



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men”

Luke 5:1-11



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

February 8, Monday, St. Jerome Emiliani

7:15 William Mc Devitt

12:05 Thomas Hunt, Esq

February 9, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Donald Croke

12:05 Marie Jane Henry

February 10, Ash Wednesday

7:15 AM, 12:05 PM, 12:35 PM, 5:15 PM,

7:00 PM (Spanish)

February 11, Thursday, Our Lady of Lourdes

7:15 Julie F. Harbison

12:05 Special Intention Novena

February 12, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:15 Mary Ann Hagan

12:05 Philomena A. Venafro

February 13, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

12:05 Filomena Di Candilo

5:15 Robert P. Powelson

February 14, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 Arthur Quici

11:00 Carmela Bearducci

12:30 DiFunto Juan Ortiz

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday kicks-off the *Annual Catholic Charities Appeal* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For 2016 there is *A New Vision* guiding the Catholic Charities Appeal. In addition to the traditional and vital work among the poorest and most disadvantaged, this year Catholic Charities is targeting virtually aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement, including the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. This year's goal for the Archdiocese is \$15 million dollars, a goal that is bigger and more ambitious than ever before, but one that so desperately needs to be reached. *Our Cathedral Parish goal is \$44, 613.00.* It is important that every parishioner do his or her part to help reach our parish goal and, in turn, help the Archdiocese to reach the overall goal for the Appeal. Mr. Timothy Navin and Mr. Blair Sturm, parishioners, are the Parish Coordinators for the Catholic Charities Appeal and will keep us posted on our participation as the Appeal progresses through the year. I thank you in advance for your interest and generosity in this most helpful financial campaign of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In the United States, the *World Day for Consecrated Life*—for all men and women Religious—is transferred from the universal date of February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to this Sunday, February 7, 2016. The Sunday observance gives many more people the opportunity to pray together for Religious priests, Brothers and Sisters, those now active in the service of the Church and those who have died. Pope Saint John Paul II established this world day of prayer for Religious in 1997 and chose the Feast of the Presentation, the feast that highlights Jesus as the Light of the world, to remind Religious and all of us that those in the Consecrated Life, a life of chastity, poverty and obedience, are signs of Christ's Light among us. Today, please keep in your prayers the Religious, living and deceased, who have served the Cathedral Parish throughout the years and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Sunday evening February 7, 2016, Archbishop Chaput, will commemorate this annual observance of the World Day for Consecrated Life at the 6:30 PM Mass. Religious from throughout the Archdiocese have been invited to attend.

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 10, 2016, with Ash Wednesday. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday, celebrated at 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM (Basilica), 12:35 PM, 5:15 PM (Basilica), and 7:00 PM in Spanish. The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy invites us especially to make a good Lent with every effort to turn away from sin and be renewed in our faithfulness to the Gospel. Making a good Confession is an essential element of our Lenten journey to Easter. *Please see the insert in this Parish Bulletin for the complete plan for parish opportunities to make a good Lent.*

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the parish goal for the Catholic Charities Appeal. 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

Somos Llamados y Enviados

Si nuestra fe es verdaderamente parte integral de nuestras vidas, tendríamos que ser muy conscientes de su riqueza, que no podemos guardar solo para nosotros. Lo que vemos con ella, lo que vivimos con ella, queremos compartirlo con otros. Si la fe nos hace sentirnos felices y seguros en Dios, nos damos cuenta de que la hemos recibido no para nosotros solos. Hagamos a los otros felices y ricos en la fe: ésta es la vocación de todo cristiano. Pidamos al Señor aquí en la Eucaristía que sepamos revelarle y llevarle a otros, al menos por medio de nuestra conducta auténticamente cristiana.

La Rica Palabra de Dios

Es una suerte que la nueva liturgia haya abierto la Biblia para nosotros. No solamente la oímos ahora en nuestra propia lengua vernácula, sino que también el número y selección de textos leídos ha mejorado inmensamente. No es de extrañar que mucha gente tenga ahora una Biblia y que la lea regularmente ¿Por qué y para qué leemos la Biblia? ¿Es solamente para buscar consuelo en ella en momentos de dolor, o es que queremos conocer mejor a Dios, especialmente encontrando a Jesús y su mensaje? Cuando conocemos a Dios mejor, ¿llevamos a otros más cerca del mismo Dios? Jesús nos pide hoy que difundamos su palabra y su mensaje. Escuchémosle, mientras él nos habla.

