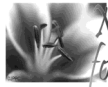


First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve”

Luke 4:1-13



Mass Intentions for the Week

February 13, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

12:05 Filomena Di Candilo

5:15 Robert P. Powelson

February 14, First 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

February 15, Monday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Susan A. Shapley

12:05 Leone/ Cuccurullo Family

February 16, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Rita Scola

12:05 Alexsandra Bilotti

February 17, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Rita Angiolillo

12:05 Sara Norris

February 18, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Rita Law

12:05 Special Intention Novena

February 19, Friday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Ann Aspinall

12:05 Dominic Vinciguerra

February 20, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Anne R. “Nancy” Jordan

5:15 Domenico Pomponio

February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 Tom Fiordimondo

11:00 Gerard Haubrich

12:30 DiFunto Manuel Delgado

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Several times this weekend here at the Cathedral Basilica, as we mark the First Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Chaput will preside at the *Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion*. This annual Lenten Liturgy prepares a thousand-plus unbaptized and baptized people from throughout the Archdiocese to enter Lent with a firm conviction to be purified and enlightened to receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and throughout Easter Time. We unite ourselves in prayer with these Catechumens, now called the Elect, and these Candidates, as we ourselves keep a serious and holy Lent, looking forward to sacramental unity with one another in Baptism and our Easter Communion. We pray especially for our parish Catechumens and Candidates today and all throughout Lent.

The Cathedral Parish is blessed with a strong number of Catechumens and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments. We are always in need of *Parish Sponsors* to guide and mentor these Catechumens and Candidates in the Christian way of life and to assist in their preparation for the Easter Sacraments. If you are willing and interested in being a Sponsor, please see one of the Parish Priests or call the Parish Office. This Lent, all of the Rites—the *Penitential Rite* on the Second Sunday of Lent for the Candidates; the *First, Second, and Third Scrutinies* for the Elect on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sunday of Lent, respectively—will take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass.

Today, the second Sunday of February—and coincidentally, the feast of Saint Valentine—is *World Marriage Day*. Our American Bishops encourage us to observe this day with prayer for the dignity and protection of Marriage, especially Christian Marriage. Of all the Christian vocations, Marriage suffers the most from a near collapse in our time. The incredible disregard among Christians of the Gospel and Church teaching against cohabitation before Marriage, openness to and respect for natural conception, and, most recently, an unambiguous understanding of Marriage as the faithful and permanent union between a man and a woman, definitely compels us to pray for Marriage. Our prayer needs to be united to a reception in our hearts and minds of Gospel and Church teaching on the Institution and Sacrament of Marriage. Today, World Marriage Day, invites all of us to do our part, especially with engaged couples to support them in their fidelity to the Lord’s plan for Marriage. Let us remember today in our prayers, asking the heavenly help of Saint Valentine, all married couples. May the Lord keep them safe in their married lives and may they be a reminder to all of us of the love Christ has for his holy Church.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday is the Archdiocesan *Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese*. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the *Appeal for Catholic Charities*.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill



Readings of the Week

Monday: February 15

1 Le 19:1-2, 11-18; /Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: February 16

Isa 55:10-11; /Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: February 17

Jon 3:1-10; /Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Gospel: Lu 11:29-32

Thursday: February 18

Es C:12, 14-16, 23-25; /Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Gospel: Mt 7:7-12

Friday: February 19

Eze 18:21-28; /Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Gospel: Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: February 20

De 26:16-19 /Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Gospel: Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: February 21

Ge 15, 5-12, 17-18; /Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Php 3:17-4. Gospel: Lu 9:28b-36

Rice Bowl

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives – at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org



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

Dora D. Miglionico

Request of Her Children

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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.

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 2/07/16 Sunday was \$8,179.22. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

Next weekend, February 20-21, there is a special collection for the care of aging priests. Please use the envelopes provided.



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

Sheila Kendall, Jean Burns, RSM, Kelly Butler, Ed Murray, Joseph Capozio, Kristin & Audrey Miller, Cynthia Brach, Barbara DiPipi, Cindy Kiefer, Dave McNichol, Maryann Kehl, Pearl Basser, 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 Sujan, 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.**



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.

Jesús Experimentó Nuestras Tentaciones

El pueblo de Dios, ahora en nuestro tiempo, siente la fuerte tentación de permitir que los bienes de consumo le encarcelen y le esclavicen. Miremos a Jesús: Él rechazó dejarse fascinar por ellos, y quiere que nosotros tengamos hambre, no de cosas materiales y mundanas, sino más bien hambre de fraternidad con los hermanos, de oración, de Dios.

El pueblo de Dios siente la fuerte tentación de impresionar y de controlar a los demás. Miremos a Jesús: Él vino para instaurar el poder del amor y nos dice que sirvamos a Dios en los hermanos.

El pueblo de Dios siente la fuerte tentación de crear sus propios ídolos y hacerse a sí mismo el centro del universo. Miremos a Jesús: Él quiere que con él demos culto y adoremos solamente a Dios. Con él, que resistió y venció resueltamente las tentaciones, entramos con confianza en esta Cuaresma.

