



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” -Jn 10: 27-30

Mass Intentions for the Week



April 16, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 Bret Zorzi

5:15 Eduardo Cionci

April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 John Oberhdzer

11:00 Tommaso Berarducci

12:30 Alida Cacique

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

April 18, Monday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Ryan Gillyard

12:05 Maddelena and Antonio Leone

April 19, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Augustine Fanelli

12:05 John W. Morris

April 20, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 William Keenan

12:05 Brian Kadunc

April 21, Thursday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Dr. Ettore R. Castiglioni

12:05 Tamburino-Thorne Family

April 22, Friday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Rinaldi Family

12:02 John M. Stoccardo

April 23, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 William and Frances Blumenstein

5:15 Yvonne and Emily Selke

April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 Deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart

11:00 Margaret Mary Fox

12:30 A San Antonio

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

The front cover of the Parish Bulletin now includes the *Parish Mission Statement*. Over the last several months the Parish Pastoral Council labored over the development of this statement so that it would carefully identify “who we are” and “what we do” as a parish. The Cathedral Basilica is unique in its role as the Mother Church of the Archdiocese which brings with it a particular service to the Archbishop for his ministry as the chief Shepherd in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. At the same time, here at the Cathedral Basilica is the Cathedral Parish. The members of this relatively small parish are becoming an increasingly vibrant community of Roman Catholics here in Center City. The sizable number of members of our Catholic Young Adult group, the twenty some adult candidates for the Sacraments this year, the increase in the number of Baptisms and Weddings, and more and more outreach programs of all types, are just some of the examples of the growth and strength of the Cathedral Parish. What we do as members of the Cathedral Parish, the priests and people of this Center City Roman Catholic community, is straightforwardly expressed as our mission. We consciously embrace and profess our Catholic Faith. We minister to others in all of the liturgical, sacramental, catechetical and social ways available to us. We welcome all to this parish community. Our profession of faith, ministry to others and inclusive hospitality have a very important foundation. The Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of our Lord Jesus sustain and guide all that we do as members of the Cathedral Parish.

The Parish Mission Statement must be a living document for us for this time. I encourage all of our parishioners to take a few minutes to read the statement with the understanding that I outlined above, to reflect on it and then to apply it to your participation in parish life. As the recently reconstituted Parish Pastoral Council continues its work of advising and supporting me as the Rector and Pastor to build up our Catholic Community here at the Cathedral Parish, the Parish Mission Statement becomes a determining lens for all our efforts. I am hopeful that all of our parish endeavors will be strengthened in their service of our parishioners with the guidance of our new Parish Mission Statement.

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood*. The Church assigns this Sunday to this intention because of the Gospel we hear at Mass about the Good Shepherd providing for his flock. Last year and again this year, we have had a significant increase in priestly vocations here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We praise God for these vocations and today we pray especially that the Lord will continue to bless his Church in this way.

Thank you as always for your financial goodness to the Cathedral Parish—and during these months to the *Annual Catholic Charities Appeal*. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the expenses associated with the liturgical music program here at the Cathedral Basilica. Happy Easter and God bless,
Father Dennis Gill

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Our Cathedral was beautifully adorned with flowers on Easter. **Thank you** to all parishioners and visitors who donated towards the cost of these flowers:

