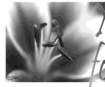


## Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

***“Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ”***

*Mt 4:17*



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

### ***February 27, Saturday, Lenten Weekday***

12:05 Jill  
5:15 Joseph Sheridan

### ***February 28, Third Sunday of Lent***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart  
11:00 Raffaele Berarducci  
12:30 Difunto Teodoro Sanchez  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

### ***February 29, Monday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Gail Walker  
12:05 Narda Altmayer

### ***March 1, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 George Long  
12:05 Reverend Carl R. Smith

### ***March 2, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin  
12:05 James Lamb

### ***March 3, Thursday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Maddelena Leone  
12:05 Special Intention Novena

### ***March 4, First Friday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Brian J. Maguire  
12:05 James Lamb

### ***March 5, First Saturday, Lenten Weekday***

12:05 Essie Mae Rubin  
5:15 Carmela Pomponio

### ***March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fiordimondo  
11:00 Doris Friesing  
12:30 Difunta Carmen Martinez  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

The *Jubilee Year of Mercy* can easily become like so much white noise in our contemporary lives. We know it is in the background but it is really not impacting us in any way. This is simply the nature of our very busy lives and very busy times. However, the Jubilee Year of Mercy calls us to a new attentiveness to the Mercy of our Father in heaven. He is constantly reaching out to us and drawing us to himself, wanting us to know of his desire to forgive our sins and fill us with his love and grace. Lent, the time of conversion and anticipation of the new life of Easter, offers an excellent opportunity for us to hear this invitation to divine Mercy. ***24 Hours for the Lord*** is a special opportunity this Lent to do just this.

Pope Francis directed in the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, *Misericordiae Vultus* that, “The initiative of ‘24 Hours for the Lord,’ to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese.” All throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia churches and chapels will be open for this period as much as possible to give clergy and faithful additional opportunities to encounter the Mercy of the Lord in his Sacraments. The chief elements of the *24 Hours for the Lord* are prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

*This is the schedule for our Cathedral Parish observance of the 24 Hours for the Lord:*

#### **Friday, March 4, 2015:**

5:15 PM Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Confessions available in the Basilica  
9:00 PM Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica

#### **Saturday, March 5, 2015:**

11:00 AM Confessions available in the Basilica until the 12:05 PM Mass  
12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel  
4:00 PM Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica  
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM Confessions available in the Basilica  
5:15 PM Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by the Anticipated Mass for Sunday

Please do whatever is possible for you to participate in this event of the Jubilee Year. The Mercy of God awaits us. Also, please help to spread the word about the *24 Hours for the Lord*.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be *to supplement expenses associated with Religious Education Programs in the Parish*. 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

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION  
OF THE  
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Friday, March 4, 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.**

**Readings for Mass for this Week  
in English and Spanish**

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

[www.migrate.usccb.org/bible/readings/021716.cfm](http://www.migrate.usccb.org/bible/readings/021716.cfm)

**Holy Doors of Mercy**

For information on the Holy Doors please see the website [cathedralphila.org/mercy/](http://cathedralphila.org/mercy/)

**Rice Bowl - Third Week of Lent**

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



*The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns  
this week in the Cathedral Basilica*

*for Jean Giovine*

*Request of Nick & Louise Pascale*

*The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the  
Cathedral Chapel*

*For Wendy Cornel*

*Request of Mr. & Mrs. Hansted*

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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 2/21/16 Sunday was \$7,558.50. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!



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

*Wendy Cornel, Michelle, 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.***

## HE VISTO LA MISERIA DE MI PUEBLO

Si vivimos pisando firmes con los dos pies en tierra, no podemos menos de ver que vivimos en un mundo que no es exactamente el mundo soñado por Dios. No somos el pueblo en el que Dios sueña y al que nos llama; muchas situaciones y estructuras necesitan cambio; y mucha gente vive en la miseria y en la opresión. Necesitamos conversión; el mundo que nos rodea la necesita. El Señor nos dice en este tercer domingo de Cuaresma: "He visto la miseria de mi pueblo". ---¿Vemos también nosotros esa miseria de nuestro pueblo? ¿Y qué hacemos ante ella? Porque conversión significa cambiar nuestras estructuras y, sobre todo, nuestra forma de vida, volviéndonos sinceramente a Dios y a los hermanos. ¿Estamos realmente dispuestos e incluso deseosos de cambiar?

## 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.

## "VEN Y VERAS"

Viernes Abril 15 al Domingo 17 del 2016

Se ofrecerá un **fin de semana para hombres hispanos** cursando secundaria y para mayores de edad. Es una oportunidad para experimentar la vida en el seminario San Carlos Borromeo y para aprender a discernir una vocación. Comenzará a las 7PM el viernes con una comida y una charla para los jóvenes y sus padres sobre el sacerdocio diocesano; luego los padres se regresan a sus casas y los jóvenes se quedan hasta las 12:00 PM del Domingo.

