

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25, 2018

*“From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.” Mt 17:5*



Mass Intentions for the Week



Feb 24, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Mike O'Meara
5:15 Veronica Wagner

Feb 25, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Pro Populo-For the People of the Parish
9:30 Vera Bailey
11:00 James F. Smith, Jr.
12:30 Manuel Delgado
6:30 Pro Populo

Feb 26, Monday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Vince & Josephine Galypo
12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Feb 27, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Luigi Pomponio
12:05 Peter Shields

Feb 28, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Timothy Navin
12:05 Dorrance Hill Hamilton

Mar 1, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Julia Pellegrino
12:05 Maddalena Leone

Mar 2, First Friday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Mother Joseph of the Sacrificial Host
12:05 Living and Deceased Members of
The League of the Sacred Heart

Mar 3, First Saturday, Lenten Weekday, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

12:05 Diane Funcke
5:15 Essie Mae Rubin

Mar 4, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Pro Populo-For the People of the Parish
9:30 Silvio Berarducci
11:00 Nigel Lewin
12:30 Carmen Martinez
6:30 Pro Populo

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Second Sunday of Lent! Lent passes quickly and every new week of the season is an opportunity to renew our Ash Wednesday resolutions to turn away from sin and to be even more faithful to the Gospel.

There is a small group among us that gives special meaning to the way we observe Lent. This group is our parish Elect. These men and women were elected for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist by Archbishop Chaput on the First Sunday of Lent. Election means that they have completed a period of catechetical formation for the reception of the Sacraments. They know what the Christian life is about and have a better understanding of the Sacraments. Now they enter a period of purification and enlightenment during Lent to be spiritually prepared to be fully initiated with the Easter Sacraments at the Solemn Paschal Vigil on Easter night. As they prepare to be baptized, they inspire those of us already baptized to renew our baptismal integrity to live as Christ intends us, repenting sin and following Him according to this word. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Elect participate in the Scrutinies. These are penitential rites to help them uncover in themselves what still needs to be healed so that they are free from any impediment to Baptism. These Scrutinies will take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass. The Elect pass through the Scrutinies where the baptized encounter the forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. Let us keep the elect, the baptized, and one another in prayer during this Lenten journey.

The feast day of Saint Katharine Drexel is March 3, the anniversary of her death and birth into glory. Mother Katharine, the foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is our Philadelphia Saint. Her story continues to inspire us, leaving a life filled with riches and security, giving her life in religious consecration to those most in need, and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. As many of you know, the tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel will be transferred to the Basilica later this year. It is fitting that we observe her feast next Saturday, March 3, 2018, in a special way here at the Cathedral Basilica. In addition to the 12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel, which will be the Mass of Saint Katharine Drexel, our Philadelphia Saint will be commemorated at the 5:15 Anticipated Mass. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and the recipients of the miracles that led to her canonization will be with us in attendance. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. 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

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, March 2, 2018

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*

*"Do you realize that Jesus
is there in the tabernacle
expressly for you - for you alone?"*

St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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. 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

*Jesus Heals the Whole Person:
Anointing of the Sick*

Thursday, March 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: pattv.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 02/18/2018 was \$7,552.00.

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:

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 McCollaum, 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 27** Lenten Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11 AM
Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Feb 28** Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM
- Mar 1** Catholic Schoolhouse, Neumann Room 8:30 AM
Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7 PM

CUARESMA, Tiempo de Conversión

El Santo Via Crucis en español
Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma
en la Capilla a las 7:00 PM

Cómo vivir la Cuaresma

Durante este tiempo especial de purificación, contamos con una serie de medios concretos que la Iglesia nos propone y que nos ayudan a vivir la dinámica cuaresmal.

1. Arrepintiéndome de mis pecados y confesándome:

Pensar en qué he ofendido a Dios, Nuestro Señor, si me duele haberlo ofendido, si realmente estoy arrepentido. Éste es un muy buen momento del año para llevar a cabo una confesión preparada y de corazón. Revisa los mandamientos de Dios y de la Iglesia para poder hacer una buena confesión. Ayúdate de un libro para estructurar tu confesión. Busca el tiempo para llevarla a cabo.

2. Luchando por cambiar:

Analiza tu conducta para conocer en qué estás fallando. Hazte propósitos para cumplir día con día y revisa en la noche si lo lograste. Recuerda no ponerte demasiados porque te va a ser muy difícil cumplirlos todos. Hay que subir las escaleras de un escalón en un escalón, no se puede subir toda de un brinco. Conoce cuál es tu defecto dominante y haz un plan para luchar contra éste. Tu plan debe ser realista, práctico y concreto para poderlo cumplir.

