

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 7, 2018

*"We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage" Mt. 2:2*



Mass Intentions for the Week



Jan 6, First Saturday, Christmas Weekday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious

12:05 Living & deceased Members of the
League of the Sacred Heart

5:15 Barbara Aleardi

Jan 7, Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

9:30 Arnold Quici

11:00 Bill McLaughlin

12:30 Epifanio de Jesus, Sr.

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Jan 8, Monday, The Baptism of the Lord

7:15 Author Quici

12:05 Intention of The Chico Guzman Family

Jan 9, Tuesday, Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

7:15 Domenico Berarducci & Family

12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Jan 10, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Linda Watson

12:05 Mary Harvey

Jan 11, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Quici, Galypo, Grecco Family

12:05 Christopher Lorenz

Jan 12, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Charles and Angela Galypo

12:05 Carol Pascal

Jan 13, Saturday, Weekday, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; BVM

12:05 Christian B.W. Weaver

5:15 Wilfredo Trevino, Jr., Esteban Santiago,
& Luis Figueroa, Jr.

Jan 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

11:00 Theresa & Marie Barker

12:30 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Sunday Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The liturgical focus of the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Day was the Birth of the Savior and all that this means for us and our salvation. Today, with the Epiphany, the focus shifts to the manifestation of the Savior to the world. The Savior is born for all people for all time and in every place. Today, we are invited to be like the Three Kings who, following the star, find the divine Infant, present gifts and adore him. However, this is not the end of their encounter with the Savior. Rather, coming to know truly and fully who Jesus is, they return "to their country by another way." Like the Magi we are encouraged to encounter Jesus the God-man born in Bethlehem as our Savior and Redeemer. This encounter is to change us. This encounter happens with hearing the Word of God, with the reception of the Sacraments, and with our personal prayer. It reveals to us the power of Jesus at work in us to make us more like him. Let us pray on this Epiphany Day for openness on our part and the part of all to meet the new-born King and so give ourselves over to His love and to living more completely the Gospel He announces.

Tomorrow, Christmas Time comes to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In those countries where the Epiphany is not celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on January 6, as in the United States, this observance takes place on the Sunday between January 2 and 8. This flexibility with the calendar effects the Feast of the Baptism when the Epiphany falls on January 7th or 8th. So, with the Epiphany in the USA on Sunday, January, 7th, the Baptism is the very next day. I encourage you to celebrate the close of Christmas Time by participating in the 7:15 AM Mass or 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel on Monday, January 8, 2017.

Our votive candles in the Basilica are occasions of great devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Saints. You may recall that at the time of the 2015 World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit we replaced the electric votive candles with true candles. The burning and consumption of the candle is a sign of the offering of the prayer to Lord made by the one who lights the candle. We need some volunteers to assist with the maintenance of these candles. I am hoping that we can have as many as ten volunteers. The maintenance process is rather easy and training will be available. If this interests you, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

I hope by now you have picked up a Parish Calendar from the entrances to the Basilica. There are still a few remaining if you still need to do so. I am grateful to Mr. Christopher Dinan of the *Dinan Funeral Home* on Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, for his generosity which makes these calendars available to our parishioners and visitors.

Once again, I thank all our parishioners and visitors for your on-going generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to winter maintenance expenses of the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you for the Epiphany of the Lord and the New Year,
Father Dennis Gill



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 who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics 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 info.



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.

GIVE TO GROW



Support for Catholic Families!

Several Catholic families in the Archdiocese launched an initiative called the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC). This group allows for a crowd-sourced calendar so that members can tell others about Catholic catechetical and social events that are happening in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You can see at a glance many of the wonderful opportunities for your family to grow in their faith, and, in addition, you can connect with other group members who are going to the same thing! **Join today and start finding and posting Catholic Family Events in our area!**

meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club

Email questions to: catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com

Group organizer: Dr. Mary Beth Yount, Asst. Professor of Pastoral and Theological Studies, Neumann University and formerly, Director of Content and Programming for the 2015 World Meeting of Families

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

Jesus Living in His Members: The Church

Thursday, January 11, 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 Religious Education Ministry line, 267-570-0074. <http://www.cathedralre.org/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

All program schedules, registration and e-tuition payment options have been posted on our new website. You may register, or contact us with questions, via the website, phone, text, or email. All Cathedral Catechetical Programs are in English, (with Spanish speaking supports as needed). Volunteers needed, (necessary training, certifications and support will be provided). **Phone: 267.570.0074 (text messages acceptable).** **Website** <http://www.cathedralre.org/> **Coordinator Email:** patty.smith@CathedralRE.org To speak with a representative in Spanish, contact Nora Martin in the Parish Office, (215)561-1313.

