

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday ***Sunday, April 8, 2018***

***“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!” Jn 20:29***

Mass Intentions for the Week



Apr 7, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 Anna Mary Mesaros
5:15 Michael Bygott

April 8, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Aphrodite Vecchione
11:00 Carmela Berarducci
12:30 Eugenio Flores
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Apr 9, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:15 Author Quici
12:05 Intention of Ralph Berarducci

Apr 10, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Natale Ranali Family
12:05 Personal intention

Apr 11, Wednesday, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:15 Intention of the
Chico Guzman Family
12:05 Linda Watson

Apr 12, Thursday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Michael Kelly
12:05 Maria DiNino

Apr 13, Friday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Paula Schumann
12:05 Sheila Ano

Apr 14, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 Margaret Holly
5:15 Deceased Members of the Leone,
Cucurullo, Kenny Families

April 15, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Michael Whelan
11:00 Mary Seizer
12:30 Urbisdelia de Jesus
6:30 Pro Populo-For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter! This Sunday brings to a close the eight day celebration of Easter Sunday and also calls to mind the great gift of the Lord's Mercy. In fact, this Sunday additionally has the title of Divine Mercy Sunday. The Resurrection of the Lord from the dead not only happened in time but is also for all eternity. This is true of the blessings and graces that come to us from our Risen Lord, especially his divine mercy for each of us. So, we celebrate today like Easter Sunday and rejoice in the presence of the Risen Lord to us as real and as true as to the disciples who met him in the days following his glorious Resurrection. Happy Easter to you!

On this Sunday evening, April 8, beginning at 5:30 PM, there will be a Holy Hour in the Basilica to ask for a greater outpouring of the Lord's mercy upon all of us. During the course of this Holy Hour, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available.

This past week at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting, the topic of our response to the homeless in the Basilica was again discussed. The homeless are our brothers and sisters in Christ and are to be respected in every way. The Cathedral is the Mother Church and home for all, especially the poor and those in need. However, at times there are disruptions of various types that occur in the Basilica and the Chapel that frighten people and make them uncomfortable. I do not want this to be the case. If you notice anything like this while you are at Mass, please alert one of the priests or greeters or sacristans, immediately so that there can be a prompt and proper response. If you notice anyone panhandling inside or outside the Basilica or Chapel, likewise, alert one of the priests or greeters or sacristans. Please do not give any money to the panhandlers. There are resources available for those in legitimate need. We have asked the police to assist us with those who are taking unfair advantage of parishioners and visitors attending Mass.

Please purchase your tickets for the Cathedral Parish 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 <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>.

Our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum was a tremendous witness to our faith in the Risen Lord and a great service to our parishioners and so many thousands from all over the Archdiocese. I am so very grateful to all of our liturgical ministers and parish staff, employees and volunteers who provided countless hours of preparation and service to help to celebrate Easter in such an extraordinary way this Triduum. I am especially grateful to those who volunteered for our spring cleaning! Thank you so very much for your wonderful generosity to the Cathedral Parish with your Easter offerings, donations for the Easter Flowers and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the landscaping needs of the Cathedral grounds for the spring.

Happy Easter,
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.

Awesome faith formation at your fingertips!

Subscribe to this exciting online platform, which can be streamed to your TV or mobile device. To register go to www.FORMED.org. Type in our parish code, 07854f.

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS THIS WEEK

Jesus Light on the First Three Commandments

Thursday, April 12, 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.

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

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 Palm Sunday, 03/25/2018 was \$10,406.50 and for Easter Sunday was \$20,121.00. *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:*

Karen Spadaccini, Patrick DiGiovanni, Pearl Hammond, Sam O'Connor, Robert Sierko, Santiago Guzman, Mary W., 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, 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

Apr 10 Legion of Mary, Neumann Room, 7 PM

Apr 11 Morning Scripture Reflection for Lawyers,
Neumann Room, 8 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

Apr 12 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Hoy, 8 de abril. ¡Acompáñenos!

5:30 PM Hora Santa

y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos ... "y cuanto más grande es el pecador, tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 723). En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil" (Diario, 742).

Indulgencia plenaria: Se concede la indulgencia plenaria, con las condiciones habituales (confesión sacramental, comunión eucarística y oración por las intenciones del Sumo Pontífice) al fiel que participe en actos de piedad realizados en honor de la Misericordia divina.

Con el fin de celebrar apropiadamente esta festividad, se recomienda rezar la Coronilla y la Novena a la Divina Misericordia; confesarse -para la cual es indispensable realizar primero un buen examen de conciencia-, y recibir la Santa Comunión el día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia.

