Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday, March 25, 2018

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name." Phil 2:8-9

Mass Intentions for the Week



Mar 24, Saturday, Lenten Weekday, Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

12:05 Bob Murr

5:15 Francis Toczylowski

Mar 25, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

9:30 Lillian Neary

11:00 Johny Leona Sutton

12:30 Maria Miranda

6:30 Pro Populo

Mar 26, Monday of Holy Week

7:15 Pat Talarico, Esq.

12:05 John Trave

Mar 27, Tuesday, of Holy Week

7:15 Luigi Ranalli

12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Mar 28, Wednesday, of Holy Week

7:15 Nancy Creamer Burris

12:05 John Trave

Mar 29, Holy Thursday

10:00 AM Chrism Mass

7:30 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:45 PM Night Prayer

Mar 30, Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer, 12:00 PM Office of Readings, 1:00 PM The Way of the Cross, 2:00 PM Meditation on the Seven Last Words **3:00 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord,** 7 PM Via Crucis y las Siete Palabras in Spanish.

Mar 31, Holy Saturday

9:00 Morning Prayer, 12:00 Office of Readings

8:00 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM in Spanish.

There will be no 6:30 PM Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week. This week we have the unique opportunity to celebrate and to live out in a rather complete way the mysteries of our redemption and salvation with the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. I encourage you now to plan on your personal participation in the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Please see the schedule for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. Also, please take note of the additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. A good Confession is a very good way to enter into this most sacred time!

Please take the blessed palm that you receive at Mass today and place it over the crucifix that hangs in your home. The blessed palm, as it reminds us during today's Mass, is a sign all throughout the year of the victory of Christ the Redeemer, over sin and death with his Cross and Resurrection. Any old blessed palm can be brought to the Cathedral Sacristy at any time for its use for ashes next Ash Wednesday.

All parishioners are welcome to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, March 29, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The Chrism Mass is the occasion for the Archbishop to assemble with his priests for the renewal of their Ordination Promises as well as the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the rites of the Church. Please keep all priests in your prayers on Holy Thursday, the anniversary of the institution of the Priesthood by the Lord.

The Cathedral Basilica Spring Cleaning that was schedule for last Wednesday, March 21, 2018, was canceled due to the severe weather. It has been rescheduled for this Monday, March 26, 2018 for 1:00 to 3:00 PM and for 7:00 to 9:00 PM. All are welcome to help us prepare our beautiful Cathedral Basilica for the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Please bring buckets and rags.

We have nearly 150 of our 300 tickets sold for our Keys and Sword Event 2018 on June 29, 2018. You can purchase your tickets on line and also learn more about this year's event at <u>cathedralphila.org/keys/</u>.

If you participated in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent, you can make your donation at any time over the next few weeks in any of the parish collections at Mass, or mail it to the Parish Office. The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the expenses associated with the preparations and celebration of the Easter Feasts. I am so grateful to those who have already shown their generosity to the Cathedral Parish with their Easter offerings and also with their donations for the Easter Flowers. And as always, thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

Let us be mindful of one another in our prayers throughout this Holy Week. Let us be especially mindful of our Elect, who will be baptized this Holy Saturday.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill

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FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, April 6, 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. Confesiones en ingles a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor

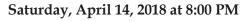


Lenten Gospel Reflection March 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Join us on our last Lenten discussion on the coming Sunday Gospel. Location: the Neumann Room.

Upcoming Community Concert at the Basilica

- Ancient Voices -



Free will offering

Parish Greeters Needed

The Cathedral Parish continues to hold and highly value the experience of hospitality to all who come to worship God at our Basilica. We are in need of persons who will commit to one of our Masses each weekend to greet and welcome all who come for Mass. These same Greeters are there after Mass as well, to distribute the Parish Bulletin. We ask anyone interested in this ministry to contact S. Eleanor McCann at the rectory office. Thank you for considering to offer this gift of time and talent. God bless you!