Readings for Mass for this Week

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. If you only put \$1 in the collection would you consider \$5, if you put \$10, would you consider \$20? The Offertory Collection for 12/24/17 to 12/31/17 was \$28,019.00.

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:*

Santiago Guzman, Mary W., Joan Decker, James Pinto, Mary Frances McElhare, Joan Decker, George Gunning, April DeMatto, Laura Kerr, Cris Burbage, Robin Abate, Bryan Anderson, Glen Jackanis, Susan Silverstein, Joshua White, Susan Kirk, Robert Dove, Doreen Quinn, John Zelez, Charlotte McLaughlin, Philip Costantini, David O'Shea, Mary McManus, Christopher & Stephanie Tama, Marilyn Mullen, Carolyn Jacobs, Stephen Garramone, Kim Cantwell, Janet Campellone, Nancy Rice, Frank Byrne, Gerald Leo, Eileen Swartz, Dan Moyer, Rose Johnston, William Zawacki, Carla McCollum, David Hernandez, Edward Panek, Irene McCarthy, Paige Bednarsky, Patrick DiGiovanni, Patricia Capone, Rosemary Lovett, Grace Teti, Nick Capozio, Darcel Burney, Fred Hankinson, Renee Kenny, Thomas J. Kenny, Stacey Smit, Anadelia Cacique, Alis de Pachecho, JoAnn Stein, Francis Pham, William Spiro, Scott Towers, 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

Jan 9 Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan 10 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

Jan 11 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

Jan 15 Basilica & Chapel to close after 12:05 PM Mass

Jan 16-18 Basilica & Chapel to close at 2:00 PM

CONOCE TU FE: LA MORAL CATÓLICA

La moral no es una jaula ni una prisión que quita la libertad. El conjunto de reglas, prohibiciones y mandatos que propone, sirve por el contrario para custodiar la libertad, para que el hombre pueda alcanzar, como individuo y como comunidad, su plena realización. Como las reglas de la salud tienen como fin el garantizar nuestro bienestar físico, así las normas morales son las condiciones necesarias para conducir a la persona al pleno desarrollo de sus capacidades de conocimiento y de amor.

Tomemos como ejemplo las reglas establecidas por la justicia. Si se respetan, se sirve en una sociedad ordenada y pacífica. Si, por el contrario, no son respetadas se dan gravísimos abusos, como robos, homicidios, discordias, engaños, egoísmos de todo tipo, etc.

Otro ejemplo significativo lo ofrecen las normas para conservar el medio ambiente. Si son respetadas, entonces el medio ambiente ayuda al hombre a vivir feliz. En caso contrario pueden derivarse consecuencias tan graves que pongan en peligro la misma existencia humana.

Las reglas, como se ve, no obstaculizan sino que facilitan y favorecen la consecución de los resultados que nosotros deseamos.

Comprendamos así las palabras de Jesús: "Si quieres entrar en la vida, observa los mandamientos" (Mt. 19, 17).

1. ¿Qué es la moral católica?

La moral católica es el conjunto de las normas que enseñan al hombre cómo debe comportarse para vivir según Dios, y así realizarse así mismo y alcanzar después de esta vida la felicidad eterna del Paraíso.

2. ¿Es posible resumir en pocas palabras la enseñanza de la moral católica?

Se puede resumir en pocas palabras la enseñanza de la moral católica diciendo que la cosa más importante, es más, la única cosa verdaderamente importante es vivir, crecer y perseverar hasta el final en la gracia de Dios, observado los mandamientos y evitando el pecado, sobre todo el pecado mortal, para merecer así la felicidad eterna.

3. ¿Es difícil practicar la moral católica?