M/M Leonard Accardi, Therese & Linda Adamski, Mrs Aurea Albaladejo, Damiana Aldana, Cyprian Anuyanwu, M/M James Bacon, John Barrett, M/M Alex Bednarsky, Joseph Bednarz, M/M Thomas Bielli, Janina Bieranowski, Thomas J Booth, Patricia Burke, Drs. Michael/Jane Camarata, Shara Cantanzaro, Nancy Cantwell, M/M Gino Capobianchi, M/M Gregory W. Cardona, M/M Jose Carrera-Marrero, Constance Cascarino, Callista Chukwunye, Callista O Chukwunye, Carol Clark, M/M Philip Clark, M/M Philip Clark, Jennifer Collins, M/M Piero Conosciani, M/M Piero Conosciani, John Corrado, TJ Cusack, Domenic D'Orazio, Susan, Danielski, Santa Delgado, Rudy DeLuca, Patrick DiGiovanni, Ms Elaine Dynako, Courtney Engel, M/M Adam Erdosy, Mary Erfle, Grace Feely, M/M Giuseppe Giuliani, Isabelle Harding, Mr. Carl Heine, M/M James Hennelly, M/M Frederick Holdsworth, Christie, Iletto, LaVerne Jenkins, Mr. Jeffrey Karinja, Catherine Kelly, M/M Leo Kelly, Anne Kimani, Shirley King, Ronald Kirkland, Michael Klufas, M/M Christopher Krowicki, Darryl L'Heureux, Leticia LaBoy, Jose & Maria Berta Lara, Dr Margaret Leahy (Libonati), M/M Michael Leigh, David B. Lewis, Jose Lopez, Elaine Love, Elaine Markham, M/M Christopher Markham, Mr Bernard McElhare, Mr John McGrath, Mrs. Charlotte McLaughlin, Annie Metellus, M/M Thomas MTasggart, M/M Patrick Mullen, M/M Gaudencio Nava, Justino Navarro, Mr. Sean O'Grady, Clare O'Reilly, M/M Stanley Ordo, Mr. Edward S Panek, M/M Nicholas Pascale, Jr., Mr. Alfred J. Persia, M/M Ngoc An Phan, Ms Irene Polomski, Ms Irene Polomski, Antonia Marie Pugliese, M/M Jerome Puma, Gloria Quici, M/M John Quigley, Richele Raineosek, Rosa Ramos, M/M Rafael Rodriguez, Margaret Romeo, Margaret Rubin, Luz Sanchez, Santiago Marcolina, Mr. Thomas Shaffer, M/M Robert Sierko, Malgorzata Siestrzewitowska, Michael Smalyga, Phnilomena Stephen-King, Gwendolyn Tearte, Clara Teodori, M/M Ray Welch, Ms. Judith White, Ms. Judith M. White, M/M Mark Zubert.



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica

For: Dolores Papotto

Request of: Nicholas & Louise Pascale

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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.

Readings for Mass for this Week in English and Spanish

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

uscgb.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 Sunday, 4/10/16 was \$8,150. 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.



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

Pam Bucelli, 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, 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

Les llamo por su Nombre

Es muy tranquilizador saber que nuestro guía o líder de nuestra comunidad nos conoce personalmente y nos llama por nuestro nombre. Ello nos hace pensar o decir: Él me conoce y yo le conozco a él. Esto exige una confianza, lealtad y amor más profundos. En el Domingo del Buen Pastor Jesús mismo nos recuerda cómo nos conoce personalmente. Al mismo tiempo, el hecho de que también nosotros le conocamos a él, al menos un poco, cambia nuestra vida entera; porque conociéndole a él, conocemos a Dios. Experimentamos en él la bondad, el cuidado y la presencia íntima de Dios en la vida de cada día. Ojalá nosotros también pudiéramos estar cerca los unos de los otros, y los pastores de Jesús pudieran estar cercanos a su pueblo.

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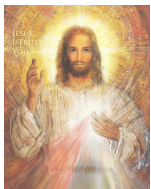
Jubileo Para Migrantes y Refugiados

Martres 21 de Junio del 2016, a las 7:00 PM
Iglesia Sto. Tomás de Aquino, al Sur de Filadelfia
Homilista: **Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput, F.M.,Cap. DD.** Todos son bienvenidos

Casa del Carmen

Ofreciendo ayuda - Creando esperanza - Para su beneficio

Servicios Sociales Católicos BenePhilly puede ayudarle a solicitar programas de beneficios valiosos que usted a lo mejor está perdiendo. Nuestros asesores expertos le ayudarán a averiguar cuáles son los beneficios a los que usted podría calificar y le ayudarán a través del proceso de solicitud. Nuestro servicio es GRATIS. Casa del Carmen 267-331-2500, Southwest 215-724-8550, x7.



