

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sunday, January 28, 2018*

*"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen." Mt 4:16*



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Jan 27, Saturday, Weekday,  
St. Angela Merici, Virgin &  
Religious founder; BVM**

12:05 Nancy Brennan

5:15 Joanne Weller

**Jan 28, Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 Andrea Smith  
& Connie Angelone

11:00 Antoni and Maddelena Leone

12:30 Eustaquio Delgado

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

**Jan 29, Monday, Weekday**

7:15 Berarducci Family

12:05 Michael Bygott

**Jan 30, Tuesday, Weekday**

7:15 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

12:05 Kristina Morris

**Jan 31, Wednesday, St. John Bosco,  
Priest**

7:15 Doris Pyle

12:05 Virginia Caratenuto

**Feb 1, Thursday, Weekday**

7:15 Maria DiNino

12:05 Frank Diaz

**Feb 2, First Friday,  
The Presentation of the Lord**

7:15 Richie Scharrer

12:05 Lillian E. Neff

**Feb 3, Saturday, Weekday, St. Blaise,  
Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar,  
Bishop; BVM**

12:05 Essie Mae Rubin

5:15 Ida Kapovic

**Feb 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 Author Quici

11:00 Thomas Gallagher

12:30 Casta Nieves

6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

*Plans are underway for our Keys and Sword Event 2018.* As many of you know our Keys and Sword Event 2017 was tremendously successful and this was in large part due to the enthusiastic support of our parishioners. The Keys and Sword Event is the principal fund raiser of the Cathedral Parish. It takes place in conjunction with our patronal feast each June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. The funds raised by the event are directed to projects and ministries of the Parish that are not included in the budget of the general operational fund. The event can be supported in three ways: through a general donation, the purchase of ad for the Ad Book, and the purchase of tables and/or tickets for the dinner. This year the dinner will take place on the feast day itself, June 29, 2018. Last year, ten percent of the net income was given to the Saint Francis Inn in Philadelphia. This year, ten percent of the netted income will go to the Sacred Heart Free Cancer Home in Philadelphia. It is important for us to share our blessings.

*Parishioners, I invite you once again to be a part of the success of our Keys and Sword Event 2018.* Take time to read the insert in the Parish Bulletin which lists the many ways that you can participate. If you know of someone who might want to support the Parish with a donation or an ad, please give them a copy of the insert or direct them to the Cathedral Parish website for more information. It is not too early to buy tickets to the event itself. Last year our goal was to have 250 people at the dinner and raise two hundred thousand dollars. We almost met our goal! This year our goal is to have 300 people at the dinner and raise three hundred thousand dollars. We can do it, especially working together!

*As the Cathedral Parish begins its own fundraising efforts to provide for its important needs, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia begins its annual Catholic Charities Appeal next weekend.* This is the 60<sup>th</sup> year for the annual appeal with the theme—*60 Years of Giving Hope to All*. You will find informational brochures in the pews next weekend on the Catholic Charities to complement what you receive in the mail. I ask you now to consider your own contribution to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Our Parish Goal is \$49, 075. Thank you so very much your continued generosity to this appeal.

*On Friday, February 2, 2018, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.* A part of this celebration is the blessing of candles used for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. This blessing will take place at the 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel. Additionally, the Feast of the Presentation is the day when the Church prays in a special way for all those in the Consecrated Life. Let us remember, all the many religious priests, brothers and sisters who are a part of our lives. We remember especially Father Eduardo de la Torre, LC, who celebrates our weekly Sunday Mass in Spanish, and Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM, a member of our parish staff, and thank the Lord for their religious vocations.

*On Saturday, February 3, 2018, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.* In conjunction with the Memorial we have the Blessing of Throats for individuals at the 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel and in a general way at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday *will be directed toward the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.* 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

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes*

Friday, February 2, 2017

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*

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;  
to seek Him, the greatest adventure;  
to find Him, the greatest human achievement."*

*St. Augustine*



### 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 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 [afflynnt@yahoo.com](mailto:afflynnt@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.

### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

*The One Jesus  
in All the Sacramental Actions*

Thursday, February 1, 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](mailto: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](http://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 01/21/2018 was \$7,324.00.

