

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017



The King said to his servants, “The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.”



Consecration
of the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
to
Our Lady of Fatima
on the occasion of the
100th anniversary of the
apparitions of the
Blessed Virgin
in Fatima, Portugal

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PARISH STAFF

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Sr. Rose Kuhn, Superior & Hispanic Ministry
Sr. Bernadette Taraschi, Dir. Religious Education PREP

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life!!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturdays: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (*Vigil Mass*)
Sundays: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 8:00 PM
10:30 AM - Spanish
4:00 PM - Pakistani
5:30 PM - Haitian (*Upper Church*)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Pre-baptismal classes

Spanish: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM (Rectory Basement)

English: 1st Sunday at 1:00 PM (Church)

Baptism (Lower Church)

Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM

English: 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM

Confirmation - 16 Dec 2017

Contact Sr. Bernadette, Director PREP
or any priest in the rectory

Reconciliation in Church

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Eve of Holy Days: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Eve of First Fridays: After the 12:00 Noon Mass only

Matrimony

Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM in the Upper Church; 2:00 PM in the Lower Church.

Couples intending marriage must contact our parish priest at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage. Required

Marriage Preparation: PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com

Organist: music@churchofstwilliam.com

*Anointing of the sick: Sacrament of healing and
God's Blessings for those who are sick.*

Parishioners in *serious illness*, please contact one of our parish priests. Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their homes.

Upcoming Events at St. William

October

15- Concert at St. William L.C.-2PM

28- Confirmation Retreat

28-29 Food Drive for St. Helena's Food Bank

29- Senor De Los Milagros, Peruvian Mass 1pm

November

1-All Saint's Day: Masses Vigil 5pm 10/31

Feast Day: 6:30 am, 12noon and 7pm

Upcoming Collections

World Mission Sunday

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday and who we are called to be by our baptism:

Missionary Disciples. It is a time of prayer and a time to look beyond our local Church in Philadelphia and provide resources, through financial gifts. Our Missionaries, who proclaim God's Word, care for those in need and are the Heart of the Catholic communities they serve. Please pray for the Missions and be as generous as possible.

Collection for Church of Puerto Rico

On October 28-29, there will be a collection for the destruction and suffering caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Our readings this week speak of God's promises and their fulfillment, all in different ways. Isaiah presents a feast set in the future and hosted by God. Here the participants witness the astonishing generosity of God. At the feast, God gives the ultimate gift, the destruction of death itself. Saint Paul, confident in the fulfillment of God's abundant promises, urges the Philippians to live in gratitude and patience. Today's Gospel, however, is more challenging for us to hear. While announcing God's generous invitation, Jesus also describes, in dramatic imagery, how people may reject the invitation. Matthew reminded the early church of the need to recognize God's summons and be prepared to participate fully in God's banquet. This complex and unsettling parable invites our reflection on the nature of God's invitation and our response.

A STARK CONTRAST

The parable in today's Gospel is like a political cartoon or graphic novel. It uses exaggerations and odd plot twists to convey its message. There is little attempt to be "realistic." Jesus compares the rejection of him by the chief priests and elders to an outrageous imaginary scene. To its audience, it would be deeply offensive that anyone summoned to a royal wedding banquet would violently reject the invitation. This would indicate a full revolt against the king. The parable was a blunt accusation against the religious leaders.

In comparison, the people found on the streets who go to the banquet are like those who accepted Jesus during his ministry. They are the "unimportant" people who are surprisingly receptive to him. Matthew draws a stark contrast to accuse the priests and elders and to uplift ordinary people who recognize the presence of God in Jesus.

RECEIVING GOD'S JOY

The final scene introduces the unacceptably dressed banquet guest. Matthew is concerned here about the full readiness of those who accept God's invitation. A superficial assent or participation is not enough. God wants our whole selves invested here. Jesus' followers are to be prepared for the banquet, as suggested by the wedding garment. The meaning of the garment is not clearly explained. It's helpful to recall that a wedding banquet, then and now, is a profoundly joyous event. Being dressed appropriately means being ready to celebrate. Our hearts must be ready to receive God's joy.

