February 9, 2020

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
Rector and Pastor
Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus
Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Monsignor Louis A. D’Addezio
Reverend Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B.
Priests in Residence
Deacon Epifanio de Jesus
Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.
Pastoral Associate
Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I
Parish Evangelization
Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music
Mark Loria
Principal Organist
Edward J. Specht IV
Coordinator of Religious Education

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
- 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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
@CathedralPhila
info@cathedralphila.org

Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Holy Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus tells his disciples and all of us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. These are two amazing statements. We are not salt and light on our own nor apart from the Lord himself. Jesus is the true Salt and the real Light. He flavors the world with his saving Word and brightens all with his grace and power. Yet, as his disciples, he calls us to follow him as he teaches us his Word and fills us with his grace. We participate in his mission and become salt and light for others. What a duty! What a privilege! In a time when so many have chosen to be distant from Christ and his Church, perhaps our duty is more pressing and our privilege more compelling to reach out to others. All too easily we can be flat in our witness to Christ and hide the Light of Christ burning within us. If we truly believe, and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us commit to speaking the Gospel with our Christian example and invite others to turn anew to the Lord. May our celebration of the Holy Eucharist today prompt a new and genuine response to this Gospel instruction!

This Tuesday, February 11, 2020, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. Lourdes, France, a holy place where our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858, has also become over the years a place of pilgrimage for the sick, entrusting themselves to the provident intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Saint John Paul II established the Word Day of the Sick as an occasion to highlight the need to pray for the sick on the part of all and to seek the tender care of Mary from heaven for those who are sick. Pray for the sick, especially on Tuesday. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

All of us have the responsibility to insure that the sick, especially the seriously ill and those facing serious surgery, have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments. If you are seriously ill or facing surgery, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Additionally, all of us have the important responsibility to visit the sick. This corporal work of mercy puts the Gospel into action and can often be forgotten. As important as it is for the seriously ill to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, it is more important to insure that the dying receive Holy Communion, Holy Viaticum. The World Day of the Sick is the opportune occasion for these reminders.

Ash Wednesday is around the corner, February 26, 2020. Baskets will be at the entrances to the Basilica for the next two Sundays for your old blessed palm. This palm from last year’s Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will be burned for this year’s ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you do not bring your palm to church, please dispose of it carefully by burning it or burying it.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to archdiocesan collection for the care of the aging and infirm priests of the Archdiocese. 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 and the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you!
Father Dennis Gill
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 1/26/2020 was:
First Collection: $6, 114.00
Second Collection: $1, 314.00

The offertory collection for Sunday 02/02/2020 was:
First Collection: $7, 176.00
Second Collection: $1, 488.00

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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 registration.

Parishioners
If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has receive a sacrament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering 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.

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.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sixth Commandment
Sexual Morality

Thursday, February 13, 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

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Thursday, March 26, 2020
7-9 PM
Location
Cathedral Chapel
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:
Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Samuel Pollino, Mark Perry, Terry Dynako, Dave Dynako, Anthony Ferraro, Charlotte McLaughlin, Rose McKenna, Mary Jo D’Ortene, Amanda Rozzono, 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 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 INTERÉS

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Abril 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 más 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 al 215-561-1313.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

“Señor Jesús de la Divina Misericordia”, el 4to domingo de cada mes, después de la celebración de la Santa Misa en español

BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

CLICK HERE

SPANISH MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Sábado, Noviembre 14, 2020
9:30 AM—12:00 PM

Lugar
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las 6:30 AM

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario. En el Santo Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos y a todos nosotros que somos la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. Estas son dos declaraciones asombrosas. No somos sal y luz por nuestra cuenta ni aparte del Señor mismo. Jesús es la verdadera Sal y la verdadera Luz. Él le da sabor al mundo con su Palabra salvadora y lo ilumina con su gracia y poder. Sin embargo, como sus discípulos, nos llama a seguirlo mientras nos enseña su Palabra y nos llena de su gracia. Participamos en su misión y nos convertimos en sal y luz para los demás. ¿Qué deber! ¿Qué privilegio! En un momento en que muchos han optado por estar distantes de Cristo y su Iglesia,quizás nuestro deber sea más apremiante y nuestro privilegio más convincente para llegar a los demás. Con demasiada facilidad podemos ser planos en nuestro testimonio de Cristo y ocultar la Luz de Cristo que arde dentro de nosotros. Si realmente creemos, y con los dones del Espíritu Santo, comprométámonos a hablar el Evangelio con nuestro ejemplo cristiano e invitar a otros a volverse al Señor. ¡Que nuestra celebración de la Sagrada Eucaristía hoy provoque una respuesta nueva y genuina a esta instrucción del Evangelio!

Este martes 11 de febrero de 2020 es el Memorial de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y el Día Mundial de los Enfermos. Lourdes, Francia, un lugar sagrado donde nuestra Santísima Madre se apareció a Santa Bernadette en 1858, también se ha convertido con el paso de los años en un lugar de peregrinación para los enfermos, confiándose a la intercesión providencial de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. El Papa San Juan Pablo II estableció el Día Mundial de los Enfermos como una ocasión para resaltar la necesidad de rezar por los enfermos por parte de todos y buscar el cuidado terno de María del cielo para aquellos que están enfermos. Ore por los enfermos, especialmente los martes. Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, ruega por nosotros.