La Cuaresma

EL VIA CRUCIS

La Catedral ofrece el Vía Crucis en español todos los viernes, a las 7PM, durante la cuaresma. Por favor NO dejes de asistir e invita a toda tu familia y amistades.

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA

Durante la Cuaresma la Iglesia nos pide poner en practicar estos dos sacrificios especiales. El ayuno consiste en ingerir una sola comida fuerte al día esto se practica especialmente el viernes Santo. La abstinencia consiste en no comer carne los viernes durante la cuaresma; en algunas ocasiones este sacrificio puede ser sustituido por otro.

Con estos sacrificios, buscamos que todo nuestro ser (espíritu, alma y cuerpo) ofrezca obras con las que repararemos el daño ocasionado con nuestros pecados y para el bien de la Iglesia.

El ayuno es obligatorio para todas las personas de 18 a 59 años de edad y la abstinencia es obligatoria a partir de los 14 años de edad.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

Feb. 14 Rite of Election 3 PM, Archbishop Chaput

Feb. 16 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 17 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Feb. 18 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 18 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall 7:30 PM

Feb. 19 Stations of the Cross after the 12:05 PM Mass and 7:00 in Spanish, Chapel

Feb. 19 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Feb. 20 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall 4:00 PM

Feb. 20 Dismissal of Catechumens 5:15 PM

Eventos

Misa de la Herencia Cultural, Sábado 19 de Marzo.
Procesión - 1:30 p.m. / Misa - 2:00 p.m.
Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo
Celebrante principal: Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput.
Auspiciado por La Oficina para el Cuidado Pastoral de Migrantes y Refugiados 215-587-3540

Rally Para adolescentes - Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia
RELENTLESS - amor.misericordia.gracia
Sábado 27 de Febrero del 2016, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Cardinal O'Hara High School.

Todos los adolescentes en grados 8 a 12 están invitados.
Talleres, Adoración Eucarística, Exhibiciones interactivas, Misa de vigilia el domingo y más
Costo: \$20.00

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**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

*Take a Look @
The Meaning of Holy Week*

**February 18, 7:00 PM
In the Neumann Room**

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.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

Please contact the Parish Office for parish registration. One of our parish priests will follow up to register you in the parish. You may also see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday to register.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again please call the Parish Office to insure your address is registered correctly.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

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.

Love Never Fails. We heard this in the second reading a few weeks ago and as Valentine's Day approaches what a perfect time to celebrate God's love for all of us through celebrating our fellowship at our monthly Food & Fellowship dinner on Sunday, February 14th after the 6:30pm Mass.

As we prayerfully enter into the Lenten Season, we are excited to announce we will be hosting another **Night-Fever event on Holy Thursday, March 24th at 7:30pm (following Mass)**. This is an event of prayer, music and reflective silence. All are welcome to attend and we are recruiting individuals who would like to help volunteer and coordinate aspects of the event. If you are interested in volunteering (specifically in street evangelization) please e-mail us at the address below.

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).

PARISH LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

DAILY MASS at 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM in the Chapel

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE BASILICA

On Sundays at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM

On Weekdays at 11:30 AM and additionally on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

On Saturdays at 4:15 PM

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

On Fridays immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and at 7:00 PM in Spanish in the Chapel

Everyone is encouraged during Lent to fast voluntarily throughout the forty days, to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, to read the Sacred Scriptures, and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Session

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office - 215-561-1313 - to register for the Baptism Preparation Session. **The next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday November 15 following the 11 AM Mass.**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Man Up Philly presents Transforming Men, Transforming Families. Saturday March 12 at St. Joseph University Hagan Arena. For more information visit www.manupphilly.com

40 Days for Life, Philadelphia. Our Holy Father invites us 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. To sign up for a time slot please visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia/>

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Retreat March 11, 12, and 13, 2016. Mavern, Pennsylvania. Experience the mercy and compassion of God in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information call Geri at (610)399-0890

Living Stewardship Now

SOMETHING EXTRA

Giving up something for Lent? How about doing something extra to honor God during this season?

- Be reconciled with a person you dislike or avoid, or someone you have hurt.
- Perform acts of kindness for people for no reward.
- Buy a meal for a homeless person.
- Refrain from listening to gossip or passing it on.
- Take a half-hour in the beautiful outdoors.
- Read about the causes of poverty, so you can better serve the poor.
- Save the cost of a daily meal; donate the cash to charity at Easter.
- Study, meditate, and pray daily with scripture.
- Think about God while doing daily tasks.
- Sick? Housebound? On the road? Pray for others.
- In your office, the supermarket, school, think where Jesus might be and what you might do for him.
- Use prayers or devotions from your heritage to grow spiritually.
- Clean out closets and give gently-used items to charity.
- Contribute groceries to a food pantry.
- Go to weekday Mass, a parish mission, or Lenten prayer service.
- Keep a crucifix near you. Remember Jesus' death.

Living Stewardship Now

Some of these Lenten activities are best done solo; for others, rope in family, friends, neighbors, or fellow parishioners and make a joint commitment.

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.