3. Haciendo sacrificios:

La palabra sacrificio viene del latín *sacrum-facere*, que significa "hacer sagrado". Entonces, hacer un sacrificio es hacer una cosa sagrada, es decir, ofrecerla a Dios por amor. Hacer sacrificio es ofrecer a Dios, porque lo amas, cosas que te cuestan trabajo. Por ejemplo, ser amable con el vecino que no te simpatiza o ayudar a otro en su trabajo. A cada uno de nosotros hay algo que nos cuesta trabajo hacer en la vida de todos los días. Si esto se lo ofrecemos a Dios por amor, estamos haciendo sacrificio.

4. Haciendo oración:

Aprovecha estos días para orar, para platicar con Dios, para decirle que lo quieres y que quieres estar con Él. Te puedes ayudar de un buen libro de meditación para Cuaresma. Puedes leer en la Biblia pasajes relacionados con la Cuaresma.

Ver artículo completo en:

www.aciprensa.com/recursos/viviendo-la-cuaresma-1922

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

DALE CABIDA

“¿Por qué un Dios amantísimo le pide a un padre que mate a su hijo único? No puedo leer esta historia sin enojarme”, dice Miguel. Los otros miembros de su grupo parroquial de estudio bíblico asintieron. “Aunque la vida de Isaac le fue perdonada al último momento, parece que Dios sólo quería una obediencia ciega por parte de Abraham. ¡No lo entiendo!” Se desató una discusión inmediatamente después de estos comentarios de Miguel. Nora dijo que nuestro entendimiento acerca de quién es Dios y cómo Dios actúa con las personas ha evolucionado con el tiempo. Miguel seguía con su inquietud. “Yo no sé cómo esta historia pueda tener valor alguno para mí hoy”. Santiago se expresó así: “Bueno, a mí sí me toca hoy”. Santiago, que era nuevo en el grupo, tendía a ser un tanto retraído, pero no hoy. “Isaac tiene que haber sido lo más precioso en la vida de Abraham, el hijo en quien tenía puestas todas sus esperanzas para el futuro”. Santiago continuó: “Pedirle que entregara su hijo era como pedirle que entregara su tesoro más grande, pero su relación con Dios era un tesoro aún mayor que su propio hijo”. Santiago hizo una pausa y miró a su alrededor, después dijo: “Lo máspreciado de mi vida ha sido mi esposa. No hemos tenido hijos y ella ha sido toda mi vida. Cuando le diagnosticaron cáncer yo empecé a negociar con Dios, ‘Hago lo que sea si la dejas vivir’, y vivió. En acción de gracias por su recuperación me uní al grupo de oración de los martes y me apunté como voluntario en un comedor público. Sólo por hacer esas dos cosas me di cuenta de cuánto yo deseaba a Dios en mi vida. Mi esposa sigue siendo tan querida para mí, pero Dios ha tomado las riendas en mi caminar de una manera que nunca antes me pude imaginar y es que por fin le he dado cabida a Dios en mi vida”.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

¿Qué es lo más importante en tu vida? ¿Una persona, los bienes materiales, tu salud y la comodidad, tu carrera? ¡Dilo con toda honestidad! ¿Ocupa Dios el centro de tu vida o anda por las orillas?

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♦ Vigilia por la Vida ♦

Viernes 23 de marzo de 8:00AM a 5:00PM

Frente al centro abortista *Planned Parenthood*, en la 12th & 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!**

Recursos adicionales sobre la cuaresma

Aciprensa: www.aciprensa.com/recursos/cuaresma-tiempo-de-conversion-1919

LENT 2018

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

Be Reconciled!

"In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance."

St. Thomas Aquinas

"Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity."

St. Faustina (Divine Mercy in My Soul)

The Tech-Wise Family: Building Family Culture and Virtue while Putting Technology in its Proper Place

March 1, 2018 - 7-8:30 PM

Please join us for a lecture and discussion as we consider questions such as:

- * Who do we want to be as a Christian Family?
- * How does our use of a particular technology move us closer to, or further from, that goal?
- * How can we develop true wisdom and courage in a culture of "easy everywhere"?

