

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 4, 2018

*“Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.” Jn 4:5-42*



Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Mar 5, Monday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Author Quici
12:05 Intention of Deacon Patrick Kennedy

Mar 6, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Eduardo Cionci
12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Mar 7, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday, Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:15 Intention of the Chico Guzman Family
12:05 Mary Harvey

Mar 8, Thursday, Lenten Weekday, St. John of God, Religious

7:15 Andrew V. Smrek, Jr.
12:05 Maria DiNino

Mar 9, Friday, Lenten Weekday, St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:15 Frank O'Neil
12:05 Beatrice & Raymond McGarvey

Mar 10, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Dr. Amy J. Reed
5:15 Michael Bygott

Mar 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Pro Populo-For the People of the Parish
9:30 Angela Galypo
11:00 Thomas Basile
12:30 Clemente y Catalina Carrera
6:30 Pro Populo

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Third Sunday of Lent! There is just a little less than a month remaining of the Holy Season of Lent. Each of these Sundays gives us the opportunity to renew our Lenten resolutions to repent of our sins and strive to be ever more faithful to the Gospel. Be sure not to let Lent pass without making a good Lenten Confession in preparation for a holy Easter. Let us pray for one another during this Lent!

This Thursday, March 8, 2018, International Women's Day is observed throughout the world. The history of this day includes action on behalf of the positive advancement for women in society. For Christians, this day occasions the recognition of the dignity and the protection of the rights of women, inspired and animated by the Gospel of Jesus. There is complementarity to men and women as ordered by the Creator that does not subject one to the other but rather recognizes the genius of both men and women in relationship to one another. Men and women are equal heirs to the grace of God and are equally empowered by the Gospel to work together as brothers and sisters of Christ himself for sake of the Kingdom. This concretely translates for Christians into mutual respect and responsibility for the good of all. This day should not be marked by sentiments of anger and discord for Christians but more so by action for parity and just relationships for all in Christ.

Volunteers are needed to lead two important pastoral efforts in the Cathedral Parish. Often in the Parish Bulletin, there are announcements of events for respect life activities in the Parish and in the Archdiocese. Respect for human life, from the first moment of conception until natural death, is the duty of all Christians and even more so in our time. We need someone who is willing to coordinate the activities for Respect Life for us in our Cathedral Parish. If you are interested or would like more information about this role, please contact the Parish Office. Also, as you many notice, in our Cathedral Parish we have an increasing number of young families with children. This is a wonderful thing and we thank God for it. We are in need of someone who is willing to coordinate activities for the youth in our Cathedral Parish. If you are interested or would like more information about this role, please contact the Cathedral Parish.

The Parish Keys and Sword Event 2018 is well underway. I encourage all our Parishioners and Visitors to go the website, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>, and learn more about this Event and support it. It is not too early to buy tickets! I would be especially grateful for our parishioners to reach out to others to be a sponsor or purchase an ad for the Ad Book. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America. 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



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the Parish Office for more info.



HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember to bring your food donations for St. John's Hospice.

Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity, God bless you.

GIVE TO GROW



Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass
Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Channel 6.
Rebroadcast each Sun. at: 9 AM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital • 10:30 AM, LaSalle University 56 • 5:00 PM, DT-2, Channel 6 digital

CSR RICE BOWL

THIRD WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER SAFIATA

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS NEXT WEEK

Jesus at the Heart of Married Love: Marriage

Thursday, March 8, 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 02/25/2018 was \$7,091.50.

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:
Pearl Hammond, 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, 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

- Mar 6** Lenten Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11 AM
Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7 PM
- Mar 7** Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM
- Mar 8** 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

Plato de Arroz de CRS

TERCERA SEMANA DE CUARESMA
UN ENCUENTRO CON SAFIATA

En Burkina Faso, nos encontramos con Safiata, una madre, abuela y agricultora que depende del dinero que gana de sus cultivos para enviar a sus hijos a la escuela. ¿Cómo pueden nuestras compras de esta Cuaresma apoyar a los agricultores y artesanos? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades?

Visita www.crsricebowl.org/es para más información.

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Abril 29, 2018— 1:30 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; **Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para suscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente**, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 215-561-1313. También puede hablar con el Diacono Epifanio al terminar la Misa de 12:30 PM en español.

¡Acompáñenos los domingos para las siguientes actividades!

Rezo del Santo Rosario a las 11:45 AM

Confesiones a partir de las 11:45 AM

Celebraciones de las Vírgenes hispanas, el 3er domingo de cada mes, después de la Misa de español.

