

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11, 2018

"A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people."

Lk 7:16



Mass Intentions for the Week



Feb 10, Saturday, St. Scholastica, Virgin; BVM

12:05 Adolfas Paulauskas
5:15 Deceased Member of the Leone,
Cuccorello & Kenny Families

Feb 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Pro Populo-
For the People of the Parish
9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the
League of the Sacred Heart
11:00 Msgr. Andre J. Hanlon
12:30 Palmida Ramos
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Feb 12, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Domenico Pomponio
12:05 Mary Hagan

Feb 13, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Intention of Ralph Berarducci
12:05 Frank & Josephine Kunaszuk
Polomski

Feb 14, Ash Wednesday

7:15 AM (Chapel) - 12:05 PM (Basilica)
12:35 PM (Chapel) - 5:15 PM (Basilica)

Feb 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:15 Intention of the Chico Guzman
Family
12:05 Timothy Navin

Feb 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:15 Anthony Cerasaro
12:05 Umberto & Luciana Colavita

Feb 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

12:05 Dennis Kilpatrick
5:15 Francis Toczylowski

Feb 18, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Pro Populo-
For the People of the Parish
9:30 Dora D. Miglionico
11:00 Intention of Ralph Berarducci
12:30 Marilyn y Ernesto Davila
6:30 Pro Populo- For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, February 14, 2018, is Ash Wednesday. Even though we know it is coming every year, Ash Wednesday seems to arrive very quickly. These few days before the beginning of Lent give us the opportunity to plan our own personal observation of this time. The Forty Days of Lent beckon us anew to be about the necessary work of a follower of Christ, to turn away from sin and to be even more faithful to his Gospel. The Lenten disciplines and practices are intended to guide and help us on this path. I encourage you to review carefully the insert in the Parish Bulletin listing so many Lenten opportunities and to determine now your plan for Lent, including your Lenten confession. Let us keep a good Lent this 2018 and pray for one another, especially for the adults in our Parish who will be baptized at Easter.

Every effort should be made to begin Lent with the celebration of Holy Mass. Masses for Ash Wednesday at the Cathedral Basilica will take place at 7:15 AM in the Chapel, 12:05 PM in the Basilica, 12:35 PM in the Chapel and 5:15 PM in the Basilica. Blessed Ashes are distributed after the Homily at the Masses on Ash Wednesday. Confessions will take place in the Basilica on Ash Wednesday beginning at 11:30 AM.

Today, February 11, 2018, is the World Day of the Sick. The World Day of the Sick typically coincides with the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Saint John Paul II established this observance more than 25 years ago. Lourdes is a popular place of pilgrimage for the sick who turn to Our Blessed Mother for her intercession for healing and the help to unite their sufferings with those of her Son. This day reminds us of our duty to pray for the sick and assist them in whatever ways possible, especially visiting them. Christ has given the Church a sacrament for the sick. This Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is especially for those who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or impeded by the difficulties associated with aging. As priests we are called to administer this Sacrament when emergencies arise, especially in our neighboring hospitals. The Sacraments to receive at the end of life include Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Viaticum. Holy Viaticum is our last participation in Holy Communion as our passage is made from earth to eternal life. The Sacrament of the Sick, however, is for illness even when there is no danger of death. I encourage you to receive this Sacrament if you are seriously ill having surgery or if the senior years are a real struggle for you. To receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please notify the Parish Office or see one of the priests after Sunday Mass. The Sacrament can be received at any time and almost in any place. Christ wants to heal us and be our strength, especially with His Sacraments.

Today is also World Marriage Day. This observance invites us to pray for all married couples and for a renewed understanding of the role of married life for the benefit of families and society.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the Archdiocesan Collection for the Aged and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill

Mass Book 2019

On Monday, February 19, 2018, the Mass Book opens for the scheduling of announced Masses for 2019. Additionally, beginning on this same day, Weddings can be scheduled for 2019.

Announced & Unannounced Mass intentions can be requested in person at the Rectory M-F, 8:30AM-12:00PM & 1-4:30PM. Volunteer receptionists are often available to help with these requests M-F from 12-1 PM and Sat. 9:30-12PM, it is important that you call ahead of time to confirm they are in.

It is also possible to arrange for an unannounced Mass on Sundays in the Sacristy.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

The Spirit of Jesus Sends Forth Witnesses: Confirmation

Thursday, February 15, 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/>

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.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information or if you move away 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.

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

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 02/04/2018 was \$6,788.50.