Próximo Concierto en la Basílica

Abril 17, 2018, 8:00 PM - Ancient Voices

(Donación voluntaria, no se venderán boletos).

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Abril 29, 2018— 1:30 PM

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, 215-561-1313.

Quo Vadis 2018

Campamento para jóvenes en la escuela secundaria

"Hagan lo que El les diga" Juan 2:15

Junio 25—28, 2018

Inscriba a su hijo antes del 4 de junio. El costo de la registración es entre \$25 - \$300 (de acuerdo a sus posibilidades).

Preguntas: Contacte a la oficina de vocaciones al
610-667-5778. Información en ingles:

heedthecall.org/event/quovadis

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

UNA TAREA INTERMINABLE

En la primera lectura de hoy se describe a los primeros cristianos como creyentes que "vivían unidos y lo tenían todo en común" (Hechos 4:34). Se nos dice que los que tenían buena posición vendían sus bienes y le daban el producto a los apóstoles para distribuirlo entre los miembros más pobres. Esta clase de asistencia era posible en una comunidad pequeña de creyentes donde todos se conocían e iban juntos a la fracción del pan. En la mayoría de las iglesias hoy día la gente sólo conoce a una pequeña parte de los miembros de su comunidad parroquial y es posible que desconozcan quién entre ellos está sufriendo por desempleo, por gastos médicos exorbitantes, por haber perdido su casa u otras crisis similares. Muchos de nosotros hemos caído presa de lo que llaman "fatiga de compasión". Los medios de comunicación nos bombardean con noticias negativas y los problemas parecen tan inmensos que nos retraemos de tratar de hacer algo. La cura más segura para la fatiga de compasión es comprometernos a prestar algún servicio, cualquiera que sea. Por todo el país hay millares de personas que sirven, cuidan y consuelan a los más pobres, "según las necesidades de cada uno". Caridades Católicas y la Sociedad de san Vicente de Paúl son probablemente las organizaciones más conocidas, pero existen muchos más grupos locales y millares de personas católicas que se desviven por ayudar a sus vecinos, a otros miembros de su parroquia y a personas necesitadas de su comunidad. Siempre habrán crisis, desastres naturales, declives económicos y sufrimientos personales, pues son partes inevitables de la condición humana. Sería muy poco práctico en el mundo de hoy pensar que si vendo todo lo que tengo y regalo el producto las cosas cambiarían de una manera perdurable. Así y todo, Jesús aún espera el compromiso de nuestro tiempo, nuestras habilidades y nuestros recursos económicos para la simple, interminable y muchas veces ingrata tarea de servir a los demás como si lo estuviéramos sirviendo personalmente a él. Esto es lo que contará en el último día, (Mateo 25:31-46).

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Como discípulos, todos tenemos una responsabilidad económica. Además de usar el sobre de ofertorio en tu parroquia, considera formar un círculo de donantes con miembros de tu familia o de la parroquia. Cada miembro da lo que puede y el total recogido se le entrega a una causa justa que escoja el grupo.

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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

Parish Greeters Needed

We are delighted to have a Parish Greeter Program where "Welcoming our Visitors and Regular Worshippers" takes place at each Mass. Would you consider joining us for one of our week-end Masses each week? If so, please contact Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM at the parish office: 215-561-1313. Thank you!



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.

You can change the future, Become a Foster Parent!

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. For information please call Catholic Social Services at (267)331-2502!

Quo Vadis 2018 - June 25-28, 2018

A Camp for High School Young Men

Do Whatever He Tells You - John 2:5

Dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experience, including Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration, with a dynamically fun environment including a ropes course, swimming in a pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and more. Location: Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA. Registration Fee: \$25-\$300 (pay what you are able). Registration deadline: June 4, 2018. heedthecall.org/event/quovadis
Questions? Contact Vocation Office at 610-667-5778



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018

Join us as together we experience the extraordinary love and mercy we so desperately need in our lives, our families, and our world.

5:30 PM Confessions

**5:30 PM Holy Hour & recitation
of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**

6:30 PM Holy Mass

PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence was granted by Pope John Paul II for the devout observance on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Decree of the Holy See offers "a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the First Sunday after Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")..."



