

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 11, 2018

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life." Jn 9:1-41*



Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Mar 12, Monday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Gildo Cionci & Family

12:05 Susan Cicchitti Riemondy

Mar 13, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 For the Intention of Ralph Berarducci

12:05 Alice Cullen

Mar 14, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Dolores Connolly

12:05 Timothy Navin

Mar 15, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 T. Daniel Mullray

12:05 Lillian E. Neff

Mar 16, Friday, Lenten Weekday

7:15 Alana Josephine Maddox

12:05 Eduardo Sotelo Holguin

Mar 17, Saturday, Lenten Weekday,

St. Patrick, Bishop

12:05 Wilbert McCarty

5:15 Robert G. Flamer

Mar 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 Stephen Paolantonio

11:00 Richard DiFlorio

12:30 Javier Cedeño

6:30 Pro Populo

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent! This Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare is the first word of the prescribed entrance chant for Mass and translates as "Rejoice." The reason for rejoicing is the nearness of Easter and the end of the preparation penance of Lent. Yes, we do rejoice that Easter is in sight. However, we again 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!

See the information elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin on the Beethoven Concert next Sunday, March 18, 2017 at 2:30 PM in the Basilica. We are very fortunate to host so many wonderful concerts throughout the course of the year. However, we need to do a better job of spreading the word about these concerts. Please consider joining us next Sunday and inviting others to experience such wonderful sacred music in the splendid setting of our Basilica.

Last Sunday, I asked for volunteers to be a part of our Basilica Spring Cleaning to prepare our beautiful church for the Easter celebrations. I was delighted at the quick and generous response of so many ready to assist with this effort, parishioners and visitors. This spring cleaning will take place during the Fifth Week of Lent, the week of March 18, 2017 on these three different occasions:

Wednesday, March 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday, March 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

I will follow up with those who already volunteered with an email to them this week. However, many more volunteers are needed to help make our Basilica shine for Easter. If you are interested and have not already volunteered, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313. All you need to do is come to the Basilica at one of the listed times. If possible, please bring a bucket and some rags with you.

The Parish Keys and Sword Event 2018 is well underway, as I mentioned last week. Again, I encourage all our parishioners and visitors to go to the website, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>, and learn more about this Event and to support it.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to winter maintenance needs of the Cathedral Basilica. 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



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.



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.

CSR RICE BOWL

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. 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 Continues His Priesthood: Orders

Thursday, March 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/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

All program schedules, registration and e-tuition payment options have been posted on our RE 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 03/4/2018 was \$9,151.50.

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 13 Lenten Gospel Reflection, Neumann Room, 11 AM
Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7 PM

Mar 14 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

Mar 15 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

CUARTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA
UN ENCUENTRO CON ANDRISE

Nos encontramos con Andrise, una maestra en Haití que sabe la importancia de enseñar a los jóvenes a responder con agradecimiento a la comunidad y a su país. ¿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.

Noche de Reflexión Cuaresmal (en español)

Viernes, 16 de marzo, 6:00—9:30 PM

Parroquia Santos Inocentes, L St. & Hunting Park Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19124. En el Salon de la Iglesia.

Auspiciado por el Instituto Catolico Hispano

Blanca Herrera, Coordinadora

215-667-2820, bherrera@archphila.org

Donación voluntaria

La Oficina Para Vocaciones Sacerdotales te invita a:

**Un día para la familia en el seminario San Carlos Borromeo
Domingo, 22 de abril del 2018, 11:30 AM a 5:30 PM**

¿Para quien? Hombres jóvenes hispanos en la escuela secundaria o la universidad, junto con sus familias.

Los participantes podrán recorrer los terrenos, jugar un partido de futbol con los seminaristas, y asistir a las Vísperas en la tarde con la comunidad del seminario. Habrá música y mas. **Dirección:** 100 E. Wynnewood Rd. Wynnewood, PA