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:

Sam O'Connor, Robert Sierko, 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

- Feb 13** Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM
Feb 14 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8:00 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6PM
Feb 15 Catholic Schoolhouse, Neumann Room 8:30 AM
Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

CUARESMA, Tiempo de Conversión

Miércoles de Ceniza
14 de febrero de 2018

Las cenizas serán distribuidas en todas las Misas después de la homilía. El horario de Misas es el siguiente:

**7:15 AM (Capilla), 12:05 PM (Basilica),
12:35 PM (Capilla), y 5:15 PM (Basilica).**

Los sacerdotes también distribuirán las cenizas en hospitales y ancianatos del vecindario.

Le recomendamos las siguientes herramientas para que aproveches el adviento:

1. Serie de videos llamados Perdonado (El poder transformador de la Confesión). Para tener acceso gratis debe registrarse en www.FORMED.org; digite el código de nuestra parroquia, **07854f** y cree un nombre de usuario y clave. Encontrará recursos en español e inglés.

2. Suscríbese para recibir reflexiones cuaresmales en:
<https://formed.org/promo/lent-2018-spanish>

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 a 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. Dios le bendiga!

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 <https://www.youtube.com/user/nsetvradio>

Misa Televisada en Español

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

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

ESTIGMATIZADOS

Antiguamente a cualquier enfermedad de la piel se le llamaba lepra y a los leprosos se les forzaba a vivir en penuria y retirados del resto de la comunidad. Además, cualquier enfermedad era considerada como resultado del pecado, ya fuera del pecado propio o de los padres, o antepasados. Se creía que las personas con enfermedades mentales estaban poseídas por espíritus malignos, y también a éstas se les rechazaba y se les forzaba a salir de su pueblo o ciudad y a arreglárselas por sí mismas. Todo esto era lo común por todo el mundo antiguo. Las llagas consecuentes de las enfermedades de la piel y los comportamientos extraños de los enfermos mentales eran estigmas que todos reconocían. "Estigma" viene de una palabra griega que originalmente se refería a un tatuaje con que se marcaba la piel de los criminales, esclavos o traidores a fin de identificarlos como personas de mala reputación o moralidad corrompida. Hoy muchos de nosotros sentimos aversión por las personas afectadas por el SIDA e igualmente nos sentimos incómodos en presencia de alguien que se comporta de una manera rara debido a una enfermedad mental. Las personas afectadas por tales enfermedades a menudo sufren más por las actitudes negativas de otras personas que por la misma enfermedad. En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos el encuentro de Jesús con un leproso. Vemos que Jesús no le da la espalda a este hombre que sufre, sino que se dirige a él; le habla y tiene compasión de él, y le extiende una mano que cura. Actualmente la Iglesia católica provee asistencia a través de todo el mundo para las personas que sufren, incluso las afectadas por el VIH/SIDA y enfermedades mentales, por medio de hospitales y clínicas, y organizaciones tales como Caridades Católicas y las residencias para desahuciados de las Misioneras de la Caridad de la Madre Teresa, entre otros. Existen muchas oportunidades en nuestras comunidades locales para nosotros ayudar. Seamos como Jesús dirigiéndonos hacia los necesitados.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Contacta a tu parroquia, diócesis o Caridades Católicas de tu localidad para averiguar las oportunidades de servir a aquellos rechazados o ignorados por la sociedad.

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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 tratarán 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** o **Priscilla al 215-906-6337**.

www.rachelsvineyard.org

LENT 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses
Mass schedule: 7:15 AM (Chapel), 12:05 PM (Basilica),
12:35 PM (Chapel), and 5:15 PM (Basilica).

In addition to the celebration of Mass with the distribution of Ashes, there will be Celebrations of the Word of God and the distribution of Ashes in the hospitals and nursing facilities within the parish boundaries on Ash Wednesday.

FORMED.ORG (Parish code, **07854f**)

• **A Lent to Remember: Forgiven** -Rediscover the freedom of heart that Christ is offering you through Confession!
Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession. www.FORMED.org

• **Sign up to receive daily Lenten reflections**
formed.org/promo/len-2018

Fasting & Mercy

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. They cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing.

So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, then hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. When you eat, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy yourself. If you look for kindness, show kindness yourself. If you want to receive, give.

*If you ask for yourself what you deny to others,
you are asking is a mockery.*

—St. Peter Chrysologus.

What besides food do I most need to fast from this lent?

(Reflection source: All Saints Press "Draw near to God")



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.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

Join us for YA Bible Study! Our first meeting will be on Friday, February 23, 2018, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Location: The Neumann Room (located behind the Basilica next to Our Lady of the Apostles Garden).

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).

CATHEDRAL PARISH PRAYER VIGILS

40 Days for Life



February 23 & March 23

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

We can assist women and men peacefully and prayerfully by interceding and offering them the hope and help they need in a critical time.