*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 30** Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Jan 31** Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,  
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Feb 1** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

## EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

### Celebración de la Santísima Virgen

**Domingo, 18 de febrero a las 1:30 PM**

Durante la Misa de español de las 12:30 PM estaremos celebrando a la Santísima Virgen en dos de sus advocaciones: Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia, patrona de la Rep. Dominicana. Y Nuestra Señora de Suyapa, patrona de Honduras.

Al terminar la Misa, todos los feligreses están invitados para un compartir en el salón de la Capilla. Aquellas personas que quisieran compartir un plato típico, será bien recibido.

### ♦ Vigilia por la Vida ♦

**Viernes 23 de febrero de 8:00AM a 5:00PM**



Frente al centro abortista *Philadelphia Women's Center*, 777 Apple (8th & Arch) y  
**viernes 23 de marzo de 8:00AM a 5:00 PM** frente a Planned Parenthood en la 12th y Locust St.

Para registrarse para orar por una hora por favor llame a Nora a la oficina parroquial al 215-561-1313 o envíele un correo electrónico a [info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org). Dios le bendiga!

### Retiro de Sanación Post-Aborto

♦ **Marzo 9, 10, 11, 2018, Malvern-Frazer, PA**  
En inglés

Es diseñado para ayudarle a experimentar la Misericordia y la compasión de Dios. Le ayudara a sanar heridas que tal vez estén escondidas, en un ambiente seguro, donde no la van a juzgar y la trataran con amor. Le ayudara a tener esperanza en su futuro y le ayudara a liberarse del dolor en su corazón y en su alma. Para información, llame a **Lauren al 215-720-5828** of **Priscilla al 215-906-6337**. [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### NSE Radio, excelente estación de Radio Católica

Programas de información y formación para adultos y niños,  
Santa Misa, Santo Rosario, Horas Litúrgicas, y devociones.  
Programas en vivo y podcasts.

[nseradio.com](http://nseradio.com) <https://www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio>

### Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las **6:30 AM**

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### ¿CON QUÉ AUTORIDAD?

Un hombre llega a la puerta de tu casa con una Biblia en la mano:

“Buenos días. ¿Podiera compartir unas palabras de la verdad cristiana con usted?”

“Por supuesto. ¿De dónde saca usted esa verdad?” respondes tú.

“De la Biblia, por supuesto”.

“¿Es ésa su autoridad? ¿La Biblia?”

“Sí, es la única autoridad para los cristianos”.

“¿Puede usted probar eso con la Biblia?”

“¿Qué quiere decir?”

“Quiero decir que yo no creo que la Biblia diga ser la única regla de la fe. Por favor, enséñeme dónde en la Biblia dice eso”.

Algunas veces la conversación se pudiera dar de esta otra manera:

“Buenas tardes. ¿Podiera compartir unas palabras de la verdad cristiana con usted?”

“No, soy católico”.

La puerta se cierra.

Muchos proselitistas que van de puerta en puerta tienen buenas intenciones: quieren convertirte a la “verdad”, tal como ellos la ven. Desde la perspectiva de ellos la Biblia es la única autoridad para la fe cristiana. A algunos de ellos se les ha enseñado que a los católicos se les prohíbe leer la Biblia o que no saben nada acerca de las Escrituras. Sin embargo, no sólo nosotros tenemos acceso a la Biblia, sino que también escuchamos segmentos de ella en las lecturas que se proclaman en la celebración de la Misa. En la primera lectura de hoy Dios le concede a Moisés el derecho a hablarle al pueblo de Israel con autoridad divina. Las lecturas de hoy reconocen que Jesús y Moisés hablan y actúan con una autoridad que viene de Dios. Tanto Jesús como Moisés actuaron como puente entre el pueblo y Dios. Para nosotros las Escrituras son un puente para llegar a la verdad de Dios, pero también lo son los sacramentos y la experiencia de la Iglesia vivida a través de todas las generaciones, o sea, lo que llamamos la Tradición. Parte de nuestra responsabilidad como discípulos de Jesús es aprender de las Escrituras, esto es, escuchar atentamente durante la Misa, leer las Escrituras en una actitud orante, y aprender más acerca de la Biblia mediante la lectura, y el estudio individual y grupal.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Únete a un grupo de estudio bíblico en tu parroquia para escuchar las Escrituras con más responsabilidad. ¿No tiene tu parroquia un grupo bíblico? Empieza uno. No necesitas ser un experto en las Escrituras para comenzar.