La moral católica es exigente y comprometida, porque nos propone un ideal altísimo, el de vivir como hijos de Dios, pero somos ayudados en nuestro camino por los ejemplos de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, de la Virgen María y de los Santos, y sobre todo por la gracia del Espíritu Santo que nos da en los sacramentos y podemos siempre pedir en la oración. La dificultad del empeño es después compensada por aquella gratificación, paz y alegría interior que derivan de la conquista de todo gran ideal. <https://www.aciprensa.com/moral/moral.htm>

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

SOMOS UNA FAMILIA

Hoy honramos a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Todos pertenecemos a una familia, ya sea de nacimiento, por matrimonio o adopción. Todos pertenecemos a la misma familia de fe por las aguas del bautismo y finalmente, como parte de la creación de Dios, pertenecemos a la gran familia humana. No hace mucho se reportó una historia acerca de una mujer en Manchester, Inglaterra, jubilada de la industria de telecomunicaciones, que vivía sola en una casa modesta. Iba a Misa regularmente en su iglesia local, pero no participaba en la vida de su parroquia. Tenía una amiga con quien a menudo compartía alguna comida, pero nunca la invitaba a su casa. Según su amiga, a esa señora no le quedaba ninguna familia propia ni de su esposo. Todos los días y las tardes se las pasaba de compras. Los vecinos la veían en su ir y venir, pero no entablaban ninguna amistad. Cuando por fin se dieron cuenta de que su carro no se había movido en varios días llamaron a la policía. Los oficiales que vinieron a investigar se quedaron horrorizados al encontrar una casa abarrotada de "cosas". Les tomó dos días poder encontrar a la dueña de todo aquello en su propia casa. Por fin la hallaron en uno de los cuartos con unas cajas bien pesadas que le habían caído encima quitándole la vida. Esta triste historia subraya lo que puede suceder cuando carecemos de relaciones ordinarias que nos sostengan. Es casi seguro que los vecinos y parroquianos se dijeron entre sí que hubieran podido hacer algo para ayudarla. Todos conocemos personas cuyas familias murieron o viven lejos. Algunas son amigables y capaces de formar un grupo de amigos. Otras, en particular las más frágiles y los ancianos, se retraen pues temen molestar a los demás. El aislamiento puede tener consecuencias terribles. Si estás en condiciones de ayudar, no permitas que eso suceda.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Qué estás haciendo para llevar a Cristo a los demás, más allá de tu familia y parroquia? ¿Eres joven o tal vez una persona jubilada activa? ¿Considera prestar tus servicios voluntarios como misionero o misionera! Ponte en contacto con la *Catholic Volunteer Network* (catholicvolunteernetwork.org) y averigua las oportunidades para servir aquí o en otros países. Alternativamente puedes apoyar los esfuerzos de *Catholic Home Missions*, la cual ayuda a llevar el Evangelio a las áreas más pobres y remotas del país.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

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

Accardi, Leonard (Joanne), M/	Maldonado, Felicitia
M	McElhare, Bernard, Mr
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Bacon, James (Anastasia), M/M	Milburn, Ramona
Barrett, John (Catherine)	Munoz, Araceli
Bednarz, Joseph	Ordo, Stanley (Grace), M/M
Bielli, Thomas (Kathleen), M/	Paradise, Thomas (Carmen), M/
M	M
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Kelly, Catherine	
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Kirkland, Ronald	
Klufas, Michael	
Krowicki, Christopher	
(Anna), M/M	
L'Heureux, Darryl	
Leahy, Margaret, Dr.	
Lewis, David B.	
Lopez, Jose	
Luansing, Madelyn, Ms.	



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

Join us in praying the **ROSARY** prior to the 6:30 PM Mass each 2nd Sunday of the month. We gather at 5:45pm in the Basilica, sitting in the front right side of the church.

St. Paul Series 2018: St. Paul, A Contemporary Teacher for Your Adults. Session Two: The Letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians. Jan. 12, 2018, 7:30 PM. Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill, Rector & Pastor of the Cathedral. **Location:** The Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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 us at youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com or search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

EVERY MAN HAS THIS MISSION



It is the mission of every man to guide his sons and other boys into mature manhood. Are you equipped to accomplish this? Come learn about **Fraternus**, a parish-based ministry in which adult Catholic men are formed to be "True Mentors" for boys of the parish to help guide them into authentic, virtue-based manhood rooted in Jesus Christ. Catholic Men who are interested in launching a Fraternus chapter are invited to attend a Fraternus Information Session on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7pm** at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood. No charge to attend. Please **RSVP** at phillyevang.org/events. To learn more about Fraternus, visit fraternus.net.

UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference

**Struggling with a problem or burden?
Come to the Unbound Conference!**

Saturday, February 24, 2018 - 9:00 AM—4:45 PM

Location: SS Simon and Jude Parish Meehan Center,
West Chester, PA

What is Unbound?

Unbound is a ministry of healing and deliverance that helps you find freedom in areas of your life where you feel bound. This conference will help you discover the freedom that Jesus Christ has in store for you and teach you how to help others find that freedom. Unbound can help with relationship problems, inability to forgive, anger, fear, sadness, and other spiritual obstacles. **Fee:** \$50 per person; \$20 for priests/religious/college students. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for the New Evangelization. **To learn more and register, visit:**

phillyevang.org/unbound

Online registration: <http://www.phillyevang.org/events/>

Cathedral Choir

Please visit our Cathedral website for information on our Choir Masses.

<http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>. Sat., Jan. 13, 5:15 PM Mass Archdiocesan Boy and Girl Choir. Sun., Jan. 14, 11:00AM Mass, Cathedral Choir. Sun., Jan. 21, 9:30AM Mass, Cathedral Choir.

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

"Everyday Mysticism - Seeing Christ in My Everyday Life"

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7 pm

Speaker: Father Thomas Whittingham, Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Father Whittingham will share with us how opening our eyes to see that Jesus' own life is being lived out in the lives of everyone we meet each day can turn our "everyday" existence into a "mystical" experience. The talk is based on the life and writings of Caryll Houselander, using insights from some of her writings.

Location: Saint Stanislaus Parish Center, the building located behind the Church at 51 Lansdale Avenue (corner of Lansdale and Main Streets [Route 63]) in Lansdale, PA 19446. There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required; **Questions?** Call the Saint Stanislaus Parish Center, 215.855.3133.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service 2018

**Theme: "Building the Beloved Community within the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia."**

Monday, January 15, 2018, 6:00PM-7:15PM

Prelude Music & Reflections on King's Legacy, 5:30-6:00PM. **Location:** St John Chrysostom Parish, 617 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086. **Presider & Homilist:** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. More info: No cost to attend; All are welcome!

Man-Up Spirituality Conference

**"Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God
March 3, 2018 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM**

This year, we celebrate the 10th Annual Man Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day, which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass. **Location:** Mirinda Center at Neumann University, Aston PA. **Speakers include:** Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, and Brian Gail

To learn more: manupphilly.com

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

LORD OF ALL

Saint Paul was born and brought up as a Jew, deeply aware of the Jewish people as the Chosen Race. Thanks to his education by rabbis, Paul was steeped in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized God's particular love for Jews. Paul expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, and may well have believed such a one would be a great military or royal leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was ardent in his conviction that all those who believed Jesus was the promised Savior were deluded and dangerous, and he was willing to hunt them down and kill them off. After his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul's change of heart and mind was profound. All his preconceptions were wrong. He was wrong about Jesus and wrong about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about the Messiah being only for the Jews. Paul was a remarkable man who was prepared to admit that he was wrong! He knew that he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, hidden until the world was ready. God's love and grace are universal and no human being is beyond that love; only those who choose not to receive it cannot benefit from God's grace. He was certain that those who were not Jews were also called to be part of the body of Christ. This was an astounding idea and, at first, brought conflict with apostles such as Peter. Yet these convictions took Paul and his companions out into the world around the Mediterranean on long and dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world.

Living Stewardship Now

What are you doing to bring Christ to others beyond your family and parish? Are you young or an active retiree? Consider becoming a volunteer missionary yourself! Contact Catholic Volunteer Network (catholicvolunteernetwork.org) for opportunities to serve here or overseas. Alternatively, support Catholic Home Missions, which helps to bring the gospel to the poorest and most remote areas of our country.

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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.