

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 2016

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." -John 11:25-26



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

March 28, Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:15 Brenna Martinez

12:05 Debbie Foster

March 29, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:15 Maurice Gable

12:05 Christopher Espino

March 30, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:15 Nicholas A. Constantino

12:05 Michael Sperando

March 31, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:15 Margaret Morgan

12:05 Deceased friends in San Giacomo

April 1, First Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:15 Barbara V. Montgomery

12:05 Rose Calabree

April 2, First Saturday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 Essie Mae Rubin

5:15 Luigi Pomponio

April 3, Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

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

9:30 Arthur Quici

11:00 Antonietta Berarducci

12:30 Urbis de Jesus

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

*I wish all of you, our parishioners and our visitors, the blessings of a holy and happy Easter. Today, we celebrate with Christians everywhere the wonderful and amazing event of our salvation. Christ, who gave his life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, obedient to the will of his Father, was raised from the dead after three days in the tomb. This is not just a past event. This is an eternal event. So, Jesus who was raised by his Father with the Holy Spirit is present to us—today—risen from the dead. He is present to us risen from the dead when we listen to his Gospel and when we celebrate his Sacraments—especially Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist during the days of Easter. He is present to us risen from the dead when we allow him to take hold of our Christian lives and give witness to him in works of charity and justice, in the works of mercy, and in a deeper fidelity to his way of life. Today, as we celebrate Easter Sunday—which brings with it a fifty day celebration through to Pentecost Sunday, let us praise our Father in heaven for his Son risen from the dead and recommit ourselves as Christians to Christ as his faithful disciples. *All of our parishioners and visitors are remembered by our priests in the celebration of Mass today for their Easter Intentions.**

Easter Sunday this year enjoys a special significance as we celebrate it in the course of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The most outstanding pledge of mercy shown to us by our heavenly Father is that he would send his Son into the world to ransom us from our sins—and anything that could ever separate us from God—through Christ's Paschal Mystery, through his saving death and resurrection. I encourage you to observe these Easter days as occasions of divine mercy. Next Sunday, April 3, 2016, the Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy, gives us the opportunity to pray for a generous outpouring of the Easter gift of mercy. There will be a Holy Hour, Confessions and the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, here in the Basilica, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Easter Time is the period during the Church Year to recall in fitting ways the Sacrament of Baptism, our first encounter with the risen Lord. The Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water during the Masses of Easter help us to recall the gift of Baptism each Sunday. You are welcome to take some *Easter Water* home with you so that you may sprinkle your home with it and bless yourself with it during your personal prayer.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the various outreach ministries of the Cathedral Parish. Thank you so very much for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish with your Easter offerings, donations for the Easter Flowers and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

Happy Easter!

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.**



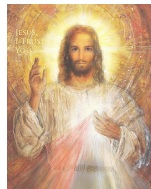
*The Sanctuary Lamp Candles burns
this week in the Cathedral Basilica
and the Cathedral Chapel*

For: Michael E. Land

Request of: The Land Family



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.

usccb.org/bible/readings

Rice Bowl - Easter Sunday
HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world!

*Please drop your CRS Rice Bowl offerings
in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office*

Visit crsricebowl.org for more

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. Due to the publication of the Parish bulletin the collection for last week will be reported on next week's Parish bulletin.

We are specially grateful to all our parishioners and visitors for their goodness and generosity this Easter.



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.

Año de la Divina Misericordia “El Espíritu Santo, Fuente de Misericordia”

La misericordia yace en el corazón de la fe cristiana. Los católicos creen en un Dios de misericordia. Él manifestó su misericordia, ante todo, en la Encarnación de su Palabra en la Persona de Jesucristo, quien murió en la cruz por nuestros pecados. Cuando caminó en esta tierra, Jesús vivió para los demás y saludó a todos los que conocía con misericordia y compasión. Misericordia fue la razón por la que entró en este mundo. Por misericordia él perdonó pecados. Por misericordia él curó a personas de sus dolencias físicas. Por misericordia él echó a los demonios. Por misericordia él sufrió y murió por nosotros. Él pidió misericordia para los demás a su Padre desde la cruz. Misericordia era lo que fluyó de su costado perforado en forma de sangre y agua. Por misericordia él envió su Espíritu a morar en los corazones de los miembros de su cuerpo, la Iglesia. Misericordia fue la razón del envío de su Espíritu en Pentecostés.

El Espíritu Santo es la Fuente de Misericordia. Es el alma de la Iglesia, el sacramento de Cristo. Él es invocado en la celebración de cada sacramento. Él es la fuente de misericordia, porque es el Vínculo de Amor compartido por el Padre y el Hijo. De ese Vínculo todo fluye: Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía, Reconciliación, Orden, Matrimonio, Unción. Estos sacramentos honran y glorifican al Padre. Son acciones de Cristo. Son las obras del Espíritu. A través de ellos recibimos sus múltiples dones y frutos. Espíritu Santo, Fuente de Misericordia, ruega por nosotros.

