

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 14, 2018

*"We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace." Jn 1:41*



Mass Intentions for the Week



**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.

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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

Jan 15, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Nicola Berarducci & Family
12:05 Angela McKee

Jan 16, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Intention of Ralph Berarducci
12:05 Intention of Shirley King

Jan 17, Wednesday, St. Anthony, Abbot

7:15 John Trave
12:05 Thomas Garrity, Jr.

Jan 18, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Linda Agger
12:05 John Trave

Jan 19, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Meredith H. DiFilippo
12:05 John Joseph McKinstry

**Jan 20, Saturday, Weekday, St. Fabian,
Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;
BVM**

12:05 Valerie Malone
5:15 William McGillian

Jan 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo- For the People of the Parish
9:30 Muriel C. Corrigan
11:00 Claire Diviny
12:30 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is the liturgical conclusion to Christmas Time and celebrates yet another manifestation of the Lord as our Savior. The liturgical time that follows the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is known as Ordinary Time. This is the time between Christmas Time and Ash Wednesday, and between Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. The use of the title "Ordinary" is a reference to the numbered Sundays during these periods. Ordinary Time presents to us through biblical texts and prayers of the Mass, an invitation to focus on faithfully following the Lord as His disciples, learning from his teaching and finding strength in his wonderful deeds. Ordinary Time encourages us to live more fully from the graces of our recent celebration of the Nativity and Epiphany of the Lord. As we begin this new period of liturgical time, may we resolve to hear more fully the Gospel of Jesus and pray with his Church for a greater fidelity to this Gospel in our Christian lives.

Monday, January 15, 2018 is Martin Luther King Day. This federal holiday commemorates the civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and his achievements. This holiday in many places is also an opportunity for people to give service to others. For all of us, this holiday is a reminder of the necessity to rid ourselves and society of any type of racism. Racism continues to raise its ugly head in so many circumstances. May this year's observance of Martin Luther King Day speak to all of us to examine our own conscience in regard to racism with the firm purpose of eliminating it from our mind and speech. This is the first step in eliminating it from society.

The March for Life will take place this Friday, January 19, 2018, in Washington, DC. The March for Life is a response to the January 22, 1973 decision of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion in the United States. Legalized abortion continues to be a scourge on our land and allows for the legal disregard for the protection of all life. If possible, you are encouraged to join the thousands of Philadelphia Catholics who will be in Washington this Friday. The members of the Archdiocese will first assemble at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, for Holy Mass at 10:00 AM. Immediately following Mass, everyone will proceed to the National Mall for the start of the March. More details on the events surrounding the 2018 March for Life can be found at: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/full-list-of-2018-march-for-life-events>.

If you are unable personally to join the March, then you can do so spiritually. Come to one of the Parish Masses on Friday, either at 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel. Pray for those marching in Washington and the intention of the March. Ask Our Lady, with her holy Rosary, to bring an end to the senseless taking of innocent human life in the womb.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be for the national collection for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please call the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly.

Parish Office phone number is **215-561-1313**.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.



Concerts at the Cathedral Basilica

*Come and Experience
Great Music in the Cathedral*

The Same Stream Choir

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

For more information and to
Purchase Tickets visit:

www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

*Trying to Make Jesus Visible:
The "Outside" of the Church*

**Thursday, January 18, 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 01/07/2018 was \$7,553.50.

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 15 The Parish Office will be closed
Jan 15-18 Basilica & Chapel to close at 1:00 PM
Jan 16 Legion of Mary, APC, 7:00 PM
Jan 17 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, APC, 6:00 PM
Jan 18 Catechetical APC, 7:00 PM

POR FAVOR ÚNETE EN ORACIÓN!

Pedimos tus oraciones y ofrecimiento de obras y sacrificios por la defensa de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. **Te animamos especialmente a orar por los participantes de la conferencia pro-vida el próximo jueves 18 de enero y la marcha por la vida el viernes, 19 de enero.** Ambos eventos se llevarán a cabo en Washington, DC. Oremos también, por nuestros gobernantes y representantes en el gobierno, por su conversión, para que respeten el valor y la dignidad del ser humano. Puedes animar a tu familia a orar el Santo Rosario por esta causa!