Local Life Saving Resources

- ◆ <u>Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.</u> 24/7 hotline: call or text 610-626-4006 <u>www.prolifeunion.org</u>. The Prolife Union offers emotional, material and spiritual support to women and families in need as they make the choice for life
- ♦ <u>Community Women's Center</u> (Pregnancy Resource Center). 267-239-0753. Services: help with food, baby clothing and other items, housing (before birth and up to three years after), free ultrasound, free pregnancy tests... Aid is customized to each individual. Located at 12th & Locust, 1202 Locust St. 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.
- ◆ <u>Abortion pill reversal.</u> contact Dr. Monique Ruberu, OBgyn in Philadelphia at 469-231-9084 or visit <u>abortionpillreversal.com/</u>

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 03/18/2018 was \$7,431.00

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:

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

Mar 28 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers, Neumann Room, 8 AM Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

CUARESMA, Tiempo de Conversión

Plato de Arroz de CRS DOMINGO DE RAMOS UN ENCUENTRO UN ENCUENTRO CON NUESTRO PRÓJIMO

Nos encontramos con Jesús esta semana en Jerusalén, una comunidad que conocía bien. Entramos en oración a nuestras propias comunidades, también, saliendo al encuentro de los que tienen hambre y sed, los que necesitan nuestra ayuda. ¿De qué manera la jornada cuaresmal nos motiva para servir a los que encontramos en nuestra vida diaria? Visita www.crsricebowl.org/es para más información.

SEMANA SANTA (En español)

Domingo de Ramos

11:45 AM Confesiones en la Capilla 12:30 PM Santa Misa en la Capilla

Jueves Santo, marzo 29

 Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento después de la Misa de las 7:30 PM (en ingles) hasta las 11:00 PM, en la Capilla

Viernes Santo, marzo 30

El Viernes Santo es un día universal de abstinencia. Esta abstinencia Pascual continúa hasta la celebración de la Vigilia Pascual.

La Basílica abrirá a las 9:00 AM.

7:00 PM Procesión con el Vía Crucis; Las Siete Palabras, en la Capilla

Sábado Santo, marzo 31

La Basílica y la Capilla abrirán a las 9:00 AM.

Domingo de Resurrección, abril 1

•2:00 PM Santa Misa en la Capilla

En la pagina 4 encontrará el horario completo de Semana Santa con las actividades que se realizaran en ingles.

Lunes, 2 de abril

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

NO VAMOS SOLOS

A nosotros no nos gustan mucho las palabras "humilde" ni "obediente". ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que leíste un obituario diciendo que el difunto era humilde y obediente? Más bien tendemos a poner los títulos, logros y cosas por el estilo. Según nuestros conceptos humanos, Jesús no fue un hombre con éxito. Tuvo suficiente educación como para leer las Escrituras en la sinagoga (Lucas 4:16-20) y era un carpintero de aldea entrenado por José. Se crió en Nazaret, que no era una ciudad importante como Jerusalén. Jesús iba por campos y pueblos predicando según la tradición de los profetas judíos. Las multitudes estaban formadas mayormente por personas sencillas, no por los ricos y poderosos. Un aparente momento de triunfo fue el Domingo de Ramos cuando las multitudes en Jerusalén lo aclamaron rev. Es probable que muchos esperaran que él fuera un nuevo líder militar que depusiera a los romanos que ocupaban el país y restaurara el estilo de vida y el orgullo del pueblo judío. Este "triunfo" fue breve. Pocos días más tarde la misma multitud se le reviró y lo rechazaron a muerte. Él no era lo que ellos querían. Poncio Pilato, el procurador romano, se sentía confundido frente a Jesús. Obviamente no era un criminal común. Hablaba con la verdad y el poder de Pilato no lo acobardaba. Sin embargo, para mantener calmada a la muchedumbre, Pilato terminó lavándose las manos de todo y condenó a Jesús a muerte. Desde ese primer Viernes Santo todos los que pasan por tiempos tenebrosos no van solos. Por voluntad propia Jesús asumió el dolor y la angustia de la humanidad y de cada uno de nosotros. Por nosotros bajó al abismo de la muerte. El Padre dejó que su Hijo venciera por el camino del dolor. Ya no hay callejones sin salida para nosotros. Al final de cualquier camino brilla para nosotros la luz de Cristo

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

"La cristiandad no se trata de ideas, sino de buenas obras inspiradas por el amor".

—Beato Federico Ozanam (1813–1853), fundador laico de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, servidor de los pobres

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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.

CSR RICE BOWL

PALM SUNDAY— ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u> for more.



MATRIMONY: REDISCOVERING ITS TRUTH

April 21, 2018, 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM

Keynote Speaker:

HIS EMINENCE RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE, D.D., J.C.D.

