

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

-John 20:29



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

April 4, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:15 Dr. John J. Leahy
12:05 John W. Morris

April 5, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Kevin Bailey
12:05 James Ridenour

April 6, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Honorable and Mrs. Vincent Melchiorre
12:05 Patrick S. Pasquariell, Jr

April 7, Thursday, St. John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:15 James Anthony DeNucci
12:05 Sister Mary Lucy, MICM

April 8, Friday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Dr. Gerrit Ludwig
12:02 Sister Gemma, MICM

April 9, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 Monica Grzeczkuwski
5:15 Stephen Pron

April 10, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish
9:30 Deceased friends in Piano dei Fiori
11:00 Quici, Galipo, and Greco Families
12:30 Eugenio Flores
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter to all of you! Today, the Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy brings the Easter Octave to a close. The Octave of Easter—the eight day celebration of Easter Sunday—reminds us that the historical event of the Resurrection of the Lord is as real to us today as for all eternity. The Resurrection of the Lord happens in time but cannot be contained by time. The intensity of these eight days now passes into the remainder of Easter Time which continues the celebration of the Resurrection through to Pentecost Sunday. I encourage all of you to keep a mindfulness of Easter throughout Easter Time, especially with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in your resolve to live out of the graces of Sacraments, and in your prayers and devotions.

The celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum—from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday—was indeed a splendid occasion of deep faith in the Paschal Mystery of the Lord here at the Cathedral Basilica. As the Cathedral was host to the Archdiocese and to so many visitors from out of town for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, there was an obvious focus on the Cathedral Parish and her parishioners. I am so grateful for the generous service of all our parishioners who carried out liturgical ministries—Sacristans, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—all throughout this period. The cantors, psalmists, scholas, and choir assisted us in a most meaningful way to enter into the saving work of Christ. The Cathedral Young Adults did a wonderful job providing for song and prayer at the Repository on Holy Thursday night. The efforts of the parish Christian Initiation group were especially realized in the Baptism of one of our catechumens at the Easter Vigil. And then, there are so many parishioners doing something behind the scenes that contributed to our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I am so very grateful to all of you!

Today, *the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation* will take place at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. We rejoice in our school age and adult candidates who receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit and pledge our continued prayerful support of them. All throughout Easter Time we will see our baptized adult candidates received into full communion of the Catholic Church and also be confirmed and receive the Holy Eucharist. Let's us praise God for this blessing in their lives and keep them in prayer as well.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the ongoing maintenance of the Cathedral Basilica. 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

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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Easter Blessings!

May I take this opportunity to speak about my role as a new staff member here at the Cathedral Basilica Parish.

As a Sister of Mercy who entered the Community in Merion of the Philadelphia area, I have great cause to rejoice as I join you here at our Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! My ministries through the years are varied, but for these last (19) I have served in the sacred area of Liturgical Ministry. I do bring many different and blessed experiences to my new work.

Recently, I was hired on a part time basis for service to our parish members, visitors, our Clergy and new and existing Liturgical Ministers in their on-going formation. The need to worship God where all ministries are ably covered, is at the heart of my responsibilities. The ways that Liturgy is presently celebrated in the parish is quite beautiful: it is the hope of our pastor, Fr. G. Dennis Gill to see that this continues and that the liturgical needs of God's people are addressed in all Celebrations. Many years of my life have been devoted to such ministry and I am privileged to continue: for this I am grateful and ask your good prayers. It is my intention to work two days each week in the office (generally Mondays and Thursdays) and at other times on the weekends where I am able to meet so many of you. It is such a privilege to be here and to be of service to you.

I welcome your ideas and volunteer service in Liturgical Ministry. We always try to use your God-given talents as suited to the areas of need in this community. We hope that you will think about your talents, time and treasures and prayerfully discern and respond accordingly! Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to me if a situation and /or time presents itself.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I promise to pray for you very specially.

Your devoted sister in Christ,
S. Eleanor McCann, RSM



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica

For: Doug Martin & Family

Request of: Jim and & Rosemary Hennelly



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.

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

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.