Grupo de oración: “Señor Jesús de la Divina Misericordia,” los 4to domingos de cada mes, después de la celebración de la Santa Misa en español.

Catecismo para los niños (en inglés) a las 10:00 AM, un domingo sí y un domingo no.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

EL NÚMERO 9

Para el doctor Greer el punto crítico vino acompañado de un número. Fue en el año de 1984 cuando él era un joven residente en un hospital de Miami y su paciente era un vagabundo que la policía había traído. El hombre tenía una tuberculosis tan avanzada que ya no podía ni hablar. Nadie sabía su nombre y su única identificación era un letrero que decía “Número 9” a los pies de su cama. El doctor Greer hizo todo lo posible por encontrar parientes o amigos del señor, alguien que pudiera consolar a este hombre que estaba más allá de cualquier ayuda de la medicina moderna. No se encontró a nadie y el hombre murió unos días más tarde, solo. El doctor Greer es gastroenterólogo y especialista del hígado. Puede tener un consultorio de primera en el prominente vecindario de Ocean Drive en Miami, pero el paciente número 9 ha dejado sus huellas. El doctor Pedro José Greer se dio cuenta de que todo paciente tiene una historia y un alma cuyos síntomas son la máscara que esconde los sueños, esperanzas, éxitos y fracasos de una vida humana. No mucho tiempo después de la muerte del paciente número 9 el doctor Greer abrió el centro clínico *Camillus Health Concern* en Miami. En un cuarto de siglo *Camillus* ha llegado a prestar sus servicios a más de diez mil personas vagabundas al año, hombres, mujeres y niños, personas que no tienen acceso a una buena asistencia médica. Todos los años en la Clínica de San Juan Bosco del doctor Greer se atienden a seis mil inmigrantes, muchos de ellos indocumentados, en un ambiente cálido y amable. Para Greer el diagnóstico y el tratamiento son las partes más fáciles de ser doctor. Lo más importante es la compasión hacia el paciente como persona. El doctor Greer ha recibido tres reconocimientos presidenciales, dos reconocimientos papales y del *MacArthur Foundation Genius Fellowship*. Pedro José Greer ha atraído la atención de los ricos y poderosos, pero su misión continúa siendo la misma. Cada vez que él ayuda a alguien asegura que el paciente número 9 nunca sea olvidado. Toda persona tiene su nombre propio. Toda persona es tratada con esmero y compasión.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Si tienes alguna experiencia médica, ¿por qué no ofreces tus servicios gratuitos en una clínica de la comunidad o de la parroquia que atiende a los pobres? Si hablas un segundo idioma, comparte tu tiempo con los inmigrantes enseñándoles inglés o ayudándoles a ajustarse a la vida de este país.

Jesus' Disciples for Today

We now find ourselves moving into the heart of the Lenten season. Shifts might be taking place in our daily routines, for in some cases, we are making attempts to review our life choices and modify, change or eliminate them. This truly is a time of conversion, and we now have people of the parish, not yet Catholic, who are among the "Elect" who will become one with us at Easter. Their conversion stories are good examples for each of us who want and/or need to make changes in some of our choices from day to day. God's grace is the source of strength upon which we can draw, to move into a lifestyle which might bring us to a new level of holiness. We might be tempted to think that "holiness" is for others, but in reality, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus was for that very reality in each of our lives. During Lent in particular, we are called to focus on our interior or spiritual life. It means that quiet times and prayerful spaces are needed to do just that.

The Sunday Scriptures are part of our story of faith. Yes, those same Scriptures which Jesus learned as a child by going to Synagogue and Temple, are ones which call us as well to come to know and to love God: to realize that God is and needs to be central in our lives. As a young child, Our Lord was in a family of faith where Mary and Joseph taught him these elements of his Jewish culture and heritage. Then we come upon the reality of Jesus who in his short-lived public ministry, lived his human and divine life among us and we see how he had to struggle when so many would not believe that He indeed was the Messiah. We know that He continued to grow in wisdom, age and grace from the time He was a child. That awareness of His Godliness became so real with the events that brought Him to His Baptism by John, and then onto mission. His active ministry and calling of His disciples propelled Him to bring to life, a spirituality of LOVE. He was going to have to change some thinking which called for **"an eye for an eye; and a tooth for a tooth"**. No longer would we live in a mindset where LOVE did not overcome darkness and revenge: such is the true life of a Christian and as a Catholic, fortified as well with the graces of our Sacraments.