The Credible Catholic

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modules responding to some of the most common questions that modern men and women pose to believing Catholics, especially related to science and the existence of God. In order to be better equipped to converse compellingly with others on essential topics such as evidence of a soul from medical studies, evidence of God from science and philosophy, proof of the Resurrection, where to find True Happiness, and why God allows suffering in the world, visit the Credible Catholic website: crediblecatholic.com

Community Concert: Ancient Voices

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00 PM

Free will offering



*Concerts at the
Cathedral Basilica*

Concert Series: Chanticleer

April 28, 2018, 8:00-10:00 PM

For more information and to purchase tickets visit:

CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

St. Louis de Montfort's Friends of the Cross

Friday, April 13, 2018 7:00 PM

Legion of Mary Philadelphia Senatus hosts Deacon Cody Miller giving a presentation in words and song on St. Louis de Montfort's "Friends of the Cross." Location: Chapel Hall (use side entrance to the Chapel, by the parking lot)
Parking available, use entrance on 17th St. (222 N. 17th).

Open to all. Admission is free.

Ross Douthat Lecture at Villanova

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 4:00PM

Lecturer: Ross Douthat, Columnist, The New York Times
Topic: "To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism." Location: Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Arthur M. Goldberg '66 Commons
More info: No registration required.
Event is free and open to the public.

Questions: <https://go.activecalendar.com/Villanova/>

Protecting Our Children from Pornography: A Parent's Perspective

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:00PM

Speaker: April Readlinger, Executive Director of CanaVox
Location: Regina Angelorium Academy, Ardmore, PA
More info: www.eventbrite.com

Diocese of Allentown Marriage Conference

Saturday April 14, 2018, 8:30AM-3:00 PM

Together in Holiness is a marriage conference inspiring spouses to grow together in holiness and empowering parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. Presenters include EWTN host Joy Pinto. Child care is available.

Location: St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring.

More info: www.togetherinholiness.org.

Questions call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028.

Teams of Our Lady Information Session

Mon, April 16, 9:30-11AM or Wed, April 18, 7-8:30PM

TOOL is a Catholic lay movement designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. A team of 5-7 couples meet monthly rotating from home to home, for a simple meal, prayer, study, and sharing on the TOOL "endeavors." Come and learn about Teams and consider starting a Team in your parish! Location: April 16 at St. Katharine of Siena Parish, Wayne; April 18 at St. Matthias, Bala Cynwyd. Please RSVP at archphila.org/remain

Mother-Daughter Tea for 10 to 13 year old girls

Sunday, April 22, 2018

The Mother-Daughter Tea is a special program for mothers and daughters to interact in a facilitated group setting while they learn about the gift of fertility and how to care for it. Talks will focus on the sacredness of human life, the physical changes in a girl's body, the importance of modesty and the development of healthy parent and peer relationships.

Location: Meehan Center at Sts Simon and Jude in West Chester. More information & registration: fertilitycarefriends.org or call Helen at (610) 436-8323

Cathedral Choir Mass Schedule

Please visit our Cathedral website for information on our Choir Masses. <http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>. **Upcoming:** Cathedral Choir: April 8, 11:00AM; April 15, 9:30AM. Archdiocesan Boy & Girl Choir: April 14, 5:15 PM.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

THE ENDLESS TASK

In today's first reading the early Christians are described as having "no needy person among them" (Acts 4:34). The well-off, we are told, sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the apostles to share among the poorer members. This assistance was possible in a small community of believers, where everyone knew each other and worshiped together. In most of our churches today people only know a small portion of fellow parishioners, and they may be entirely unaware of who is suffering from job loss, overwhelming medical bills, a home foreclosure, or other crisis. Some of us have fallen prey to "compassion fatigue." We are bombarded by negative news in the media, and the problems seem so overwhelming that we've withdrawn from trying to do anything. The surest cure for compassion fatigue is to go out and commit ourselves to serve in any way we can. Across the country thousands of people are serving, caring for, and comforting "the needy among them." Catholic Charities and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society are probably the most well-known organizations, but there are many more local groups and thousands of individual Catholics who are regularly going out of their way to help neighbors, fellow parishioners, and needy people in their local community. There will always be crises, natural disasters, economic downturns, and personal suffering; it is an inevitable part of the human condition. It is impractical in today's world to think that by selling all we have and giving away the proceeds we can make a lasting difference. However, Jesus still expects us to commit our time, our abilities, and our financial resources to the continuing, unglamorous, sometimes thankless task of serving others as if we were serving him personally. On the Last Day, that is all he will ask us about (Matthew 25:31-46).

Living Stewardship Now

We all have a financial responsibility as disciples. As well as regular offertory to the Church, consider joining with family members or a church group to form a giving circle. Each member gives what she or he can and the total amount is forwarded to a worthy cause chosen by the group.

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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.