

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia



December 29, 2019

Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish Serves all those who come to the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We profess our Catholic Faith, minister to others and welcome all, as founded on the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
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The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in Basilica

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (lunch break 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019

*“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” COL 3: 15A, 16A*



Mass Intentions for the week



Dec. 28, Saturday, The Holy Innocents Martyrs

12:05 Christmas Mass Remembrance
5:15 Danielle Paolucci

Dec. 29 Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galipo & Grecco Family
11:00 Brabazon & Bursillo Families
12:30 Luis & Aura Hurtado
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dec. 30, Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:15 Madeline Sommons
12:05 Robert Shaeffer

Dec. 31, Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:15 Michael J. Cesario
12:05 Lauren Tereshko - White
5:15 Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

12 AM - Midnight
Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
8:00 For the People of the Parish
10:00 Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
12 Noon Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

Jan. 2, Thursday, St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:15 Linda J. Bialka
12:05 Shauna Dioscon

Jan. 3, Friday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 Mary Kobb
12:05 Suzanne Homel

Jan. 4 Saturday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 Sarah L. Kaiser
5:15 Leon & Lidia Rachuta

Jan. 5, Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Antonio & Maddelene Leone
11:00 Patricia McVaugh
12:30 Epifanio de Jesús, Sr.
6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Christmas Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This Feast takes place within our eight day celebration of the Nativity of the Lord and provides an additional reflection on the great Gift of the Birth of Jesus in the world and in us. This is the Collect for Mass for the Feast:

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

We see in the Holy Family people like ourselves—our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph—caught in the wonder of the Word made flesh. They are full of faith in the saving goodness of God the Father with the Birth of his Son. I encourage you to pray the Collect for Mass today for your family and all families that the Holy Family will be truly a “shining example” and that “we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life.” Take a moment to visit and pray at the Nativity Scene in the Basilica, asking the heavenly help of the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

This Wednesday, January 1, 2020, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation and brings to a conclusion the eight day celebration of Christmas Day. The Mass schedule is printed elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin. I do want to highlight one of the Holy Day celebrations, the Midnight Mass on January 1. Our Cathedral Parish Young Adult Group, along with other Center City young adult groups, are coordinating this celebration. There will be a Holy Hour at 11:00 PM on December 31, 2019, Mass for the New Year at Midnight, and a reception in Drexel Hall following Mass. All are welcome to this Holy Day celebration to honor Mary, the Mother of God, and to ask our Heavenly Father’s blessings on 2020.

You may have noticed recently throughout the Parish Bulletin you are instructed to “click here” or “view flyer.” If you go on-line at the Cathedral website, you can see all of this additional information to the Parish Bulletin.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially during Christmas.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes

Friday, January 3, 2019

12:35 PM to 1:30 PM

Cathedral Chapel

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after 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 11:30AM

El Santísimo Sacramento será expuesto para adoración después de la Misa de las 12:05 pm el 1er viernes de cada mes a partir de las 11:30 am en la Capilla de la Catedral. Confesiones en inglés a las 11am. Por favor ven a adorar al Señor.

“Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Living a Moral Life The First Commandment

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 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 Parish Office, 215-561-1313 or email Edward Specht at cathedralreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Dec. 29 Legion of Mary Meeting, APC, 12:45PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM

Dec. 31 There will be no Gospel Reflection

Jan. 1 *Happy New Year!*

Jan. 2 There will be no Catechetical Session

Jan. 3 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,

Centennial celebration of a life Given for Life

The Sisters of Life will host an Evening of Prayer at the Cathedral on the occasion of the **100th Birthday** of their founder, John Cardinal O'Connor, on **January 15, 2020.**

Holy Hour with Music at 6:00 PM

Mass at 7:00 PM

Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop McIntyre

Location: Cathedral Basilica SS Petr & Paul
1723 Race St. Phila, PA 19103

Everyone is welcome!

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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.

The offertory collection for Sunday 12/15/19 was :

First Collection: \$7, 998.50

Second Collection: \$1, 288.00

The offertory collection for Sunday **12/22/2019** will be posted on a future edition of the parish bulletin

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: Michael McCann , Caroline Brennan, Samuel Pollino, Mark Terry, Terry Dynako, Dave Dynako, Anthony Ferraro, Charlotte McLaughlin, Rose McKenna, Mary Jo D'Ortone, Amanda Razzano, Steve Cook, Corbin M. Schindler, Gloria Quici, James Pinto, 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 llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas

La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de Santos Pedro y Pablo

La Parroquia Catedral sirve a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia como una comunidad católica romana vibrante en el centro de la ciudad. Profesamos nuestra fe católica, servimos a los demás y damos la bienvenida a todos tal cual está escrito en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los Sacramentos de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, Abril 5, 2016*

EVENTOS DE INTERES

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español January 26, 2019— 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 inscribirse 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.

