

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016



“I pray that God may lead you with His Grace to follow the straight and painful way in defense of eternal truth, which does not change with the passing of years”

-St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sept. 24, Saturday, Weekday, BVM

12:05 Marie E. Zienkewicz

5:15 Edison Giacomucci

Sept. 25, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Quici, Galipo, and Greco Families

11:00 Deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart

12:30 Alexis Torres

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Sept. 26, Monday, Weekday,

Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

7:15 Mary E. Fastuca

12:05 Josephine and Frank Polomski

Sept. 27, Tuesday, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:15 Fr. Larry Parent

12:05 Teresa Hartnett

Sept. 28, Wednesday, Weekday, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

7:15 Hank Munyan

12:05 Louis Amadio

Sept. 29, Thursday, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

7:15 Ryan Attride

12:05 Feliciano Suarez

Sept. 30, Friday, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:15 Grace Murphy

12:05 Joseph Marguerite Higson

Oct. 1, First Saturday, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:05 Frank Rizzo and Family

5:15 Rita Faia

Oct. 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Quici, Galipo, and Greco Families

11:00 Natale Ranalli and Family

12:30 Maria Fontanez

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Saturday, October 1, 2016, begins the Month of the Holy Rosary and also Respect Life Month. These two commemorations are not accidental but actually complement one another.

*The Holy Rosary, with its mysteries and prayers, reminds us of the Gospel and the promises of our salvation. It also reminds us that the Blessed Mother Mary—with her vocation as the Mother of God and her life as a disciple of the Lord—are inseparable from the saving events of her Divine Son. As Christians, we pray the Holy Rosary for many different reasons. We have confidence that Our Lady will bring our many needs to her Son. We delight in the company of Our Lady as we pray. We join ourselves to the actions of Our Lady and her Only-Begotten Son for our salvation. Most of all, we are united with Our Lady in offering our daily lives with our Savior to the glory of our Father in heaven. The Holy Fathers, especially Pope Saint John Paul II most recently, emphasized the power of the Holy Rosary and encouraged Christians to pray it regularly. In fact, this saintly Pope wrote a beautiful apostolic letter in 2002 on the Holy Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. I encourage you to look it up on the internet and read it. The apostolic letter—which reads easily—can be found at:*

https://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp_ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html.

On Friday, October 7, 2016, the Memorial of the Holy Rosary, an Archdiocesan Rosary will take place in the Basilica at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. Rosaries will be blessed and available for those who need a pair. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

Our Blessed Mother, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is the patroness of the Respect Life movement. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe shows our Blessed Mother with the Redeemer in her womb. As we pray and act during the month of October for the protection of human life from the first moment of conception until the time of natural death, we ask the heavenly intercession of Our Lady to advance respect for life everywhere but especially in the United States of America. Next, Sunday, October 2, 2016, is Respect Life Sunday. Please see the information elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin about our parish participation in Baby Bottles for Life.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the religious education programs of the Cathedral Parish. We continue to push toward our parish goal for the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have not made your annual contribution to date, please give it serious consideration to do so. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, October 7, 2016

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel

**The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
for adoration before the 12:05 PM Mass.**

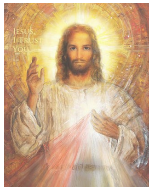
Please come to adore the Lord!

**The Sacrament of Penance will be available
on the First Friday of each month, beginning at 11 am**

*El Santísimo Sacramento será expuesto para adoración antes
de la Misa de las 12:05 pm el primer viernes de cada mes
a partir de las 11:00 am en la Capilla de la Catedral. Confe-
siones en inglés a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor*

**“ Our hours of adoration will be special hours of
reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of
the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering
humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming
rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”
- St. Teresa of Calcutta**

HOLY DOORS OF MERCY



The Holy Door in the Cathedral
Basilica is Open /*Está abierta*

Weekdays 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sundays 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Passage through a Holy Door is a sign of our decision to enter into the life of Jesus Christ and Make the passage from sin to grace. During a Jubilee, pilgrimage to a Holy Door offers the possibility of obtaining a Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. To learn more, visit / *para mayor información visite:* archphila.org/mercy/liturg

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. usccb.org/bible/readings

*Las lecturas de la semana están disponibles
en el enlace de arriba*



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

For: Marie J. Hall

From: 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.



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.

Please consider helping *Aid for Friends* by picking up the meal trays in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. These trays are located next to the *Aid For Friends* freezer with further instructions in Chapel Hall. Please return prepared meals any weekday between 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM or 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 aflynnt@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.