Indeed, it can be difficult to be receptive to joy when we have been hurt in many ways during our lives. Our pain may cause us into close up, pulling away from others and away from God. It helps to remember that our God overflows with joy and is eager to share the fullness of joy with us. In our times of suffering, God actively invites us to receive this joy, and in turn to share it with others.

Upcoming Concert at St William

Who: Vox Dominici Chamber Choir under the Direction of Mr. Vince DiFrancesco.

When: SUNDAY, October 15, 2:00 p.m. Lower Church.

What: A Choral Performance featuring various classic liturgical pieces, including those with a traditional Marian focus. More details to follow.

Cost: Free will offering. All are welcome!

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

--St. Paul of the Cross



Don't Forget the Scrip Program!

Buying Scrip helps children in Catholic school.

For more information on the SCRIP program and a list of stores, visit www.presentationbvm.org/scrip or contact Evelyn Nicoletti (215.725.4248)

Let us Share the Journey

A Prayer for the Global Migration Campaign

Adonai, Lord and Master,
Many are the journeys your people have taken:
Abraham's journey led from fear to understanding;
Moses' journey led from bondage to liberty;
the disciples' journey led from death to new life.
Even today, your people journey—
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads,
searching for hope,
searching for opportunity,
searching for peace,
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey.
Yet too many times, I have heard your call,
and my feet have remained unmoved.
Continue to call me
beyond my comfort and into encounter.
And when I meet a companion on the road,
may we find you in each other's embrace.
Let us share the journey.

Amen.

Pray for our sick

Dot Aubrey	Annamarie O'Donnell
Alice Cirone	Denise Snyder
Patricia Cirone	Edward Ridings
Marie Comitale	Christopher Rodgers
John Dick	Elva Sifonte
Livia Genobel	Denise Snyder
Kevin Gibson	Gabriella Suzekely
Eric Grey	James Trainor
Kathy Kilroy	Iris Vazquez
Josephine Kohute	Guillermo Velasquez
Loretta LaBarge	Catherine Winsey
Kathleen Ann Nunnaly	

During the month of October,
remember to pray the rosary.



Here and There

Fall Craft Fair - Sunday Oct. 22 (9AM-3PM)

St. Matthew School, 3440 Cottman Ave.
Info: FOSMcraffair@gmail.com

Cardinal Dougherty HS Class of '67

50th reunion - Oct. 21, 2017

Contact: Bill Crean williamcrean@comcast.net

Annual Harvest Auction at Medical Mission Sisters

8400 Pine Road - November 12 (11:30AM-2:30PM)
Advance tickets \$10 purchase at Thrift Shop
215-745-7930

Archbishop Ryan High School Open House

Thursday, October 19 - 6:00 - 8:30PM
11201 Academy Road

Food Drive

Non -Perishable Food will be collected Oct. 28-29
to
to benefit St. Helen's Food Bank

Fall, 2017

Dear Parishioner,

With the coming of fall begins another parish year. It's also a time of tradition in the Archdiocese when the Annual Census/Stewardship (Block Collection) is taken.

The importance of this campaign is twofold: through the gathering of census information we can tailor our programs and ministries to suit the needs of our parish community and it also provides one of the single largest forms of income for the parish.

Please know that your generosity in the past has been appreciated and that your participation is important to the spiritual and financial success of our parish. As a wage earner, we ask that you continue to do your part.

Return your census information and stewardship donation using the enclosed envelope in the Sunday collection basket or by mail. Again, we ask for your prayers and support for the success of this annual appeal. We pray the Lord will bless you in your endeavors.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Al

Middle School Parking Lot

Parking is available for church on Saturday evening and Sunday masses. Please use designated parking places.

Parking Monday - Friday, 6:45 AM to 4:30 PM is reserved for **School ONLY**.

12 Noon Weekday Mass

Please use Rising Sun and side streets for parking.

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingo: 10:00-10:20AM.
BAUTISMO: Coordina con Diácono Felipe o Hna. Rosa
 2º Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 PM: **Charla**
 3º Domingo del mes a la 1:00 PM: **Bautismo**
Visitas y Comunión a los ENFERMOS y ANCIANOS:
 Consulta con Padre Al. Asistente: Ida Jiménez
CÍRCULO de ORACIÓN: Los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el sótano de la Rectoría.
ROSARIO: Están invitados a rezar el Rosario cada domingo a las 10:00, antes de la Misa.