– Reverendo Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R., Cátedra Krol de Teología Moral, Seminario San Carlos Borromeo

Cómo vivirlo:

Durante el Año Santo de la Misericordia, comience la práctica de invocar al Espíritu Santo tan pronto como se despierte en la mañana. Utilice el *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* o una oración similar al Espíritu Santo. Tome nota de las misericordias diarias especiales que resultan de este simple acto de dependencia en la Tercera Persona de la Trinidad

«El Espíritu Santo como fuerte huracán hace adelantar más en una hora la navicilla de nuestra alma hacia la santidad, que lo que nosotros habíamos conseguido en meses y años remando con nuestras solas fuerzas.»

-Sta. Teresa de Ávila

Lectura recomendada para el mes de Abril:

El Espíritu Santo y su tarea. Autor: Leo J. Trese.

¡FELIZ PASCUA !

Hermanos en Cristo,

En esta hermosa noche/día recordamos la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Muriendo destruyó la muerte para nosotros, resucitando a una nueva vida ha afirmado nuestra propia vida. En el bautismo hemos muerto con él al pecado, pero no hemos ganado todavía todas nuestras batallas contra el mal, y la vida de Dios en nosotros no ha llegado todavía a florecer plenamente. Por eso la Iglesia nos invita ahora a rechazar de nuevo todo lo que va contra la Alianza de amor y, como lo hicimos en el bautismo, a prometer vivir conforme a su ley de servicio, bondad y amor. Renovemos, pues, nuestras promesas bautismales. Les deseamos una Feliz Pascua y muchas bendiciones de parte de todos los sacerdotes y el personal de la Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Mar. 29 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Mar. 30 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Mar. 31 Memorial Mass for Terri Schiavo, Chapel, 5:00 PM

Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Apr. 1 Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Apr. 2 Spanish Curia of the Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony, Cathedral, 9:00 AM
Holy Mass, Cathedral, 10:30 AM
Lunch, Chapel Hall, 11:30 AM
Holy Hour, Chapel, 1:00 PM

Cathedral Custom Rosary

Our custom made rosaries from Italy are still available. Choose from a Bohemian glass brown or pearly/green shade. The Cathedral Rosary can be purchased in the Cathedral Shop.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

Christian Moral Living & Social Justice

March 31, 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, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

"The Holy Spirit, Fountain of Mercy"

Quote from Catholic Tradition:

"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come! As you descended upon Mary that the Word might become flesh, work in us through grace as you worked in her through nature and grace. Come! Food of every chaste thought, fountain of all mercy, sum of all purity. Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in you." -St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources:

Recommended Book for the Month: *True Devotion to the Holy Spirit*, Archbishop Luis Martinez.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: Confirmation: *The Sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom* by Dr. Brant Pitre.

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.

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.**

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).



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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR , Catholic Social Services

Friday, April 15, 2016 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Vendors and health information will be available. 6214 Grays Ave. Philadelphia PA 19142. For more information please call (215) 724-8550.

Come join us, all are welcome!

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER, Catholic Social Services - Southwest Family Service Center

May 13, 2016 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Free Admission + Prizes + Raffles + Food. 6214 Grays Ave. Philadelphia PA 19142. For more information please call (215) 724-8550, Melanie ext. 3 and Dillon ext. 8.



Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

*Come and Experience
Great Music in the Cathedral*

Westminster Williamson Voices

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 3 PM
General Admission \$25.00

Chanticleer

Monday, April 11, 2016 at 8 PM
Front Section \$50.00
General Admission \$35.00

Ancient Voices - University of Penn

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 8 PM
Goodwill Offering

For more information and to
Purchase Tickets visit:
www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org



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 homebound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact Mrs. Lynn Trumbetta, by phone (215-464-2224) or email 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.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Believing Without Seeing

In some ways “doubting Thomas” in today’s Gospel reading sounds very much like a man of our times. He says he won’t believe unless he can see and touch Jesus’ wounds. He is granted that desire and, in awe, acknowledges his risen Lord. Jesus says to Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). We may often be tempted to put our faith in what we can see, touch, feel, taste, smell, and hear. That is certainly the preoccupation of science, which tests, theorizes, and proves based on what is observable in the universe. Science has its place in our lives, but it cannot uncover for us what is beyond the physical senses. It cannot define or measure love, yet we know that without love, companionship, and compassion people do not thrive and may even die. Some of the saddest news stories today are of people who die alone for want of a single other human being to know they needed help. The price we pay for our modern privacy is high. We are meant to live with one another and to love one another in order to be fully human. The idea that we can rely on ourselves and our own efforts to live the good life is an old heresy that lives on in our times. It is true that living with and for others is a messy business. In the communities of our ancestors the neighbors knew you and your family as well as your sins and failings—and you knew theirs. Yet you had companionship and, in hard times, someone to help out. So, believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, not just as a check mark against some list of “Things I Believe In”. Let it change how you live.

Living Stewardship Now

Connect with someone who lives alone, particularly if they are frail or elderly. Volunteer to do errands or simple chores, give them a regular ride to church and the doctor, or take them out for a meal.

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.