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, 9/18/16 was \$6,940. 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/ Ora por los enfermos:

Nick Capozio, Darcel Burney, Fred Hankinson, Renee Kenny, Thomas J. Kenny, Stacey Smit, Joan Ozga, Anadelia Cacique, Alis de Pachecho, JoAnn Stein, Francis Pham, Ita Creavin, William Spiro, Scott Towers, James Duffin, Daniel Moyer Sr., Andrew Marconi, James Pinto, James Ross, Pearl Hammond, Loretta Braccili, Dorothy Tomassini, Pam Buccelli, 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, 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. Por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Sept. 26 Black Catholic Revival, Basilica, 6:30 PM

Sept. 27 Black Catholic Revival, Basilica, 6:30 PM

Sept. 28 Morning Scripture for Lawyers
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group
Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Sept. 29 Catechetical Session,
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Sept. 30 Young Adult Bible Study
Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Oct. 1 & 2 Legacy of Life Foundation
Baby Bottle Drive, at all Masses

VIVIENDO LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Rescate

Unas lluvias muy densas provocaron inundaciones y forzó a un hombre a subirse al techo de su casa. Vinieron algunos en un bote de remos y le dijeron: “Ven y sube”. El hombre contestó: “No, tengo fe y Dios me salvará”. Así es que remando se alejaron. Vino después una lancha motora. “Súbete”, le dijo el que manejaba. “No, tengo fe y Dios me salvará”. La lancha aceleró y se alejó. El agua tocaba ya los bordes del techo mientras que el hombre oraba para ser salvado. Llegó un helicóptero y el piloto le gritó que le iba a bajar una soga. “No, tengo fe y Dios me salvará”. El helicóptero se marchó y el hombre siguió rezando desesperadamente. Las aguas subieron más y en medio de corrientes violentas el hombre se ahogó. Ya en el cielo se fue ante Dios y le dijo: Tuve fe en ti, oré para que me salvaras y no hiciste nada. ¿Por qué?” Dios lo miró perplejamente y le contestó: “Te envié dos lanchas y un helicóptero. ¿Qué más esperabas?”

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Dona sangre, regala ropa de invierno o lleva alimentos que no se echen a perder a algún comedor caritativo.

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¡Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia

Reflexión para Octubre

El Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia

-La Iglesia de la misericordia-

«... uno de los soldados le abrió el costado con la lanza, y al instante salió sangre y agua» – Jn 19:34.

A través de los tiempos, la Iglesia ha entendido este momento en la vida de Cristo como el nacimiento de la Iglesia. San Juan Crisóstomo (siglo 4) explica, «agua y sangre simbolizaban el bautismo y la Santa Eucaristía. De estos dos sacramentos la Iglesia nace». Al mismo tiempo, vemos en la sangre y el agua que fluyen del corazón traspasado de Jesús un símbolo perfecto de la misericordia infinita de Dios.

En esta escena del corazón de Jesús siendo traspasado por nosotros, encontramos simultáneamente una revelación de los sacramentos de la Iglesia y una revelación de la Divina Misericordia. El hecho de que *misericordia* y *sacramento* se revelan en el mismo momento nos permite comprender que los sacramentos *son* encuentros con la misericordia de Dios.

El Año Santo es un buen momento para considerar cuánto actualmente experimentamos esta verdad. Muchas veces nos acercamos a los sacramentos de rutina, sin saber por qué los estamos recibiendo y sin realmente sentir que tienen algún efecto en nuestras vidas. Pero si los sacramentos verdaderamente fluyen desde el corazón misericordioso de Jesucristo, entonces la recepción de los sacramentos debe ser –¡cada vez!– un momento profundamente transformativo.

Vamos a pasar este tiempo de gracia pidiendo a Dios que desate el poder de los sacramentos para nosotros y así experimentar cómo verdaderamente son, un encuentro con el asombroso, impactante misericordioso amor del corazón de Dios que puede cambiar la vida. -Meghan Cokeley, Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización, Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia.

Cómo vivirlo

Durante el Año de la Misericordia, pida a Dios la gracia para experimentar los sacramentos como son realmente. Haga un esfuerzo para ser más abierto y atento cada vez que reciba la Sagrada Comunión o vaya a la confesión. Estudie enseñanzas hermosas de los sacramentos. Trabaje en eliminar de su vida el pecado que podría «obstruir» su capacidad para recibir los efectos de los sacramentos.

Cita de Tradición Católica

“Y el Señor Jesús, también en nuestra vida personal nos acompaña: con los Sacramentos. El Sacramento no es un rito mágico: es un encuentro con Jesucristo, nos encontramos con el Señor. Es Él el que está a nuestro lado y nos acompaña.” -Papa Francisco

Lectura recomendada para el mes: *La Iglesia de la misericordia*, Papa Francisco

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Triduum in honor of
St. Therese
Sept. 29, 30
and Oct. 1
Rosary and Litany 6:45 p.m.
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
7:30 p.m.
(concelebrants please bring an alb)
Broad Street K or C Bus ~ Parking available
Carmelite Monastery
1400 66th Ave. & Old York Rd. ~ Phila. Pa. 19126



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

October Reflection:

Year of Mercy - The Church of Mercy

"...a soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out." –Jn 19:34 Throughout the ages, the Church has understood this moment in the life of Christ as the birth of the Church. St. John Chrysostom (4th cent.) explains, "Water and blood symbolized Baptism and the holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born." At the same time, we see in the blood and water flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus a perfect symbol of God's infinite mercy.