Member and Prefect Emeritus, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura

Also featuring:

Reverend Gerald E. Murray, J.C.D., EWTN Commentator Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, S.S.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Location: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

More information and registration: saintjohnneumannchapter.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018

Palm will be distributed at all Masses

Reconciliation: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

(Spanish), and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Mass: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass (Sat) in the Basilica
• 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM Procession and Solemn Mass in the Basilica, 12:30 PM in Spanish in the Chapel and 6:30 PM in the Basilica

Weekdays of Holy Week

• March 26-28, 2018 (Monday-Wednesday) Reconciliation: 11:00 AM in the Basilica. Evening Reconciliation on March 28, 7:00 PM in the Basilica. Mass: 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel

• Thursday of Holy Week, March 29, 2018 10:00 AM, Chrism Mass in the Basilica. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 29

- 7:30 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Basilica
 - Adoration at the Repository continues until 11:00 PM in the Cathedral Chapel
 - 10:45 PM, Night Prayer in the Cathedral Chapel

Good Friday, March 30

Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence. This Paschal Fast continues until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

The Basilica and Cathedral Chapel open at 9:00 AM.

- Reconciliation: 12:30-2:30 PM in the Basilica
- 9:00 AM, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral Chapel.

Three Hours of Prayer in the Basilica:

- •12:00 Noon, Office of Readings •1:00 PM, The Way of the Cross •2:00 PM, Meditation on the Seven Last Words
- •3:00 PM, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in the Basilica •7:00 PM Procesión con el Vía Crucis, Las Siete Palabras, in the Cathedral Chapel (in Spanish)

Holy Saturday, March 31

The Basilica and Cathedral Chapel open at 9:00 AM.

- Reconciliation: 11:00 AM in the Basilica
- 9:00 AM, Morning Prayer and Preparation Rites for the Elect in the Cathedral Chapel
- 12:00 Noon, Office of Readings in the Cathedral Chapel

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 1

•8:00 PM (March 31) Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

•8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM Solemn Mass, and 12:30 PM in English in the Basilica

•2:00 PM in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel

There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.



Come and Experience Great Music in the Cathedral

Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 7:30 PM

We welcome the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale to their first appearance in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Under the direction of Jeffrey R. Smith, the Emmy-winning and Grammy-nominated ensemble is praised for its musicianship, intelligence, and interpretive abilities, and noted for highly-acclaimed domestic and international performances.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! April 13-15, 2018

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need! It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. <u>Location:</u> Center in Malvern, PA. For more. <u>Information, or to register</u> visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u> or call 1-800-470-2230.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Wines and Shrines of Portugal Friday, April 28th, 2018 6-9 PM

Enjoy Portuguese wines and delicious food, while watching clips from the upcoming production of "The Faithful Traveler in Portugal." Location: Holy Martyrs Catholic Church (Fr. Szal Conference Room-lower level), 121 Allison Road, Oreland, PA. 19075. Speakers include: Diana von Glahn (EWTN's The Faithful Traveler), Cristian Bento (Silver Coast Imports-Wines from Portugal) and John W. Toler (Wine Distributor). To learn more visit the Parish website: www.holymartyrschurch.org

Hearing Devices

If you or someone you know is in need of a hearing device at Mass, please ask one of the Greeters to assist you. They may be borrowed from the sacristy and returned after Mass.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

WE DON'T GO ALONE

We aren't fond of the words "humble" and "obedient." When was the last time you read an obituary saying the deceased was a humble and obedient person? No, we tend to list degrees, titles, achievements, and so on. By all accounts Jesus was not successful in the way we generally mean it. He had enough education to be able to read the scriptures in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-20), and he was just a village carpenter by trade, trained by Joseph. He came from Nazareth, not an important city like Jerusalem. Jesus wandered around the countryside preaching, following in the tradition of Jewish prophets. The crowds were mostly ordinary people, not the rich and the powerful. A moment of apparent triumph came on Palm Sunday, when the crowds in Jerusalem acclaimed him as king. Many were probably hoping he would be a new military leader who would overthrow the Romans occupying the land, and restore Jewish life and pride. This "triumph" was brief. In a few days the same crowds turned on him in bitter rejection. He wasn't what they wanted. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, didn't know what to make of him. Jesus was obviously no common criminal. He spoke with truthfulness and was not cowed by Pilate's power. Yet to keep the rabble quiet, Pilate finally washed his hands of the whole business and put Jesus to death. Ever since that first Good Friday, those who pass through the darkest nights know they don't go alone. For each of us Jesus willingly entered the pain and sorrow of humanity. For us he allowed himself to fall into the abyss of death. The Father let his Son count the milestones along the way of despair. There are no dead-end streets anymore. For us, at the end of every road, there shines the light of Christ.

Living Stewardship Now

"Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love."—Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853), lay founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, servant of the poor

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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. No tours on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.