PREP: grados 1 - 7
 Clases: los martes, 6:15 - 7:45 PM
Confirmación
 High School Confirmation: Sundays at 9:15 in the convent
 PREP Confirmation: los domingos a las 11:45 en la rectoría
SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS:
 Charlas los domingos: 9:00-10:15 en la rectoría

2 CONCIERTOS hoy día, domingo, 15 de octubre:

Vox Dominici Chamber Choir:

2:00 pm: Iglesia St. William

Benéfico Puerto Rico:

5:00 pm: \$20 : ASPIRA: 6301 N 2nd St

Monaguillos: Reunión: 19 de oct., a las 6:00 pm, en la Iglesia

OCTUBRE: Mes de Misión

El Papa Francisco nos llama a transformarnos a una Iglesia misionera, a una comunidad de discípulos misioneros.
 Reciban a nuestros misioneros en sus hogares, durante el mes de octubre; los visitarán para compartir la Buena Nueva entre ustedes.

Homenaje al Señor de los Milagros

Domingo, 29 de Octubre
 Misa y Procesión: 1:00 PM



Taller de Catequesis: Oficina central: 222 N. 17th St
 Los lunes: 23, 30 de oct / 6 de nov: 6:00pm-9:00 pm
 Información: 215-667-2820

Clases de INGLES

- Northeast Free Library: 2228 Cottman Ave.
Los miércoles: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Lawncrest Free Library: 6098 Rising Sun Ave.
Los jueves: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Banco de Alimentos de Sta. Helena

Lleva una bolsa para asistir a los necesitados. Gracias.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Llamar United Social Services: 215-923-1900

DOMINGO 28 - TIEMPO ORDINARIO.

"EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS SE PARECE A UN REY QUE CELEBRABA LA BODA DE SU HIJO".

La experiencia universal del banquete es muy rica en todas las culturas y encuentra también un puesto importante en la Biblia. El profeta Isaías anunció: "el Señor preparará un festín de manjares suculentos". El banquete y la boda en la Biblia son símbolos de amistad, comunión y felicidad. Estos valores se encuentran en el Reino de Dios. Nosotros buscamos esto por otros caminos y otras formas de felicidad. Nuestras formas de felicidad no coinciden con las de Dios. Esta parábola representa el drama de la llamada de Dios a nosotros. Nos invita a sentarnos con El a la mesa pero nosotros seguimos desoyendo y rechazando la invitación del Señor. Esto puede estar pasando aún hoy día con muchos de nosotros. Jesús nos dice: " muchos son los llamados y pocos los escogidos"! Perdona, Señor, que muchas veces no aceptemos tu llamada y tu invitación a participar de tu banquete. Concédenos tu gracia para disfrutar de tu amistad y de la alegría de tu fiesta.

Compartamos el Viaje

Una oración por la Campaña mundial de migración

Adonai, Señor y Maestro,
 Muchos son los viajes que tu pueblo ha realizado:
 el viaje de Abraham lo levó del miedo al entendimiento;
 el viaje de Moisés lo condujo de la esclavitud a la libertad;
 el viaje de los discípulos lo llevó de la muerte a la nueva vida.
 Incluso hoy, el viaje de tu pueblo—
 inmigrantes y refugiados, peregrinos y nómadas,
 buscando la esperanza,
 buscando oportunidades,
 buscando la paz,
 buscando por ti.
 Señor, sé que yo también estoy llamado a viajar.
 Sin embargo, demasiadas veces, he escuchado tu llamado,
 y mis pies han permanecido inmóviles.
 Sigue llamándome más allá de mi comodidad y hacia el encuentro
 Y cuando me encuentre con un compañero en el camino,
 que podamos encontrarte en el abrazo del otro.
 Compartamos el viaje.
 Amén.

La INMIGRACIÓN:

Se termina el programa de DACA. No sea estafado.

- Consulte con un abogado.
- No vaya con un notario.
- Llamar: Servicios Sociales Católicos: 215-854-7019
- Localizar un abogado acreditado: cliniclegal.org/directory

Consultas sobre la INMIGRACIÓN

HIAS:
 2100 Arch St. 3rd floor 215-832-0900

Servicios Sociales Católicos:
 222 N. 17th St. 215-854-7004

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