## Jesus' Disciples for Today

We, as a nation, are becoming more and more diverse each day, and this is not a new phenomenon, is it? Many of us claim a heritage that reflects cultures and nations from far and wide. We thank God that this rich foundation on which we live and grow is so strong: **"That we are one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."** ...our Pledge of Allegiance (United States).

This gift of awareness of our roots comes as a result of immediate access to the internet and various forms of communication; our global awareness is growing in leaps and bounds. We realize that our ancestors and relatives of today are and at one time, did face many challenges, such as we read and hear about in the here and now. We can so often say that they were people steeped in great faith, which brought them forward. The same may be said of our "sisters and brothers" around the world who, in many cases, are indeed living by faith in the here and now, in the midst of mud slides, fires, snow and ice storms, hurricanes, etc. At the same time, we witness today, the human spirit towering over what seems impossible odds.

Jesus, our beloved Savior is coming forth in our lives these Sundays, in the Gospel of Mark who is right to the point about his devoted ministry to those who are challenged and in need of healing. We see His holy and loving spirit for so many who are in need, and truly living by faith. The profound needs of those who lived 2000 years ago were not too terribly different than those of present time. Jesus we see is moving from town to town, praying in the early hours of the day, teaching and healing all who believe in Him and who seek His help. He is crossing boundaries by healing on the Sabbath, touching lepers, speaking publically to women and making them his disciples, moving into restricted areas such as Samaria into Galilee. Such practices, forbidden by the Hebrew laws, are being replaced by the Law of Love.

If we are indeed People of Faith, we will then move into the coming season of Lent with a renewed spirit of prayer, fasting and charity. These sacred forty days will provide each one of us time to grow internally, in holiness likened to that of our Beloved Christ. The interior or spiritual life needs to be fed, stretched and exercised just as much or more, than our bodies and minds. Many of us put out many dollars into physical fitness programs, courses of study and weight management plans, so we now look to our interior spiritual growth needs. May these stories of Jesus which we will be hearing help us to grow in love with Him, so much that we begin to drop the many boundaries and walls that we set up between ourselves and others.

May we find new ways to really believe that we are all members of God's family, about whom we deeply care and for whom we will be of service in selfless, generous ways. Maybe we will grow beyond our own expectations, in our realizing our unity with all of humanity. For this we pray, O God!

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
He tells the number of stars; he calls each by name.*

*Psalms 147: 3-4*

S. Eleanor McCann, R.S.M



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

**St. Paul Series 2018: St. Paul, A Contemporary Teacher for Your Adults. Session Three: The Letters to the Colossians and the Thessalonians . Jan. 26, 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](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com) or search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

## CATHEDRAL PARISH PRAYER VIGILS

40 Days for Life

February 23 & March 23



There are many women, men and families struggling with the effects of abortion today. Many others find they are pregnant and panic because they don't have the love and support of those around them.

They feel pressured to end the life of their baby. Sadly, they don't realize that help is out there.

**We can assist these women peacefully and prayerfully by interceding and offering them the hope and help they need in a critical time.** We have handouts with resources for immediate assistance: housing, financial support, mentoring, community, local pregnancy resource centers and free sonograms, among other things.

**Will you give one hour of your day to be the hands and feet of Jesus on the sidewalk in front of one of these abortion centers?**

**The Cathedral Parish will lead prayer vigils in front of Philadelphia Women's Center, 777 Apple (8th & Arch) on Fri. February 23, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Fri. March 23, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Planned Parenthood on 12th and Locust.**

**To sign up for a 1 hour prayer vigil shift please contact Nora at the Parish Office:**

**[info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org) or 215-561-1313. To learn more about this peaceful movement visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>.**

## DISABILITIES & AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? The CSS Developmental Programs **Help-Line** is available to answer your questions **484-472-5041** [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org) • [developmentalprogramsphilly.org](http://developmentalprogramsphilly.org) [opdarchphilly.org](http://opdarchphilly.org) • [aopcatholicschools.org](http://aopcatholicschools.org)

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### First Saturday Morning of Recollection

Saturday, February 3, 2018

8:30 AM Mass followed by a Holy Hour in the Church.