Location: Regina Angelorum Academy, 105 Argyle Road, Ardmore, PA. Speaker: Mr. Andy Crouch, author of *The Tech-Wise Family*. Free and open to the public
To learn more and register: raa-tech-wise.eventbrite.com



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Upcoming Events

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).



Lenten Gospel Reflections

Third Sunday of Lent

John 2: 13 – 25

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

All are welcome to come to the Gospel reflection group which meets each Tuesday in Lent at 11:00 AM in the Neumann Room. The Scripture named above will be the topic of our discussion and prayer this Tuesday, February 27th. We have books for sale for \$10 if you would like to have the Sunday Readings for 2018.

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
• developmentalprogramsphilly.org • opdarchphilly.org
aopcatholicschools.org

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June 23, 2018
September 22, 2018

We invite women (ages 19-45) who are discerning a religious vocation to join us for a weekend of sharing in our life of prayer & apostolate. Reservations are required.

For information or reservations please contact:

Sister Alma Marie 845-745-1319,

vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org

Hawthorne-Dominicans.org

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Archbishop's Lecture Series

Monday, February 26, 2018, 7:00 PM

Speaker: Archbishop Wm. Michael Mulvey

Topic: "Christians and Muslims: Love Creates a Dialogue Between Friends." Location: St. Charles Seminary, Vianney Auditorium, Wynnewood, PA.

More info: More information coming soon at scs.edu

The Ridley Area Catholic Churches Lenten Series talks entitled The Ten Commandments

Tuesday evening February 27 at 7:00 PM

The third of the Ridley Area Catholic Churches Lenten Series talks entitled The Ten Commandments will be held at St. Francis of Assissi Church (136 Saxer Ave., Springfield). The program will consist of Evening Prayer, Benediction, and a talk entitled "Honor your father and your mother". The speaker will be Rev. Bernard J. Taglianetti, Faculty, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. A social will follow the program. All are invited to attend. Please bring a friend.

Lenten Mission with Bill Donaghy: HIS PASSION IS FOR YOU!

Is God simply the Man Upstairs, the Lawgiver and the Rule Maker or is He filled with love?

Wednesday Feb. 28 from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

in The Meehan Center,

Ss. Simon & Jude Parish, West Chester, PA

Scripture sings with spousal language and Jesus reveals Himself as the Bridegroom Who comes to seek out His Bride. Come and see the Divine Romance God has always planned for humanity in Jesus! (Confessions to follow talk from 8:15 - 9:00 pm.in church). 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 in The Meehan Center (Lower Level of SSJ Church).** For more information go to www.simonandjude.org and click on Lent.



A new Catholic high school, now accepting 9th and 10th grade applications for it's second year.

Information Evening: Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 PM
on their campus at Holy Martyrs Church
(120 Allison Road in Oreland)

At MSC, we offer a classical education with small classes. Think Plato and Aristotle, Augustine and Aquinas, Dante and Shakespeare, integrated with mathematics and natural sciences. We also provide regular outdoor adventures and opportunities for service. Come and learn more at our information evening. **To RSVP** or for more information, contact Mr. Adam Dickerson, adickerson@martinsaintsclassical.org

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

MAKING ROOM

"Why would a loving God ask a father to kill his own son? I can't read this story without getting angry," said Michael. The other members of his parish Bible study group nodded. "Even if Isaac's life was spared at the last minute, it seems as if God wanted only blind obedience from Abraham. I don't get it!" Discussion followed Michael's remarks. Nora commented that our understanding of who God is and how God deals with people has evolved over time. Michael remained troubled. "I just can't see that this story has any value for me today." Jim spoke up, "Well, it hits me where I live." Jim, the new one in the group, tended to hang back—but not today. "Isaac must have been the most precious thing in Abraham's life: the one on whom all his hopes for the future were pinned." Jim went on, "To be asked to give up that child was to be asked to give up his greatest treasure, but the relationship with God was a greater treasure than even his own son." Jim paused and looked around him, "The most precious thing in my life has been my wife. We had no children so she's been my whole world. When she got cancer I bargained with God—'I'll do anything if you let her live'—and she did live. In thanksgiving for her recovery I joined the Tuesday prayer group and I signed up as a food pantry volunteer. Just doing those two things made me realize how much I wanted God and a life with God. My wife is still just as dear to me, but God has taken a hold on my life my life in ways I could never have imagined before—because I have finally made room for God."

Living Stewardship Now

What matters above anything else in your life? Is it a person, material things, your health and comfort, your career? Be absolutely honest! Is God at the center, or off to one side?

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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.