Todos tenemos la responsabilidad de asegurarnos de que los enfermos, especialmente los gravemente enfermos y los que se enfrentan a una cirugía grave, tengan la oportunidad de recibir los sacramentos. Si está gravemente enfermo o enfrenta una cirugía, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para organizar los sacramentos, especialmente el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos. Además, todos tenemos la importante responsabilidad de visitar a los enfermos. Esta obra de misericordia corporal pone el Evangelio en acción y a menudo puede ser olvidado. Tan importante como es para los enfermos graves recibir el Sacramento de los Enfermos, es más importante asegurarse de que los moribundos reciban la Sagrada Comunión, el Santo Viaticum. El Día Mundial de los Enfermos es la ocasión oportuna para estos recordatorios.

El Miércoles de Ceniza está a la vuelta de la esquina, el 26 de febrero de 2020. Las cenizas estarán en las entradas de la Basílica durante los próximos dos domingos para su vieja palma bendita. Esta palma del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor del año pasado será quemada por las cenizas de este año para el Miércoles de Ceniza. Si no lleva su palma a la iglesia, deséchela con cuidado quemándola o enterrándola.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a la colecta arquidiocesana para el cuidado de los sacerdotes ancianos y enfermos de la Arquidiócesis. 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 y la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

¡Dios te bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill
**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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. **Upcoming Baptisms:** March 1st, April 12th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th.

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 at 215-561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral. For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: [cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism](http://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism)

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**LEGION OF MARY**

Do you want to enrich your prayer life, learn more about your Catholic faith, develop close Catholic friendships and grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Then come to a Legion of Mary meeting, **Sundays, 12:45 PM in 13th floor of the Pastoral Center, behind the Cathedral (222 N. 17th St.).** The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include new parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor. info@cathedralphila.com

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**CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA**

Saturday, **February 15th at 7:30 pm**

Epiphany Singers will present “Sing me a love song”

A choral concert in honor of Valentine’s Day.

The concert will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, and a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Concerts at the Cathedral. Free parking is available in the Cathedral lot.

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**THE 12TH ANNUAL MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE**

**March 7, 2020**

**No Greater Love – Sacrifice Over Self**

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 12th Annual Man Up Philly Men’s Conference on March 7th at Neumann University. Speakers include Immaculee Ilibagiza, acclaimed speaker and author of Left to Tell surviving the Rwandan genocide, Brent Celek, former Eagles star tight end and Superbowl LII champion, Steve Bollman, Catholic speaker and founder of This Man is You, and back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez.

For more information and to register go to the website: [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com)

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10**

The writer unknowingly anticipates Matthew’s gospel scene of the last Judgment, when the kindly acts mentioned here are the basis for judging how well we treated the poor and oppressed in our lifetimes.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 2: 1-5**

Paul focuses on the crucified Christ in his preaching as he admits to his weakness and fear as a preacher. But he also tells them he relies on the power of God for his task, and that they should do the same when their newfound belief is challenged.

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16**

The two metaphors of salt and light make for good teaching aids for Jesus. They had a genuine importance in the daily lives of people in the ancient world. Salt remains a preservative, and light is still most precious in the darkness of the long night.

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**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish.

If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution-envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

Thank you!
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Registration for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion is due on Feb. 14. You can find Registration information and forms on the website of the Office for Divine Worship at http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/rite/

Please review all the information before registering.

To Register Online, please click here:

Catechumen
Candidate

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

CELEBRATING MARY’S YES!!!

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will join together to pray a Rosary for vocations, learn how to support and promote vocations, and ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary on her Feast Day! This includes YOU!

Doors open at 6:30 PM and the evening begins at 7:00 PM. To learn more about this initiative, contact the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at 610-667-5778 or visit HeedTheCall.org/RosaryRally

Parish and School List
View Flyer

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization

CLICK HERE

Mass for Persons with Disabilities

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Villanova University Pastoral Musicians will provide the liturgical music. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

For more details see the flyer

Saint Basil Academy will be offering a 7th-grade prep course to help students prepare for the high school entrance exams. These courses will cover reading, math and writing an excellent essay for high school scholarships. Students can come to register for one or all of the dates listed: Feb 29. The 7th grade Saint Basil Academy practice exam will be on Saturday, March 7th. Students can register at www.sbasilacademy.org. For more info contact Rachel McGonigle 215. 649 9083

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.

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia rejoices to have one of her own priests appointed to this ministry:

Msgr. Majoros will hear confessions on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

For more info, Click Here

The Ninth Patricians Meeting

The Spirituality of Katharine Drexel

Sunday, March 1, 2020
12:45 PM — 2:45 PM

Spiritual Director: Sister Patricia Downs, S.B.S.
Presenter: Mr. Michael Clymer*

Location:

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307
222 North 17th Street • Philadelphia, PA 19103
(Right behind the Cathedral)

*Mr. Michael Clymer is a parishioner and a sacristan at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Currently, he is a Theology teacher at Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls.

Flyer

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

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
3640 Schuylkill Road (Rt. 724), Spring City, PA 19475