dave McNichol, Maryann Kehl, Pearl Bassar, 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, 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 Sujun, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly 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.**

BLESSING OF CANDLES AND BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 2, is the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*. This feast of the Light of Christ is the day the Church blesses the candles used for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Candles will be blessed at the 12:05 Mass in the Cathedral Chapel.

Wednesday, February 3, is the *Memorial of Saint Blaise*, the Bishop and Martyr, who during his life assisted someone choking on a fish bone. So, in commemoration of this healing act of Saint Blaise, and with the newly blessed candles, throats are blessed on his feast day in many parts of the world. The blessing of God and the intercession of the Saints are always occasions of healing.

*Throats will be blessed
during the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses
on Wednesday, February 3, 2015,
Saint Blaise Day.*

Please ask one of the priests at any time during the winter to bless your throat, asking for the protection of the Lord from the flu, a cold and/or other ailments of the throat.



Readings of the Week

Monday: February 1

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Psalm 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: February 2

Malachi 3:1-4/Psalm 24:7-10
Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday: February 3

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: February 4

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-13
Mark 6:7-13

Friday: February 5

Sirach 47:2-11/Psalm 18:31, 47, 50, 51
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: February 6

1 Kings 3:4-13/Psalm 119:9-14
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: February 7

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

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

*The People of God
and Who is Jesus Christ?*

Thursday, February 5, 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.

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 1/24/15 Sunday was \$2,435. 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.

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).

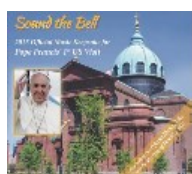
Living Stewardship Now

THE "M" WORD

Let's begin with the obvious: The Church has to have money, and our parish has to have money. No money, no ministry. Our parish needs money to help those who are hurting in body, mind, and spirit; it needs money to pay clergy and staff; it needs money to educate the young and to pay the bills for everyday services, such as electricity, water, gas, and maintenance. Just like our own homes, it cannot operate without it. Where does the money come from? There are no presses printing money in the bishop's office; there are no weekly armored-truck deliveries from the Vatican. The money to do Christ's work through the Church comes solely from all of us—disciples of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Money in itself is neither good nor bad, neither clean nor dirty. Yet how we use money, or how we let money use us, determines its morality. Selfless sharing of our financial and other resources is a powerful, liberating activity that makes us and the world a better place. Turn on the TV any day of the week and you can find a televangelist with the message, "Give a financial contribution, and God will then shower blessings on you." The message of stewardship, based on the scriptures, is the absolute opposite. God gives first—life, health, a roof over our heads, food to eat, and much more. We do not achieve these by our efforts alone, so returning a portion of our financial resources in the parish offertory is a way to express our real gratitude for what we have already received. If you have never made a regular contribution to the parish offertory, begin now. If you have made a small commitment before, see if you can increase it a little. If God has blessed you greatly, give greatly in return.

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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.