La Cuaresma

En muchas regiones del mundo la gente celebra el carnaval en los días anteriores a la Cuaresma, con mucho ruido y mucha juerga. Con frecuencia llevan máscaras para la ocasión. Pero este miércoles, 10 de febrero, comienza El Miércoles de Ceniza/Cuaresma, tiempo para quitarnos las máscaras y volver nuestro rostro y nuestro corazón a Dios y a los hermanos. Una Misa se ofrecerá, en español, a las 7 pm en la Capilla. En este santo tiempo reflexionamos sobre el verdadero sentido de nuestra vida. ¿Quién soy yo y para qué estoy en este mundo? ¿Estoy viviendo para Dios y para la comunidad? Hoy estamos invitados a recibir la ceniza en nuestra frente con la invitación “Aléjate del pecado y sé fiel al evangelio”. ¡Fuera, pues, toda máscara! Y volvamos a Dios, a lo más verdadero de nosotros mismos, y a los hermanos como pueblo de Dios.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

Feb. 7 Spanish Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM

Feb. 8 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Feb. 9 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 10 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday, Masses: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM, 12:35 PM, 5:15 PM and 7:00 PM in Spanish. Ashes will be distributed during Mass.

Feb. 11 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 12 Stations of the Cross at 12:45 PM and 7 PM (Spanish), Chapel

Feb. 12 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 13 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall 10 AM

Feb. 13 Rite of Election 11 AM and 3 PM, Archbishop Chaput

Feb. 14 Rite of Election 3 PM, Archbishop Chaput

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 1/31/16 Sunday was \$6,492. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!



Readings of the Week

Monday: February 8

1 Ki 8:1-7, 9-13; /Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10

Gospel: Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: February 9

1 Ki 8:22-23, 27-30; /Psalm 84:3-5 & 10-11

Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

Joe 2:12-18; /Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17
2 Co 5:20-6:2

Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: February 11

De 30:15-20; /Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Gospel: Lu 9:22-25

Friday: February 12

Isa 58:1-9a; /Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

Gospel: Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: February 13

Isa 58:9b-14; /Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel: Lu 5:27-32

Sunday: February 14

De 26:4-10; /Psalm 9:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Romans 10:8-13. Gospel: Lu 4:1-13



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

Joel B. Roses

Request of Tom and Angela Seigenthaler

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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.

Augustine's Brothers

Augustine's Brothers is a support accountability group for men who struggle with pornography as well as other excessive sexual behaviors. Many men try to break themselves of this habit/addiction alone and fail time after time. This is something that cannot be done alone. The chains of bad habits and addiction are heavy but with God's grace and the support of other men who understand the struggle, you can break the chains! **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** You can find the freedom and peace to become the man God created you to be.

Augustine's Brothers meets weekly in the Neumann Room on Tuesday nights at 7PM. All inquiries are kept in strict confidentiality and one's wish to remain anonymous is highly respected. There is no need for registration, just come and join us.

For information visit: AugustinesBrothers.org or call 800-348-0758.

GIVE TO GROW

Together

HOSPICE SUNDAY **NEXT WEEKEND**

Please remember to bring your food donations **for St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
God bless you.



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

Jean Burns, RSM, Kelly Butler, 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, 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, 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.**

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

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

Thursday, February 11, 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.

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Television Mass
Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6**

This Mass will be rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times:

9 AM DT-2, Channel 6 digital
10:30 AM, LaSalle University 56
5:00 PM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital

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.

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).

OTHER EVENTS

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

Jesus speaks 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, we will look at seven questions Jesus asks and explore how to move from those questions to a personal response.

Presenter: Anne Trufant. Wife, mother, recording artist, dynamic speaker and faith-filled retreat presenter

Fee: \$165 (Includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit).

For more information or to register, call 267-350-1830 or 267-3501835.3501.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, 3501 Solly Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19136.

On Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 PM, the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4th Street) will have Mr. Leo Vaccaro of St. Joseph's Prep talk about his research on the history of North Philadelphia's Church of the Gesu. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.amchs.org.



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.

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.

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.

Living Stewardship Now

I'LL DO IT

Chances are you've heard this one before, but it bears repeating. "This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done." In the reading from Isaiah today, we hear about the prophet's call. He has a vision of God's holiness and majesty so overpowering that he becomes sharply aware of the great gulf between him and God and between God and God's people. Yet the angel touches Isaiah's lips with the burning coal and says "[Y]our wickedness is removed, your sin is purged." And when the voice of the Lord says, "Who will go for us?" Isaiah immediately replies, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:7, 8, 9). Isaiah doesn't look around for someone else to do the job. He doesn't make excuses. He doesn't ask for time to think things over. Nor does he ask what will be required of him. This is a trust with no strings attached, a willingness to do God's will wherever that may lead. Simon Peter and the other fishermen in today's Gospel have caught nothing, but Jesus tells them to let down their nets in deep water, and the catch is so huge that it takes all hands to haul it aboard. Like Isaiah, Simon Peter is only conscious of his own sinfulness. Jesus tells him not to be afraid, and all at once the whole crew join Simon and leave everything to follow wherever Jesus will lead them.

Living Stewardship Now

Living the Christian faith is the exact opposite of the modern preoccupation with "looking out for number one."

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.