10:30 AM Talk in the Fr. Szal Conference Room.

Speaker: Dr. Denise D'Attore, Headmistress of Regina Luminis Academy, Berwyn, PA. Dr. D'Attore will gather with those interested for an introductory study of St. John Paul's encyclical Veritatis Splendor and the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Gospel of St. John. Topics to be covered: •The "Hour" of Jesus and Our Lady •Wedding Feast at Cana and Christ as the divine Bridegroom •Holy Eucharist as Marriage Banquet •Jesus' Body as New Temple and theme of "Living Water" •Bread of Life Discourse •Blood and Water from Jesus's Heart on Calvary. Location: Holy Martyrs Parish, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, PA

### Catholic History Lecture

Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM

Dr. Tia Pratt of St. Joseph University will talk about her sociological research into the legacy of racism in the urban parish at the American Catholic Historical Society, 263 South 4th St. (Society House). The Event is free and open to the public. For information, visit [www.amchs.org](http://www.amchs.org). Please RSVP with your name and number of attendees by Feb. 7 to [info@amchs.org](mailto:info@amchs.org)

### Retrouvaille, Rediscover the Love in your marriage!

Feb. 16-18 Malvern, PA

Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) for more information

### Mothers' Home 7th Annual Bowl-a-Thon

Sat. Feb. 24, 2018.

Two time slots available 1-3PM or 7-9 PM.

Location: 745 S. Sproul Rd. Springfield, PA 19064

Tired of being in the house? Winter blues are getting the best of you? Looking to have a family outing without everyone on their cell phones?....Time for a neighborhood get together? Or maybe someone in your house has a birthday to celebrate? Then come to the 7th annual Mother's Home Bowl-a-Thon! Great fun for everyone and all for a great cause! One lane accommodates 6 bowlers for 2 hours and includes 2 pizzas and soda, as well as shoe rental, all for \$150! Register on line at [mothershome.myevent.com](http://mothershome.myevent.com). Sponsorships are also available: Kingpin sponsor is \$2,000 and includes four lanes and top billing on all event materials. High Roller is \$750 and includes three lanes. Lucky Strike is \$500 and includes two lanes. Pin Pals is \$300 and includes one lane. **Mothers' Home in Darby is our region's only residential program for homeless, pregnant women.** To learn more visit [mothershome.org](http://mothershome.org).

### 2018 Feast Day Mass of St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Thursday, April 26, 2018

6:30 PM Rosary; 7:00 PM Mass

Location: Nativity of Our Lord Church 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974. For additional information, please call 215-657-3101 or email [jcw@saintgianna.org](mailto:jcw@saintgianna.org)

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

### WHO'S AUTHORITY?

A man stands on your front doorstep, holding a Bible:  
"Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?"

"Sure. Where do you get this truth?"

"From the Bible, of course."

"That's your authority? The Bible?"

"Yes, it's the only authority for Christians."

"Can you prove that from the Bible?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I don't believe the Bible claims to be the sole rule of faith. Please show me where the Bible claims such a status for itself."

Sometimes the conversation goes more like this:

"Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?"

"No, I'm a Catholic."

The door closes.

Many door-to-door proselytizers have good intentions. They want to convert you to the "truth"—as they see it. From their perspective, the Bible is the sole authority for the Christian faith. Some are taught that Catholics are prohibited from reading the Bible or know nothing about the scriptures. However, not only do we have full access to the Bible, but we hear segments of it proclaimed every time we celebrate Mass. In today's first reading God gives Moses the right to speak with divine authority to the people of Israel. In today's readings Jesus and Moses are recognized as speaking and acting with the authority of God. Both Jesus and Moses acted as a bridge between the people and God. For us the scriptures are a bridge for God's truth, but so are the sacraments and the lived experience of the Church—what we call Tradition. It is part of our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to learn from the scriptures, to listen attentively at Mass, to read scripture prayerfully for ourselves, and to learn more about the Bible through reading, studying, and learning with others.

### Living Stewardship Now

Join a scripture study group in your parish to listen more responsibly. Your parish doesn't have a group? Start one. You need not be a scholar or an expert to begin.

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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.