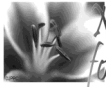


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 20, 2016

***“Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts.
It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek”***

St. John Paul the II



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 19, Saturday, St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 Elizabeth Masi
5:15 Special Intention

March 20, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galipo, and Greco Families
11:00 Elizabeth Masi
12:30 Maria Miranda
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

March 21, Monday of Holy Week

7:15 Maurice Gable
12:05 Jim Foley

March 22, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:15 Anna DiBenedetto
12:05 Frances Delany

March 23, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:15 Veronica Burrows
12:05 Nancy Calabree

March 24, HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 Chrism Mass
7:30 *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

March 25, GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 *Meditations on the Passion of Christ*
3:00 *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*
7:00 *Procesion con el Via Crucis, Las Siete Palabras*

March 26, HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

March 27, EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM 9:30 AM
11:00 AM Solemn Mass
and 12:30 PM in English in the Basilica
2:00 PM in Spanish, in the Chapel
No 6:30 PM Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Today is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*, the beginning of Holy Week. I encourage you, as much as possible, to keep Holy Week in your heart, in your home and here at the Basilica. Elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin is the full schedule for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy during the Sacred Paschal Triduum—Holy Thursday evening through to Easter Sunday evening. The Basilica will be open all day during the Paschal Triduum for prayer. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, next Saturday evening at 7:30 PM, is the highpoint of the Paschal Triduum. Let us fill the Basilica for this celebration of Easter, of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead!

Please take the blessed palm that you receive at Mass today and place it over the crucifix that hangs in your home. The blessed palm, as it reminds us during the Palm Sunday Mass, is a sign all throughout the year of the victory of Christ, the Redeemer, over sin and death with his Cross and Resurrection. Any old blessed palm can be brought to the Cathedral Sacristy at any time for its use for ashes next Ash Wednesday.

All during Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum there are additional opportunities for the *Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation* in the Basilica:

**Monday, March 21; Tuesday March 22; and Wednesday,
March 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 25, 2016 from 12:00 Noon until 2:30 PM
Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

All parishioners are welcome to the *Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday* morning at 10:00 AM. The Chrism Mass is the occasion for the Archbishop to assemble with his priests for the renewal of their Ordination Promises as well as the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the rites of the Church. Please keep all priests in your prayers on Holy Thursday, the anniversary of the Institution of the Priesthood by the Lord.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the expenses associated with the preparations of the Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of the Easter Mysteries. I am so grateful to those who have already shown their generosity to the Cathedral Parish with their Easter offerings and also with their donations for the Easter Flowers. And as always, 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 for a fruitful Holy Week,

Father Dennis Gill

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, April 1, 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.



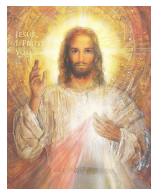
*The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns
this week in the Cathedral Basilica*

For: William Rodden

*Request of: His wife, Children, grand-
children, and great grand 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.



HOLY DOORS OF MERCY

The Holy Door in the Cathedral
Basilica is Open

Weekdays 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturdays 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sundays 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

For information on the Holy Doors please see the
website cathedralphila.org/mercy/

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

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of
our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are great-
ly supported as well by our many visitors.

*This sacrificial offering—which benefits all—is greatly ap-
preciated.* Please consider an increase to your weekly of-
fering. The operation and maintenance of the Cathedral
Basilica and Parish is approximately 20,000 dollars a week.

The Offertory Collection for the 3/13/16 Sunday was
\$6,917.50. Again, many thanks for your goodness and gen-
erosity!

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the *Holy
Land*. 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*.

Rice Bowl - Palm Sunday HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he
enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice
Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own commu-
nities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those
who need our help. How does our Lenten journey moti-
vate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?
*Please drop your rice bowl offerings in the collection
basket or mail it to the Parish Office*

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



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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Jerusalén: Lugar de Sufrimiento y de Triunfo

Sabemos, por la escuela de la vida, que no todos los días son días de alegría y embeleso: Hay también días oscuros y deprimentes, de sufrimiento, de frustraciones y fracasos. Pero hoy, Domingo de Ramos “de la Pasión del Señor”, se nos dice en términos bien claros que ésta fue la suerte libremente aceptada, nada menos que de Jesús mismo. Primero lo vemos el domingo, aclamado en un pequeño triunfo, pero enseguida escuchamos cómo le conducen a la muerte. Dentro de una semana, en la Noche de Pascua, oiremos el pregón pascual proclamando con claridad y énfasis que su muerte le condujo al triunfo de su propia resurrección; oiremos también sobre el perdón y la vida que él nos trae. Hoy nos unimos a nuestro Señor en su triunfo y en su pasión y muerte, y le pedimos que transforme nuestra vida y nuestra muerte y las haga tan aceptables y tan cargadas de sentido como la suya.

