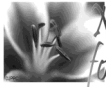


## ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

***March 6, 2016***

***“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”***

*Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*



### ***Mass Intentions for the Week***

#### ***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

#### ***March 7, Monday, Lenten Weekday***

12:05 Dr. John J. Leahy  
5:15 Joseph Fergus, Jr.

#### ***March 8, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Sophie Maglio  
12:05 Arthur Quici

#### ***March 9, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Fred J. Amendolia  
12:05 Rev. Msgr. J. Nevin Kennedy

#### ***March 10, Thursday, Lenten Weekday***

7:15 Catherine Costobile  
12:05 Amy Incollingo

#### ***March 11, Friday, Lenten Weekday***

12:05 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig  
5:15 Rebecca Howard

#### ***March 12, Saturday, Lenten Weekday***

12:05 Monica Grzeczowski  
5:15 Special Intention

#### ***March 13, Fifth 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 Filomena Berarducci  
12:30 Difuntos Vicente y Carlos  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Since February 10, we have been observing here in Center City, the *40 Days for Life*. This is peaceful and prayerful prolife effort taking place in hundreds of cities in our country and throughout the world. Over the years these *40 Days for Life* have seen thousands of babies saved from abortion and the closing of abortion clinics. People are invited during these *40 Days for the Life* to assemble outside an abortion clinic to pray and give witness to the sacredness of human life, especially from the first moment of conception. The Cathedral Parish has been asked to participate in this noble effort on March 15, 2016. If you are able and willing to pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood at 12<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets in Center City Philadelphia anytime from noon to 4:00 PM, please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Those who are praying outside Planned Parenthood represent many of us who are impeded from doing so for one reason or another. All of us can be a part of the *40 Days for Life* with our own prayers for life when we pray for this intention anywhere and at anytime. Our prayers also need to be healing for those who have suffered the tragedy of an abortion. Prayer above all is the chief remedy for the protection of human life, most especially in the womb, in our culture and in our laws. The forty days conclude on March 20, 2016. For more information on the *40 Days for Life*, please see: <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

Monsignor George Majoris, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has been named a *Missionary of Mercy* by our Holy Father for the Archdiocese for the course of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. With the announcement of the Holy Year last year, Pope Francis expressed his desire that these Missionaries of Mercy would be a visible expression of the Church's effort to afford the priests and faithful wide opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, especially for reserved sins—profaning the Most Holy Eucharist, violence against the Holy Father, misuse of the Sacrament of Penance, and breaking the seal of Confession, and to preach about the Sacrament and the mercy of the Lord. Monsignor Majoris will hear confessions in the Basilica one Sunday evening a month and once a week throughout the Jubilee Year which concludes this November. If you would like to know when Monsignor will be available for the Sacrament of Penance, please contact the Parish Office. Monsignor Majoris will also preach the three meditations on Good Friday in the Basilica at noon, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM. Let us keep Monsignor Majoris' mission of mercy in our prayers and may many benefit from his good work among us.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be the *Archdiocesan Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America*. 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



**SAVE THE DATE**

*April 10, 2016*

**Dedication of the  
*Mary Garden***

**behind the Cathedral  
Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

**A procession and ceremony of  
dedication will immediately  
follow the 9:30 AM Mass**

Refreshments to follow



**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 - Fourth Week of Lent*

**HUNGERING TO LEARN**

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



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

*for:*

*Harold Izzo*

*Request of Carmel and Steven Couch*

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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 2/28/16 Sunday was \$6,970.50 Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!



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

*Amberlyn Boland, 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 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.***

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## Una Misericordia Escandalosa

Algunas veces comentamos de gente excesivamente buena y tolerante: Se pasa de bueno (o buena) tolerando eso, y perdonando tal pérdida de cara y de imagen. ¿Acaso no tienen (él o ella) agallas? --- No, no deberíamos dejarnos engañar por nadie, pero cuando se trata de perdón y paciencia tenemos todavía mucho que aprender de nuestro Padre Dios. ¿Acaso no ha seguido él perdonándonos siempre? ¿Acaso ha dejado él alguna vez de ser paciente con nosotros? Esto es lo que tenemos que aprender de él, por más difícil que sea. Pidamos a Jesús, presente con nosotros aquí en esta eucaristía, que nos dé esa fuerza que necesitamos para perdonar.

## ¡Celebre el Día de la Tierra al estilo católico!

Participe en una noche de reflexión sobre la encíclica *Laudato Si* del Papa Francisco, la que nos invita a recuperar nuestra misión católica de cuidar el mundo creado por Dios y la dignidad de la vida humana creada a la imagen de Dios.