NOCHE JUVENIL HISPANA

Fechas: 4 de Enero, 2020
1 de Febrero, 2020
7 de Marzo, 2020

St. Joachim Church
1527 Church St. Phila, PA 19124

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos
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Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

La Voz de Dios en las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos

Es un programa dinámico e interactivo que promueve la fe en los oyentes a través de diálogo, música y oración.

Sale al aire cada domingo por las estaciones:

WEMG Mega 1310 AM el domingo a las 10:30 a.m. (Condados de Filadelfia y Camden); **WISP 1570 AM** a las 4:00 p.m.

(Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, y parte del Condado de Filadelfia).

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es la fiesta de Navidad de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Esta fiesta se lleva a cabo dentro de nuestra celebración de ocho días de la Natividad del Señor y proporciona una reflexión adicional sobre el gran don del nacimiento de Jesús en el mundo y en nosotros. Esta es la oración colecta para esta misa:

Señor Dios, que te dignaste dejarnos el más perfecto ejemplo en la Sagrada Familia de tu Hijo, concédenos benignamente que, imitando sus virtudes domésticas y los lazos de caridad que la unió, podemos gozar de la eterna recompensa en la alegría de tu casa.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Vemos en la Sagrada Familia a personas como nosotros, nuestra Santísima Madre y San José, atrapados en la maravilla de la Palabra hecha carne. Están llenos de fe en la bondad salvadora de Dios el Padre con el nacimiento de su Hijo. Les animo a rezar hoy la Colecta para la Misa por su familia y todas las familias para que la Sagrada Familia sea realmente un "ejemplo brillante" y que "podamos imitarlos al practicar las virtudes de la vida familiar". Tómese un momento para visitar y rezar en el Nacimiento de la Basílica, pidiendo la ayuda celestial de la Sagrada Familia. Jesús, María y José, ¡rueda por nosotros!

Este miércoles 1 de enero de 2020, la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, es un Día de Precepto y concluye la celebración de los ocho días del día de Navidad. El horario de misas está impreso en otra parte del Boletín Parroquial. Quiero destacar una de las celebraciones del Día Santo, la Misa de medianoche del 1 de enero. Nuestro grupo de jóvenes adultos de la Parroquia de la Catedral, junto con otros grupos de jóvenes adultos de Center City, están coordinando esta celebración. Habrá una Hora Santa a las 11:00 PM el 31 de diciembre de 2019, Misa para el Año Nuevo a la medianoche y una recepción en el Salón Drexel después de la Misa. Todos son bienvenidos a esta santa celebración para honrar a María, la Madre de Dios y pedir las bendiciones de nuestro Padre Celestial en 2020.

Es posible que haya notado recientemente en todo el Boletín Parroquial que se le indica que "haga clic aquí" o "vea el volante". Si ingresa en línea en el sitio web de la Catedral, puede ver toda esta información adicional en el Boletín Parroquial.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados en el vecindario de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Si es posible, utilice la posibilidad en línea de hacer su oferta semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente durante la Navidad.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY 2020

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,
January 1, 2020
A Holy Day of Obligation



Tuesday, *New Year's Eve*, December 31, 2019
5:15 PM Vigil Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Wednesday, *New Year's Day*, January 1, 2020
12 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica
8:00 AM Mass,
10:00 AM Mass,
and 12 Noon Solemn Mass in the Basilica

There is no evening Mass.

CARING FOR FRIENDS AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Caring 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 *Caring 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 *Caring 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 afflynt@yahoo.com. You must first register with *Caring For Friends* to deliver meals. *Caring for Friends* encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith makes outreach to Catholics affected by divorce and separation. We offer free on-line support meetings once a month offering prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teaching and accompaniment by the foundation. Do you know someone who would benefit from these services? Learn more about the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation at www.nonnatus.org. There is a Helpful Resources page on the site. Contact info: director.srnf@gmail.com, 215-870-9913. Feel free to reach out with a prayer request or to schedule to speak with a priest by phone.