**Es necesario registrarse previamente para este evento llamando al Padre Viviano al 215-743-2600 antes del 8 de Abril.**

Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary  
100 Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096  
610-667-5778 7-9pm

## 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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

**Feb. 29** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Mar. 1** Filming of Spanish Mass, Basilica, 6:00 PM

**Mar. 1** Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 2** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Mar. 3** Hallahan High School Ring Mass, Chapel, 6 PM

**Mar. 3** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 3** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall 7:30 PM

**Mar. 4** Stations of the Cross after the 12:05 PM Mass and 7:00 in Spanish, Chapel

**Mar. 4** Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 5** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10 AM

**Mar. 5** Dismissal of Catechumens, Neumann Room, 5:15 PM

## 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:

**Monday, March 7, 2016:**

*Themes from Life Under Compulsion:  
Ten Ways to Destroy the Humanity of Your Child  
Speaker: Professor Anthony Esolen*

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](http://PhillyEvang.org/lectures). Lectures are free and open to the public.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS  
THIS WEEK**

*The Early Church &  
History of the Church*

**March 3, 7:00 PM  
Meeting in the Newman 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.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

*24 Hours for the Lord*  
**March 4-5**

*24 Hours for the Lord* is an initiative of the Holy Father for the Jubilee Year in which parishes open the doors of their Church for a period of 24 hours. During this time, the faithful will have the opportunity to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament either exposed in the monstrance or reposed in the tabernacle. Confessions will also be made available during this period. To find a local church that is observing *24 Hours for the Lord*, view the interactive map on the Jubilee of Mercy website: <http://archphila.org/mercy/calendar/>

**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 **7:00-8:30 PM** 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. We look forward to having you join us.

**Food and Fellowship Dinner:** Each 2nd Sunday of the month **after the 6:30 PM Mass** we walk over to Con Murphy's (1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway) to enjoy dinner over laughs and conversation. Join us for our next dinner - **Sunday, March 13.**

As we prayerfully enter into the Lenten Season, we are excited to announce we will be hosting another **NightFever event on Holy Thursday, March 24th at**

**7:30 PM (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](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com). Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Ca-

**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.*





## **AID FOR FRIENDS AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

*Aid For Friends* is a non-profit organization that seeks volunteers to prepare meals in their homes and/or to deliver food for those unable to prepare their own meals. These prepared meals are a tremendous service to the elderly and disabled who cannot afford their meals and/or have difficulty getting to the food store.

If you would like to prepare meals as part of *Aid For Friends*, please pick up the meal trays in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM through to 1:30 PM. These trays are located next to the *Aid For Friends* freezer which is also in Chapel Hall. Prepared meals can also be returned to the freezer in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times.

If you are interested in taking meals to the home-bound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact Mrs. Lynn Trumbetta, by phone (215-464-2224) or email [afflynnt@yahoo.com](mailto:afflynnt@yahoo.com). You must first register with *Aid For Friends* to deliver meals. *Aid for Friends* encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.

### ***OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST***

#### ***Cultural Heritage Mass***

All are welcome to join Archbishop Chaput for our annual Cultural Heritage Mass! This Mass celebrates the diversity and universality of the Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholic communities in our local church. The Mass is on Saturday, **March 19 at the Cathedral**. The procession of communities will begin at 1:30 pm. The Mass starts at 2 pm. Contact the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees at [migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org](http://migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org) or 215-587-3540 for more information.

#### ***Ivy Hall Movie Nights: The Priesthood in Film***

Join the International Institute for Culture on the third Thursday of each month in 2016 for a series of movie showings, looking at different ways Hollywood has portrayed priests over the years. Doors open at 6:30; movie at 7:00 PM. At Ivy Hall, 6331 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19151. For more info, visit [www.iiculture.org](http://www.iiculture.org).

### ***LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW***

#### ***Fruitful or Productive***

“Yes,” said Joel, “I’m hooked on productivity. I run a business, and my wife and I have three young children. I have to produce and my employees have to produce if we’re to accomplish anything. My days are jam-packed. If there’s any time left over I spend it with my family.” Joel’s thinking on productivity received a shake-up at a men’s retreat. The retreat leader asked a question. “When you think of Jesus, do you think of him with a daily to-do list? (‘Three people healed today. Two fast comebacks to the scribes and Pharisees. One really great parable told. Oh yes, and dinner for 5,000. And I got the disciples to distribute the leftovers. A very good day. Well done, me’).” Joel listened intently. “Jesus spoke wisely and constantly extended mercy and grace. He might now and then retreat from the crowds, yet when he was with people, he was really with them. He saw needs that others could not see. He loved people well. But was he productive? Productivity can become a mind-set of constantly moving forward. Being busy, not at times and in moderation, but as a lifestyle. Productivity seeks what fruitfulness claims as its starting point—the assurance of God’s presence and love.” Fruitfulness, Joel saw, allows you to be fully present in the moment. Fruitfulness is deeply rooted in the soil of God’s grace. Fruitfulness requires a fundamental trust in the Holy Spirit, like compost around the roots of the fig tree in today’s Gospel. The Spirit is working at all times and in all places and, if we allow it, is at work in us—busy or not.

#### ***Living Stewardship Now***

Put aside the lists and waste some time with God—pray, take a nap, play with the kids, admire nature. It may not be productive, but it will be fruitful.

#### **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.