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

A LA LUZ DE CRISTO

Todos sabemos bien lo que es llevar la carga de un secreto, sobre todo si el secreto no es bueno. Saber que hemos hecho algo mal o vergonzoso y encima tener que guardarlo en secreto puede pesarnos más que una roca sobre las espaldas. Si por fin podemos compartirlo con otra persona la sensación de alivio que sentimos es mucho más grande de lo que habíamos podido imaginar. San Pablo nos dice en la segunda lectura de hoy que aun cuando estamos “muertos por nuestros pecados” podemos recuperar “la vida con Cristo y en Cristo” (Efesios 2:5). Puede que tome un tiempo largo el curarnos del todo, pero de alguna manera las cosas parecen perder poder sobre la persona cuando deja sus secretos al descubierto. Por veinticinco años Mary Ann McNeil ha ayudado a las personas agobiadas para que encuentren la luz de Cristo. Ella es la fundadora de un ministerio en Atlanta, Georgia llamado PATH, que presta sus servicios a las personas apesadumbradas por el aborto. Mary Ann sabe el precio tan alto que muchas personas han pagado por ese agobiante secreto. Algunas personas se han culpado a sí mismas durante décadas, convencidas de que su familia, su Iglesia y Dios las consideren imperdonables. Otras tantas han caído en las garras de la depresión, una enfermedad física o comportamientos riesgosos. Mary Ann y sus ayudantes voluntarios están entrenados para proporcionar una cuidadosa combinación de consejería, oración, estudios bíblicos y de compartir experiencias con otras personas que han tenido la misma trayectoria. Esto le permite saber a las mujeres y hombres sufrientes que no están solos y que son perdonados. Así pueden renacer con una fe renovada y la fortaleza necesaria para poder abrazar, a la luz de Cristo, a sus hijos o hijas que perdieron. La luz y la vida están íntimamente entrelazadas: la alborada da paso a un nuevo día, a una nueva creación. La luz de Cristo fluye a nuestras almas y nos devuelve de la muerte a la vida.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Podemos apoyar los buenos esfuerzos de las organizaciones pro-vida, como *Crisis Pregnancy Centers*, *Birthright* y *Silent No More*. Si estás sufriendo a consecuencias de un aborto puedes encontrar ayuda confidencial y compasiva cerca de donde vives. Comunícate con rachelsvineyard.org. En ese mismo sitio en internet puedes encontrar ayuda para empezar esta clase de ministerio en tu área.



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



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please join us for Gospel Reflection
on Tuesday, March 13, 2018
at 11:00 AM in the Neumann Room

**St. John's Gospel 11:1-45 will be our topic,
the Raising of Lazarus.**

CATHEDRAL PARISH PRAYER VIGILS

40 Days for Life

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 abor-
tion 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 Planned Parenthood on 12th and Locust on **Fri. March
23, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. 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
40daysforlife.com/.

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

What Good Can I Do?

*What does Christianity mean to a ninety-year-old—
to this ninety-year-old? Last year I left my lovely
home and companion of sixty-five years and moved
into an assisted-living residence. Such a transition
no one will imagine as easy. Yet purpose is still
woven into the very fabric of my days. I think
continually of what good I can do for my fellow
residents, even if it's only moving a chair from the
path of an oncoming walker. Where is Christianity
in my life today? Consciously or not, it's everywhere.
At times, the spirit of Christianity becomes almost
palpable, a zone of safety and nonfear around me.
Twenty times a day, in my room or in the hallway,
under my breath I say, "Jesus Christ, have mercy
upon me." Better than any pill.*

Huston Smith, Tales of Wonder

What good acts might I do for those whom I meet today?

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

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

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your
household, or someone in your household has receive a sac-
rament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can
be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly of-
fering envelopes**, again, please call the Parish Office to
insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are
planning on moving away please let us know.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 AM - WPVI-TV, Chanel 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

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Service Opportunity

Bring a senior citizen to the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass

We are looking for someone who can assist a wheelchair-bound senior citizen from the Atria to the Basilica, two blocks away. One could either push him the two blocks in his chair, or transport him and his chair by car. Either way provides a great workout for body and soul. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested:

info@cathedralphila.org or 215-561-1313

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

Is Yoga Just Exercise? An Evening of Reflection

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM

Learn the Catholic perspective on the use of yoga as a physical exercise. Learn to Discern: Is It Christian or New Age? Do you know the real purpose behind every yoga position? Do yoga instructors secretly proselytize? You will be surprised at the answers! Encouraging all yoga enthusiasts, pastors and those seeking the truth on this much debated topic to attend. Presenter: Susan Brinkmann Location: McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, Malvern Retreat House. Cost: \$35.00 per person – dinner included. To register visit: www.malvernretreat.com/events/evening-reflection-sue-brinkman/ or call 610-644-0400.

Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10:30 AM

Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers; Mass will be followed by a reception. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia More info: Please RSVP: opdarchphilly.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.