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/

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Apr. 17 Men's Discernment meeting, Neumann Room, 7:30 PM

Spanish Celebration, Chapel Hall, 1:30 PM

Baptismal Prep Class, Neumann Room, 12:30 PM

Apr. 18 Arch Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 6:00 PM

Apr. 19 Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Apr. 20 Children's Confirmation Prep, Neumann Room, 4:00 PM

Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Apr. 21 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Apr. 23 Christian Initiation instruction, Neumann Room, 9:00 AM

Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10:00 AM

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, May 6, 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.

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

Prayer Life and Discernment

April 21, 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.

***2016 Extraordinary Jubilee Year
of Mercy Archdiocesan Pilgrimage***

Holy Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy

**Saturday, April 23, 2016
Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC**

Program *begins at noon* and includes confessions, procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Rosary, and concludes with a *Solemn Mass at 3:00 PM.*

Archbishop Charles Chaput, celebrant and homilist

(You must provide your own transportation)

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 29, May 13.**

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, May 8.**

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).



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.



Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in helping those in need, helping the Church, growing in Faith or obtaining exclusive access to top rated insurance coverage for your family, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world with approximately 2 million members in over 16,000 Councils. Members must be men who have reached their 18th birthday and many activities include all family members.

There are over 60,000 Knights of Columbus in Pennsylvania in approximately 500 Councils. Most Councils are associated with local parishes. Currently, there is not a Council serving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. A new Council at the Cathedral would serve the local parish and provide liaison between the Cathedral and the Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council.

Pennsylvania State Council will conduct an information session at **7:30 PM on Wednesday evening April 20, 2016 in Conference Room # 1307 of The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center** (222 N 17th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103). Please consider coming out to learn more about the Knights and you may fit in. There is no obligation. Family members are welcome at the information session.

For more information, go to kofc.org or contact
Fran O'Hara, State Warden
Knights of Columbus
Pennsylvania State Council
fran@ridleypa.us
(610) 733-1812

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Chosen Fathers

A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities: Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a *Chosen Father*, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host.

To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org.
For more information call (215) 587-3530
or email mcullinan@archphila.org

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Everyday Heroes

In today's first reading, the Jews of Antioch reject the preaching of Paul and Barnabas, and the two apostles leave to take their message to other places. They turn from the people of the Old Covenant, their fellow Jews, to invite the Gentiles in the rest of the world to become people of the New Covenant. This is a turning point for the first Christians. The apostles felt compelled by their experiences of the risen Jesus to take his Good News as far as they could. Their intense love of the Lord and their desire to do God's will sent them on journeys throughout the lands bordering the Mediterranean Sea. They were jeered at, flogged, cursed, imprisoned, and shipwrecked. Some, including Peter and Paul, met a martyr's death. "That was then," you might say, "and this is now. I won't ever be martyred." Maybe, but martyrdom is not necessarily physical death; the root meaning of the word is "to witness." Think of the elderly man caring for his wife with Alzheimer's, the parents of an autistic child, the single mother whose teenage son is disabled. These are all martyrs in the sense that they put another's good before their own. They lay down their life daily for someone other than themselves. To a greater or lesser extent, this kind of martyrdom—others before self—is intended to be a thread running through the lives of all of us. If we so choose, every kindness, every good word, every thoughtful deed can reflect our love of God to others. God does not demand this of us, but we can demand it of ourselves. From all that God gives us, let us give back in kind.

Living Stewardship Now

If you know someone who is a full-time caregiver, offer to provide them with a "time out" for a few hours so they can go to church, run some errands, or visit with a friend.

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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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