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 or 215-561-1313. To learn more about this peaceful movement visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

Lenten Gospel Reflections



This week we begin the Holy Season of Lent. We are called to prayer during these 40 days, so do consider one hour each Tuesday, from 11:00 to 12:00 noon and join us. The Tuesday dates we will meet are:

February 20, 27; March 3, 13, 20 and 27th. These times of reflection and prayer are devoted to the coming Sunday Gospel, beginning with St. Mark 9: 2-10, for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Here Jesus invites us to reflect on His Transfiguration: we are called by God to: LISTEN TO HIM.

If you are in need of a book of Sunday readings for this year, we have one for you for \$10. Please come to the Neumann Room and bring a friend. Kindly call Sister Eleanor McCann ahead at 215-561-1313, so that we can prepare our meeting space.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Fraternus Ministry Information Night for Men

Monday, February 12, 2018 - 7:00-8:30 PM

Men of the Archdiocese, do you have a passion for working with and guiding young men? Do you have sons that you want to guide into virtuous Catholic manhood? Come to an information night about the Fraternus ministry that can give you the tools to accomplish this mission.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA.

No cost to attend. RSVP online at

<https://form.jotform.com/73525459061155>

Liturgy Series

This three part series includes the history of Liturgy and the Introductory Rite of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Mondays, Feb. 5, 12, and 19, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

No cost to attend, but a free will offering is appreciated.

Registration is recommended. Guest Presenter: Father Louis Bellopede, Pastor, Saint Mary Parish, Schwenksville

Location: Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield

www.stmariagoretti.net. For more information or to register contact Angela McClellan at:

angela.mcclellan@stmariagoretti.net

or 215-721-0199 (ext. 202).

Lenten Mission: HIS PASSION IS FOR YOU!

Wednesdays in Lent beginning Feb. 21 at 7:00 PM

Lent begins on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday and Valentines are two days we don't typically put together. It may be providential that the day of Love falls on the first day of Lent. Lent is not just a time of sacrifice and giving up things, it is a time to open wide our hearts and mind to the incredible love of God and the passion of Jesus Whose Passion is for YOU! To find out more, come and see international speaker, Bill Donaghy present His Passion is for YOU on Wednesday nights from 7 - 8:15 pm. Feb. 21, Feb. 28, Mar 7, Mar 14 and Mar. 21. Confessions available from 8:15 - 9 pm on Feb. 28, Mar 7, and Mar 14. Come one night or all five! For more information go to

www.simonandjude.org and click on Lent.

We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy, Christian Reflections on Addiction

February 21, 28, Mar 14, 21, 2018 (4 Wednesdays)

You are invited to this educational and inspirational four-week series on the epidemic of addiction within the context of the Christian community. This unique series is designed to not only to educate and to raise awareness, but also to offer hope and support, foster mercy, faith, and love and to encourage transformative action. The program is intended for everyone in the community. Each week examines one aspect of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of addiction.

Location: St. Margaret's Church, 208 North Narberth Ave., Narberth, Pa 19072. Speaker: Nina Marie Corona MA CRS

More info: www.ninamariecorona.com

Cathedral Choir

Please visit our Cathedral website for information on our Choir Masses visit <http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

STIGMATIZED

In Biblical times any skin disease was labeled leprosy, and lepers were forced to live in isolation, ostracized from the rest of the community. Any illness was thought to be the result of sinfulness, either the sins of the sufferer or of his or her parents and ancestors. People with mental illnesses were believed to be possessed by evil spirits, and they too were shunned and driven out of towns and villages to fend for themselves. These attitudes were common throughout the ancient world. The open sores of skin diseases and the strange behavior of mentally ill persons were a stigma all could recognize. "Stigma" is a Greek word that originally referred to a tattoo or brand that was cut or burned into the skin of criminals, slaves, or traitors in order to identify them as blemished or morally polluted persons. Many of us today fear people with diseases such as AIDS; similarly, we are uncomfortable around someone who behaves oddly because of a mental illness. Those who have such illnesses often suffer more from people's negative attitudes toward them than from the condition itself. In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus' encounter with a leper. We see that Jesus does not turn away from this suffering man, but walks toward him. He talks to him, takes pity on him, and stretches out a healing hand. Today, the Catholic Church is a world-wide provider of care for suffering people, including those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through Catholic hospitals and clinics, organizations such as Catholic Charities, and the hospices of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, to name but a few. There are many opportunities in our local communities for us to step in and help. Let's be like Jesus and walk toward the ones in need.

Living Stewardship Now

Contact your parish, diocese, or local Catholic Charities for opportunities to serve those shunned or ignored by society.

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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.