In this scene of Jesus' heart being pierced for us, we find simultaneously a revelation of the Church's sacraments and a revelation of Divine Mercy. The fact that *mercy* and *sacrament* are revealed in the same moment allows us to understand that sacraments *are* encounters with God's tender mercy.

The Holy Year is a good time to consider how much we actually experience this truth. Many times we approach the sacraments out of routine, not really knowing why we are receiving them and not really sensing that they have any effect in our lives. But if the sacraments truly flow from the merciful heart of Jesus Christ, then our reception of the sacraments should be – *each time!* – a deeply transformative moment.

Let us spend this time of grace asking God to unlock the power of the sacraments for us so that we experience them as they truly are, an encounter with the jaw-dropping, life-changing merciful love of God's Heart. –Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

How to Live It

During the Year of Mercy, ask God for the grace to experience the sacraments as they truly are. Make an effort to be more open and attentive each time you receive Holy Communion or go to Confession. Study the Church's beautiful teachings on the sacraments. Work on removing from your life the sin that might be "clogging up" your ability to receive the effects of the sacraments.

Quote from Catholic Tradition:

"A final question: what can I, a weak fragile sinner, do? God says to you, Do not be afraid of holiness; do not be afraid to aim high, to let yourself be loved and purified by God; do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us be infected by the holiness of God. Every Christian is called to sanctity (see Dogmatic Constitution, *Lumen Gentium*, nos. 19–42); and sanctity does not consist especially in doing extraordinary things, but in allowing God to act." –Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

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

Recommended Book for the Month: *Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World*, Brandon Vogt
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: *God's Family and Ours: The Church and the Trinity* by Dr. Scott Hahn.

Source: archphila.org/mercy

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

Divine Revelation and Tradition

September 29, 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.

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. Our next Bible Study will take place on **September 30**.

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).



WALK FOR LIFE



**Sunday, September 25, 2016
3:30pm**

Join us as we celebrate, pray for, and defend the gift of life from conception to natural death!

Location: Thomas Paine Plaza, 1401 JFK Blvd (across from Love Park), Philadelphia.

Speakers include: Marie Joseph, Mark Houck, Astrid Gutierrez Bennet and more!

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*Jubilee Year of Mercy Rosary
on the Feast of the Holy Rosary
~La Fiesta del Santo Rosario~*

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Viernes, Octubre 7, 2016, 7:00 PM



Join hundreds of others at the Cathedral in the prayer of the Rosary on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. We will praying for the many needs of the world: an end to terrorism, an end to abortion and human trafficking, for God's will to be done during the 2016 elections, for the sanctification of the Church and an increase in holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for the sanctity and protection of married couples and families.

*The Holy Rosary
will be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word*

Acompáñenos a rezar el Santo Rosario por las necesidades del mundo: para que acabe el terrorismo, el aborto, la trata de personas, por la santificación de la Iglesia, por un aumento en vocaciones santas al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada, por la santidad y protección para las parejas y las familias. El Santo Rosario será precedido por una Liturgia de la Palabra. Deseamos ver la Catedral llena, por favor corra la voz!

*We would like to see the Cathedral full,
please spread the word as widely as possible!*

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Retreat: Blessed, Beautiful and Bodacious
Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood
September 30-October 1, 2016**

Be Refreshed, Inspired and Renewed by stepping away for 24 hours of "you" time with the Lord. **Speaker:** Pat Gohn, nationally known author, speaker, and columnist
Location: Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA.
More info: To register visit malvernretreat.com/register or questions call 610-644-0400

**Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist
Invite You to a Special Weekend Retreat**

A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life
Friday evening, Nov.11 - Sunday at Noon, Nov. 13, 2016

The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey," and is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508 olme@olme.org è 610-582-3333 è www.olme.org

2016 Roman Run 5K

Roman Catholic HS is sponsoring the 2016 Roman Run 5K along the historic Boat House Row on October 9, 2016. This is a great day to enjoy a day on the river and see past, current, and future Roman Catholic HS students. There are a limited number of spots left and students receive a discount. All proceeds benefit Roman Catholic Students.

For additional details or to participate in the 2016 Roman Run 5K for Roman Catholic HS please call (215)627-5487 ext.315 or visit the website to register at romancatholichs.com/roman-run

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW Rescue

It had been raining for days and days on end and a terrible flood had come over the land. The water rose so rapidly that a man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house. As the water level increased, two people in a rowboat came by and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the people rowed away. The man prayed. The water was already above the second story windows and suddenly a speedboat came roaring by. "Climb in!" shouted the man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat gunned his engine and left. As the waters lapped at the edge of the roof, the man held onto the chimney and prayed for God to save him. He heard the sound of an approaching helicopter. Over a loudspeaker, the pilot announced that he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter whirled away as once again the man prayed desperately to God to save him. The floodwaters flowed up the roof until they were swirling about him as he clung to the chimney. The currents were so fierce that they washed him away and, alas, the poor man quickly drowned. When he arrived in heaven, the man marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied, "I sent you two boats and a helicopter. What more did you expect?"

Living Stewardship Now

Give blood, donate winter clothing, or give non-perishable food supplies to local charities.

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary. -5- 062 cathd