The Offertory Collection for Palm Sunday, 3/20/16 was \$9,427.50 and for Easter Sunday, 3/27/16 was \$24,892. This generosity demonstrates the support, interest and encouragement of so many for the ministry and service of the Cathedral Parish to carry out the work of the Gospel.

Thank you very much for your generous financial support. In a future edition of the Parish Bulletin there will be an acknowledgement by name of all those made an offering for the Easter flowers.



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

Barbara Denny, Charlotte McLaughlin, 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, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Sujar, 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.

REFLEXION

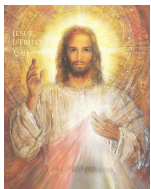
¿Por qué nos reunimos cada Domingo para celebrar la Eucaristía del Señor? Por la misma razón por la que los primeros cristianos trasladaron su día de culto, del Sábado Judío al Domingo cristiano. Porque Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos el domingo, el primer día de la semana. El Domingo vino así a ser “el Día del Señor,” el día en que los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar que Cristo estaba vivo y resucitado en la comunidad de sus fieles, como está ahora presente aquí entre nosotros. Él es real y está vivo entre nosotros, es nuestro compañero en el camino de la vida y le reconocemos en la comunidad de la Iglesia. Que el Señor Jesús nos otorgue una fe perspicaz para percibir y experimentar su presencia.

VISITANOS

Visítanos, dale “me gusta” y comparte con nosotros en el mundo virtual, utilizando el hashtag *CatolicosHispanosPhilly* en la página «**Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia - Católicos Hispanos**» o en el siguiente enlace: www.facebook.com/CatolicosHispanosPhilly Visit our page, “like it” and share with us in the virtual world. Please use the hashtag #CatolicosHispanosPhilly on the page “**Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia - Católicos Hispanos**” or in the link above.

CELEBRACION DEL SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACION

Domingo 15 de mayo-6:30 PM. Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo. La registración debe recibirse el viernes 6 de Mayo o antes. Para más información visitar el sitio web indicado abajo www.odwphiladelphia.org/confirmation-for-roman-catholic-adults/



HOLY DOORS OF MERCY

The Holy Door in the Cathedral Basílica 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/

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Apr. 4** Archdiocesan Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 6:00 PM
- Apr. 5** Filming of Spanish Mass, Cathedral, 6:00 PM
- Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Apr. 6** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM
- Roman High school Ring Mass, Basilica, 7:00 PM
- Apr. 7** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
- Choir Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM
- Apr. 8** Clarke County HS Chamber Choir- Sacred Music informal Concert, Basilica, 1:10 PM
- Apr. 9** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10:00 AM

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 7:00 PM. 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 or call 800-348-0758.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

*Conversion: A Lifelong Process
& The Laity: Called to Build God's Kingdom*

April 7, 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.



NEXT SUNDAY
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

GIVE TO GROW

Together

HOSPICE SUNDAY
NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
God bless you.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events for the Young Adults at the Cathedral Parish:

Friday Evening Bible Study: We are adjusting Bible Study back to **EVERY OTHER Friday evening 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. We look forward to having you join us – Upcoming Bible Study Dates: **April 1, 15, 29**

Food and Fellowship Dinner: Each 2nd Sunday of the month **after the 6:30pm 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**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our recent service projects. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for upcoming social and service opportunities!

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).

Volunteers Needed for the Parish Hospitality Ministry

We are in need of additional Greeters and Ushers for our Parish Hospitality Ministry. Responsibilities include welcoming our parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, distributing and collecting the worship aids, assisting with the offertory collection and distributing the Parish Bulletin after Mass. We already have a very fine corps of Greeters and Ushers. However, we look forward to many more men and women volunteers. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.



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

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Companion for Elderly Woman in Center City Assisted Living Facility - \$14/hr. negotiable (8 – 15 flexible hrs/week). Parking/commuting costs will be paid. Prefer kind, patient person with interest in geriatrics or medical background (e.g. nursing student) and love of word games, such as Scrabble. Hours are flexible. Some basic household/personal assistance required. Woman is very sweet and kind – a good judge of character. She has some dementia but is otherwise bright and very social. Please call (610) 937-7453.

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.