“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

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Mar. 21 Chrism Mass Choir Dress Rehearsal, Basilica, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Mar. 22 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Mar. 23 Chrism Mass Practice, Basilica, 9:30 AM

Prayer Vigil in Support of the Little Sisters of the Poor, In front of the Basilica, 10:30 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Mar. 24 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Night Fever Candlelight Celebration, Chapel, 8:00 PM

Mar. 26 Eater Vigil & Easter Sunday Practice Basilica, 9:30 AM

Año de la Divina Misericordia

“Deseo conceder gracias inimaginables a las almas que confían en Mi misericordia. Que se acerquen a ese mar de misericordia con gran confianza. Los pecadores obtendrán la justificación y los justos serán fortalecidos en el bien. Al que haya depositado su confianza en Mi misericordia, en la hora de la muerte le colmaré el alma con Mi paz divina”
(Diario de Santa Faustina, 1520).

Lectura recomendada para este mes: *Consolando el Corazón de Jesús*, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC



Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, and Watermark.**

Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know.

There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313.**

Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

**March 24, 7:00 PM
Meeting 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.



SAVE THE DATE

April 10, 2016

**Dedication
of the Queen of the Apostles
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



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. Due to Holy Week there will NOT be Bible Study on Good Friday, March 25.

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, April 10.**

As Holy Week draws closer please join us for our **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 there is still time to sign up as a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please e-mail us at youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com.

Service Project Opportunity!! We are looking for volunteers to aid in the hospitality portion of the Mary Garden Dedication on **Sunday Morning - April 10th after the 9:30AM Mass.** We will be setting up and running the hospitality for the Knights of Columbus and the League of the Sacred Heart therefore volunteers will need to be available earlier that morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at this service project.

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).

Divine Mercy Novena **Begins Good Friday, March 25, 2016**

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is recited perpetually at the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls." For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). For more information please visit www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/ena.php

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 24



7:30 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Basilica

Adoration at the Repository continues until 11:00 PM
in the Cathedral Chapel

10:45 PM, Night Prayer in the Cathedral Chapel

Good Friday, March 25

The Basilica opens at 9:00 AM.



12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM, Meditations on the Passion
of Christ in the Basilica

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Sacrament of Penance
and Reconciliation in the Basilica

3:00 PM, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in the Basilica

7:00 PM, Procesi3n con el Vía Crucis,
Las Siete Palabras

Holy Saturday, March 26

The Basilica opens at 9:00 AM.

11:00 AM, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
in the Basilica

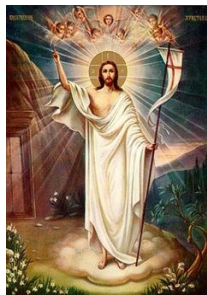
Masses for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 27

**8:00 PM (March 26, 2016)
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM Solemn Mass,
and 12:30 PM in English
in the Basilica**

**2:00 PM in Spanish in the
Cathedral Chapel**

There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on
Easter Sunday.



LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Take up Your Cross

Father Oscar Romero was a timid, middle-level church bureaucrat in El Salvador. He silently went along with the wealthiest Salvadorians, who condemned all efforts to help the poor. Under their orders, the military shot strikers, union organizers, human rights activists, teachers, priests, and religious, and death squads freely roamed the countryside, raping, torturing, and killing. Romero was named Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. When a crowd protesting blatant election fraud was attacked by soldiers in the capital city's main square, the new Archbishop neither intervened nor protested. Then came a sudden turning point: Father Rutilio Grande was murdered along with an elderly man and a boy. The Archbishop knew the Jesuit priest personally. He asked for an official inquiry into the deaths. He continued asking questions and became a marked man. Mail arrived daily at his office saying, "We're going to drink your blood!" "We'll crush you to pieces!" and worse. In 1979, Romero presented the Pope with extensive reports describing assassinations, disappearances, and human rights abuses in El Salvador. On March 24, 1980, Romero was celebrating Mass. At the end of his homily he said, "Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ will live like the grain of wheat that dies . . . The harvest comes because of the grain that dies . . . We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us." He was killed with a single sniper shot to the heart. To put other people first is to serve Christ himself, regardless of the risk.

Living Stewardship Now

What are you willing to risk for the love of the Lord: your comforts, your life-style, your reputation, your achievements? What does it mean to carry your cross in daily life?

Basilica Tours



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please meet in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Altar.

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