Adopción Espiritual

Anualmente a nivel mundial más de 50 millones de bebés son abortados. De cada cuatro embarazos uno termina en aborto.

¿En qué consiste el programa?

Los participantes del Programa de "Adopción Espiritual de un niño por nacer en peligro de ser abortado", se comprometen a orar diariamente, durante 9 meses, por un bebé a quien le han puesto un nombre esta brevísima oración:

JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ LOS AMO MUCHO,
LES RUEGO QUE SALVEN LA VIDA DE

_____ (NOMBRE DEL BEBÉ)

QUE ESTÁ POR NACER, LO HE ADOPTADO Y ESTÁ EN
PELIGRO DE SER ABORTADO

Durante esta vida terrenal, el bebé adoptado, será sólo conocido por Dios, pero en el mundo venidero y por toda la eternidad tanto los que adoptan como el niño, encontrarán la felicidad cada uno en la compañía del otro.

Invita también a tus hijos a que adopten espiritualmente a un bebecito y ofrezcan una pequeña oración por el o ella todos los días durante 9 meses. Será divertido para ellos escoger su nombre! Es esta también una oportunidad para cultivar su corazón puro, ayúdales a que se preocupen por los demás. Ellos son los predilectos de nuestro Señor, sus oraciones son muy valiosas!

Conoces a alguien que este pensando en abortar?

Por favor dale esta información

- ♦ **Community Women's Center** ([Centro de ayuda a la mujer](#))
Ayuda con alimentación, vivienda, ítems de bebe, ultrasonidos gratis, búsqueda de empleo. 267-239-0753, 1202 Locust St., 3er Piso, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.
- ♦ **Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia**, ayuda las 24 horas del día llame o
envíe mensaje de texto al 610-626-4006 prolifeunion.org.
- ♦ **También puede contactar a Nora en ingles o español en la oficina parroquial at 215-561-1313**

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

LO VERÁS

Juan el Bautista, el primo de Jesús, bautizó a la gente con agua, pero le dijo a sus discípulos que vendría alguien que bautizaría con el Espíritu Santo. En el Evangelio de hoy no hay ninguna conversación entre Juan y Jesús, mas sí enfatiza que cuando Juan vio a Jesús que venía hacia él dijo que ese hombre era aquel que se había prometido desde los comienzos: el Corde-ro de Dios. Andrés y otro hombre se pusieron a seguir a Jesús, quien se voltea a verlos y les pregunta qué es lo que buscan. La respuesta de ellos es extraña, pues dicen que quieren saber dónde vive. Jesús sencillamente les responde: "Vengan a ver". Se nos dice que ellos se quedaron con él todo el día. Al día siguiente Andrés encuentra a su hermano Simón y le dice que ha visto al Mesías,

el ungido, y lleva a Simón para que conozca a Jesús. Al igual que había hecho con Juan, Jesús mira a fondo a Simón y según percibe su talla le cambia el nombre a Cefas o Pedro (que significa "la roca"), como más comúnmente lo conocemos. Los dos encuentros parecen bien ordinarios y sin embargo produjeron un cambio de vida. En esos momentos Jesús no está proclamando un mensaje, ni predicando a las multitudes, ni haciendo grandes milagros, sino que sencillamente está caminando junto a Juan, y cuando Andrés y su amigo se presentan Jesús les ofrece hospitalidad y compañía. Cuando Jesús encuentra a Pedro no le hace preguntas inquisitivas sobre su familia y sus antecedentes, ni tampoco hace pronunciamientos solemnes. Sólo mira al hombre, hace una valoración de su carácter y lo acepta como amigo. La sencillez de Jesús demuestra su buena disposición para recibir a las personas "tal y como son", pero también les hace ver sus propias capacidades. No ofrece explicaciones prolongadas acerca de quién es él, sino que lleva a las personas a su casa y les permite ver por sí mismas.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Jesús te ve, te acepta y te recibe tal como eres. Demuestra tu gratitud
ALABANDO a Dios que te ama y te salva;
SIRVIENDO a otras personas en tu parroquia y comunidad;
OFRECIENDO algo de tu dinero a la Iglesia y a las causas buenas de tu predilección.