**Miércoles, 20 de abril del 2016, 7:00-9:00 PM.**  
Auditorio Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia. Es gratis y abierto al público. No se requiere registración. Un evento especial en honor al Año Jubilar de la Misericordia.

**Orador:** Ricardo Simmonds, Director de Penn Newman Center, M.S. in Environmental Studies.

**Palabras de clausura:** Dr. Bethany Welsh, Directora del Centro Aquino

### Auspiciado por:

El Centro Aquino, 267-702-3454.

Oficina para el Cuidado Pastoral de Migrantes y Refugiados, 215-587-3540.

Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización, 215-587-5630.

## 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

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

**Mar. 8** Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 9** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Mar. 10** Catechetical Session begins in the Neumann Room at 7:00 PM, then moves to the Basilica to meditate on the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM

**Mar. 10** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Mar. 11** Stations of the Cross after the 12:05 PM Mass and 7:00 in Spanish, Chapel

**Mar. 11** Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 12** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10 AM

**Mar. 12** Music class meeting with wedding couples, Choir Loft, 1:00 PM

**Mar. 12** Dismissal of Catechumens, Neumann Room, 5:15 PM

**Mar. 13** Spanish Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM

**Mar. 13** Men's Discernment Group, Neumann Room, 7:30 PM

## HONOR ROLL ST. JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We would like to congratulate parishioner Luke J. Barrett who is a student at St. Joseph's Preparatory School for being named to the Honor Roll list for the first semester of the 2015-2016 academic year.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS  
THIS WEEK**

*The Way of the Cross*

**March 10, 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.



**DO YOU HAVE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian and would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information - 215-561-1313

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

**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 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**

**GAME NIGHT ROUND 2:** We will be hosting another Board Game Night on **Monday, March 14** 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 please bring a group game if you have one. We hope to see everyone there, the first game night was a blast!

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 beginning at 7:30pm with Mass and continuing until 10pm**. 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 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.*



## ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE 2016 Boot Drive



It is said of Bishop Neumann, that when he had no money to offer the poor, he would give them the shoes off of his own feet. Each day hundreds of homeless men come to St. John's Hospice— their shoes are often worn and tattered and no longer provide protection from the cold and harsh Philadelphia weather and life on the street. In response to this apparent and dire need, and inspired by Bishop Neumann's compassion for his fellow man, St. John's Hospice invites you to join us in support of the 2016 Annual St. John Neumann Boot Drive.

Be part of the mission and spirit of giving. A donation of \$25 will provide one pair of new boots, socks and underwear to a homeless man in need. Your donation, which can be made in honor or memory of a loved one, will provide warmth and comfort to the poor and needy throughout these cold winter days and long nights.

Donations can be mailed to Saint John's Hospice  
PO BOX 781048, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1048.  
[www.saintjohnshospice.org](http://www.saintjohnshospice.org) - (215) 563-7763

## 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](http://AugustinesBrothers.org) or call 800-348-0758.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### *Amazing Grace*

After apartheid was abolished in South Africa, special hearings were held to allow victims a voice, and to establish justice and peace. One day an elderly black woman and a white police officer faced each other across a courtroom. The officer, a Mr. van der Broek, had just been found guilty of murdering the woman's son and her husband. He had come to her home a number of years earlier, shot her son, and burned the body while he and his cronies reveled in the act. Later, he returned and took her husband. For two years, she heard nothing about him. Then van der Broek came and led the woman to a river bank, where she saw her husband bound and beaten on a pile of wood. The last words she heard him say were, "Father, forgive them," as the officers poured gasoline over him and set him on fire. Justice caught up with Mr. van der Broek. He was found guilty, and it was now time for sentencing. The judge asked the woman, "What should be done to this man who so brutally destroyed your family?" She replied, "I want three things. First, I want to be taken to where my husband's body was burned so that I can gather up the dust and give him decent burial. My husband and son were my only family, so I want, second, for Mr. van der Broek to become my son. I would like him to come twice a month to the ghetto and spend a day with me so that I can pour on him whatever love I still have within me. Third," she said, "I would like Mr. van der Broek to know that I forgive him because Jesus Christ died to forgive me." She walked across the courtroom and embraced him. The policeman fainted, overwhelmed by her response. Then quietly, friends, family, and neighbors—all victims of similar oppression and injustice—began to sing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

### *Living Stewardship Now*

Who in your life has injured you, angered you, or hurt you? Don't wait for their change of heart. Change yours, and run out to meet them on the road of forgiveness.

## 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.