Wines and Shrines of Portugal

Friday, April 28th, 2018 6:00-9:00 PM

Enjoy Portuguese wines and delicious food, while watching clips from the upcoming production of "The Faithful Traveler in Portugal." www.holymartyrschurch.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

INTO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We all understand the burden of a dark secret. Knowing we have done something wrong or shameful, as well as the effort to keep it secret, can weigh us down like a rock on our backs. If we are finally able to disclose it to someone else, we often find that the release is far greater than we could have expected. Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading that even when we are "dead in our transgressions" we can be "brought . . . to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5). It may take a long time for the healing to be complete, but somehow, when things are in the open they lose their hold over a person's mind and soul. For the last twenty-five years Mary Ann McNeil has helped burdened people find the light of Christ. She is the founder of a ministry called PATH in Atlanta, Georgia, which serves people grieving an abortion. Mary Ann knows the steep price many have paid for their dark secret. Some have blamed themselves for decades, convinced that their families, their church community, and God would find them unforgiveable. Many have fallen prey to depression, physical illness, or risky behaviors. Mary Ann and her trained volunteers provide a carefully designed combination of mentoring, prayer, scripture study, and sharing of experiences with others who have travelled the same road. This enables the women and men who are suffering to know they are not alone, and that they are forgiven. They can rise up with renewed faith and strength to embrace their lost children in the light of Christ. Light and life are very closely interwoven: the dawn heralds a new day, a new creation. The light of Christ flowing into our souls brings with it life—a life that can even raise us from the dead.

Living Stewardship Now

We can all support the worthy efforts of pro-life organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Birthright, and Silent No More. If you are someone grieving abortion, find confidential, compassionate help near where you live by contacting rachelsvineyard.org. Go to the same site if you would like to start a ministry like this in your area.

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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.

FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY, THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY

Excerpt from Preface to Religion by Rev. Fulton J. Sheen

CHARITY

America's greatest enemy is not from without, but from within, and that enemy is hate: hatred of races, peoples, classes and religions. If America ever dies, it will not be through conquest but suicide.....Hate can be eradicated only by creating a new focus, and that brings us to the virtue of charity. By charity we do not mean kindness, philanthropy, generosity, or big-heartedness, but a supernatural gift of God by which we are enabled to love Him above all things for His own sake alone, and, in that love, to love all that He loves. To make it clear, we here set down the three principal characteristics of charity or supernatural love: 1. It is in the will, not in the emotions. 2. It is a habit, not a spasmodic act. 3. It is a love-relationship, not a contract.

First: Because charity is in the will, you can command it, which you cannot do with natural likes or dislikes. A little boy cannot help disliking spinach, as perhaps you cannot help disliking sauerkraut, and as I cannot help disliking chicken. The same is true of your reactions to certain people. You cannot help feeling an emotional reaction against the egotistical, the sophisticated, and the loud, or those who run for first seats or snore in their sleep...Though you

cannot like everyone because you have no control over your physiological reactions. You can love everyone in the Divine sense, for that kind of love, being in the will, can be commanded or elicited. That is why love of God and neighbor can be commanded: "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another." You can only like those who like you, but you can love those who dislike you. You can go through life liking those who like you without the love of God, but you cannot love those who hate you without the love of God....

Second: Charity is a habit, not an isolated act. A husband and a wife are out driving. They see a young blonde along the roadside changing a tire. The husband gets out to help her. Would he have done it if the blonde were fifty? He changes the tire, dirties his clothes, cuts his finger, but is all politeness, overflowing sweetness, and exuding charm. When he gets back into his own car, his heart aglow with the good deed, his wife says: "I wish you would talk that nice to me when I ask you to mow the lawn. Yesterday when I asked you to bring in the milk, you said: 'Are you a cripple?' "... See the difference between one act and a habit? Charity is a habit, not a gush, or sentiment; it is a virtue, not an ephemeral thing of moods and impulses; it is quality of the soul, rather than an isolated good deed.

Third: Charity is a love-relationship rather than a commercial contract. There are many who think that religion is a kind of business relationship between God and the soul, and that if I give to God, He ought to give something to me; or since I owe Him worship in justice, He owes me prosperity in return. If your religion is of this kind, you have no religion. Religion is a relationship; not a contract. Hence it begins not with doing good; it begins with a supernatural relation between God and your soul and your neighbor. A right relationship with God, initiated by grace, will inspire you to do good things, but doing good things does not make you a child of God. Your knowledge will get out of date; your statistics will be old next month; the theories you learned in college are already antiquated. But love never gets out of date. Love, therefore, all things, and all persons in God. "For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: Naked, and you covered me: sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me."

God love you.