LIFE & FAMILY RESOURCES

♦ **Natural Family Planning Course:** Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short Self-Paced Online course and learn a natural method of family planning that is *safe, effective, and morally acceptable*. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. The course starts when it's most convenient for you and you can learn from any device that has a wi-fi connection! Simply visit register.ccli.org and register for a Self-Paced Online course today. For more information, please contact Helene Hallowell: 267-252-6207, hhal-lowell@ccli.org

♦ **Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.** 24/7 local pregnancy hotline, call or text 610-626-4006 meeting the needs of callers with emotional help, guidance and referrals to pregnancy centers and medical resources. They encounter mothers who are considering abortion, through the pregnancy hotline and also while sidewalk counseling at abortion facilities Guiding Star maternity home offers housing, referrals, and support to pregnant women and their children www.prolifeunion.org.

♦ **Community Women's Center** (Pregnancy Resource Center). 267-239-0753. Services include: help with food, baby clothing and other items, housing (before birth and up to three years after), a free ultrasound, free pregnancy tests... Aid is customized to each customer. Located at 12th & Locust, 1202 Locust St. 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.

♦ **Abortion pill reversal.** Women can be referred to Dr. Monique Ruberu, OByn in Philadelphia at 469-231-9084 or to this excellent website, <https://www.abortionpillreversal.com/>



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 One: 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).



BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office - 215-561-1313 - to register for the Baptism Preparation Session.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

This retreat for healing after abortion is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

March 9, 10, 11 2018, Malvern-Frazer, PA

For more information on this retreat call
Lauren at 215-720-5828 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337

***** All inquiries are strictly confidential *****

National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

A Woman's Testimony: *I received great Inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love.*

A Man's Testimony: *For 18 years, I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt.*



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service

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: Mirenda Center at Neumann University, Aston PA. Speakers include: Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, and Brian Gail

To learn more: manupphilly.com

EVERY MAN HAS THIS MISSION

Fraternus Information Session

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7pm

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. Location: 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

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.

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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

YOU WILL SEE

Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, baptized people with water but told his followers that someone was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel reading does not record any conversation between John and Jesus, but emphasizes that as John watches Jesus go by, he announces that this man is indeed the promised one, the Lamb of God. Andrew and another man set out to follow Jesus, who turns and asks what they are looking for. Their answer is a strange one: they want to know where he lives. Jesus simply replies, "Come, and you will see." We are told they stay with him for the whole day. The next day, Andrew finds his brother, Simon, and tells him he has met the Messiah—the Anointed One—and takes Simon to meet Jesus. Like John, Jesus looks hard at Simon, taking the measure of the man, and in the light of what he perceives in him changes his name to Cephas—or as we more commonly know it, Peter ("the rock"). The two encounters seem very ordinary, yet they are life-changing. Jesus is not proclaiming a message, preaching to a crowd, or performing great miracles. Instead, he is simply walking past John, and when Andrew and his friend introduce themselves, offers them hospitality and companionship. When Jesus meets Peter, he does not ask probing questions about his family and his background or make solemn pronouncements. He just looks at the man, makes an assessment of his character, and accepts him as a friend. The simplicity of Jesus' manner demonstrates his willingness to receive people "as they are" but also to call forth their potential. He does not offer lengthy explanations of who he is, but takes people to his home and lets them see for themselves.

Living Stewardship Now

Jesus sees you, accepts you, and welcomes you for who you are. Show your gratitude in
WORSHIP of God, who loves and saves you;
SERVICE to others in the parish and the community;
GIFTS to the church and to good causes of your choice.

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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.