FROM THE OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS
Sunday, January 5, 2020



HeedTheCall.org/HolyHour
For Locations and Times

As we look to 2020, we once again invite the faithful of the Archdiocese to gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; praying for those men whom God is inviting to follow him and also in thanksgiving for His faithfulness. These Holy Hours will be held on **Sunday, January 5th** – the Feast of St. John Neumann. St. John Neumann's unconditional love of the Blessed Sacrament inspired a resurgence of hope and with his intercession, we pray that the Archdiocese will be strengthened in hope.

There are currently 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese hosting a Holy Hour on Sunday, January 5th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Susan Matour, Associate Director, at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org. *Additionally, if your parish is interested in hosting a Holy Hour, please contact the Vocation Office as soon as possible.*

[View List of Parishes](#)

January 5, 2020



Pray for Vocations

PARISHES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA WILL GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

SEE HEEDTHECALL.ORG/HOLYHOUR FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS



VOCATION OFFICE 2020
SCHEDULED BY THE
OFFICE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Join us in a **Mass for those suffering** from addiction. All are invited.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford Street
Bridgeport, PA 19405
(formerly Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)
Parking available behind the church.

Celebrant
Fr. David Ousley
Saturday, January 18, 2020
11:00 AM

Healing blessing offered after Mass.
Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Liturgy and Church Music

Sunday, January 5, 2020
12:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Presenters: **Fr. Dennis Gill and
Mr. Mark Loria**

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center,
Room 1307

**Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided
during the Tea Break.*

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MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual **March for Life** in Washington, DC is
Friday, **January 24th**.

Details regarding the bus trip with the Philadelphia
Chapter KofC will become available at a later time.
Consider going with us.

The cost is \$35 per person.

For our council members and their families, the cost
is only \$20 per person, with the remaining \$15 being
picked up by our council. Boxed lunch is included.

There will be a pit stop for breakfast and recitation
of the holy rosary.

Contact Guy Vacca at mgvacca@verizon.net if
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EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

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Tours of the Cathedral Basilica

A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after
the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass (except on 1st
Sunday starting October).**

Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the
Sacred Heart, which is located to the
right of the Main Sanctuary.



EVANGELIZATION

Jesus' Disciples of Today

Many of us may well recall the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican who went up to the temple to pray. We were drawn to the humility of the Publican who humbly asked God for mercy, as contrasted with the Pharisee who bragged about his own holiness and virtue. (Luke 18: 9-14). We can use this story to get a picture of why this particular Publican might be so contrite. As a publican, he was a tax collector and in most cases, born as a Jew. It was known by many that these publicans, not only collected taxes for the Roman occupiers, but cheated the Jewish people by charging more than they actually owed and kept this money for themselves. This was the case of St. Matthew known then as Levi, and we know that, in spite of or because of this, Jesus called him to follow Him, regardless of his occupation, even though Levi was a “chief tax collector”. When Jesus called Matthew, he ran to his home and quickly prepared a feast for Jesus, the Pharisees, (who hated the Publicans) and the followers of Jesus, a gathering like no other.

Years later, we meet Matthew, the writer of our Gospel proclaimed this Liturgical year and the first Evangelist to appear in the New Testament. We may ask, why does his gospel have such a place of prominence? When we read his account of Jesus' life and mission this year, we may come to understand the great value his work has in the Scriptures of our Church. It is not the first gospel written, but one based on other sources. What we do come to see is his mission to proclaim the Divinity of Christ. After walking with Jesus and hearing about all that He had done, we see an Apostle whose heart had had a deep conversion. No longer did money mean anything to him, once he was became a disciple of Christ. His love for Our Lord took hold of his heart, and his ministry was to share that deep love with all, especially as one who connected the Savior, to those Prophets of the past, who announced his presence soon to come in time.

As we reflect on our Gospel accounts of Jesus this year according to St. Matthew, we are invited into Our Lord's life and mission as foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures, those known so well by Jesus himself. Matthew was Jewish through and through, and came to believe clearly in the Divinity of Jesus. He saw this truth over and over again as he read and re-read the holy words of the prophets. His message to his Jewish sisters and brothers who were now Christian, was to emphasize that the Messiah had indeed come, the one for whom they had long awaited. As an Apostle and Disciple, he clearly saw and believed:

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will
conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7:14

*May Saint Matthew the Evangelist and Disciple and Apostle, bless each of
us as we live out our lives for Jesus as His Disciples in these days,
especially as we celebrate His birth, His taking on of our humanity.*

Saint Matthew, pray for us!

*Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM
Pastoral Associate*