It became noticeable to Jesus, that almost everyone around him did not understand the holiness of their very own bodies. He told us that we were Temples of the Holy Spirit and that we would need to respectfully treat our own, and the bodies of others with love, compassion, mercy and justice. We would respect ourselves and others as the paramount and glorious creation of God. Are we able to absorb such grandeur? Are we willing to maintain a rigorous restraint when others hurt us and we want to retaliate? We need not fear, but pray for the grace to know that God will help us in our life-long journey to holiness.

"I will put my spirit in you that you may live."
Ezekiel 37: 13



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Please join us for Gospel Reflection
on Tuesday, March 6, 2018

at 11:00 AM in the Neumann Room.

St. John's Gospel 3:14-21 will be our topic.
Jesus, the light of the world, is being rejected.
Will Nicodemus accept Jesus' message?

LENT 2018

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

• **A Lent to Remember: Forgiven**

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of
Confession. www.FORMED.org

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

Christ's Love Transforms Everything

Are we convinced of Christ's love for us and of our love for him? This conviction is the rock on which holiness is built by serving Christ's poor and lavishing on them what we would love to do for Him in person. If we follow this way, our faith will grow, our conviction will grow, and the striving for holiness will become our daily task. God loves those to whom God can give the most, those who expect the most from God, who are most open to God, those who have most need of God and count on God for everything. The love of Christ should be a living bond between all of us. Then the world will know that we are true missionaries of charity.

St. Mother Teresa
The Love of Christ

What can I do for another today that I would like to do for Christ? Source: "Draw Near to God"



*Concerts at the
Cathedral Basilica*
*Come and Experience
Great Music in the Cathedral*

Beethoven's Ode to Joy
Sunday, March 18, 2018, 2:30 PM

For more information and to
Purchase Tickets visit:
www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Lenten Mission - "Time for God in a Busy World"

March 5, 6, and 7, 2018 – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

We all strive to create "time for God in our busy world!" Embrace the moment during the Lenten season. Child Care to be offered to families. Pre-registration required. Presenters: Fr. John Graden, OSFS and Joanne Kinney. Location: Our Mother of Consolation Church, 17 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118
More Info: Contact Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ, christinessj@omcparish.com!

Martin Saints Classical High School

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

Cultural Heritage Mass

Saturday, March 17, 2018

2:00 PM Procession, 2:30 PM Mass

Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics welcome all to this celebration! Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. For more information visit migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org

A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2018

April 7, 2018 at the Norristown Farm Park, East Norristown, PA. 1 Mile Fun Run 9AM and 5K run 9:30AM. Please register online at www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html. An enjoyable morning for the family supporting moms and their babies! For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281

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

NUMBER 9

For Dr. Greer, the tipping point came with a number. He was a young resident in a Miami Hospital in 1984 and his patient was a homeless man the police had brought in. The man had advanced tuberculosis and was so far gone he could not speak. No one knew his name: he was identified only by "Number 9" at the end of his bed. Dr. Greer did everything he could to find relatives or friends—anyone who could comfort this man who was past the help of modern medicine. No one was found, and the man died a few days later, essentially alone. Dr. Greer is a gastroenterologist and liver specialist. He could have a top-notch practice on wealthy Ocean Drive, Miami, but Patient Number 9 had left his mark. Dr. Pedro José Greer realized that every patient has a story and a soul: their symptoms are the mask that conceals the dreams, hopes, successes, and failures of a human life. Soon after Patient Number 9 died, Dr. Greer opened Camillus Health Concern in Miami. In a quarter century of service, Camillus has grown to serve ten thousand homeless men, women, and children annually—people who have no other reliable access to health care. Each year at Greer's Saint John Bosco Clinic, six thousand immigrants—many undocumented—receive medical treatment in a warm and sympathetic setting. For Greer, diagnosis and treatment is the easy part of doctoring. What's more important is compassion for the patient as a person. The winner of three presidential awards, two papal awards, and the MacArthur Foundation Genius Fellowship, Pedro José Greer has attracted the attention of the rich and powerful, but his mission remains the same. Everyone he helps ensures that Patient Number 9 is never forgotten. Everyone has a name. Everyone is treated with care and compassion.

Living Stewardship Now

If you have medical experience, try volunteering in a parish or community clinic that serves the poor. If you speak a second language, share your time with new immigrants, teaching them English or helping them to adjust to life in this country.

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.