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

February 23, 2020

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

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

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (lunch break 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313 • www.cathedralkathy.org • info@cathedralkathy.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel  https://www.saintkatharinendrexelshrine.com/
Dear Parishioners,

_This is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time._ Jesus continues to teach us this Sunday his way of life with another segment of his Sermon on the Mount. After instructing his followers and all of us in the Gospel to love our enemies, he then says, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). This is an astonishing commandment from the Lord. We know God is perfect. However, is perfection possible for us? Scripture scholars and commentators read these words of Christ in many different ways but generally come to the same conclusion about them. God is all holy, all perfect. It is possible with God’s help and grace for us to be holy as well, to seek a sinless way of life in fidelity to Jesus. This is our journey to perfection. With Lent around the corner, let us give every effort to strive for the perfection that Jesus asks of us.

_This Wednesday, February 26, 2020 is Ash Wednesday and begins Lent._ Please see the insert in today’s Parish Bulletin for important information for Ash Wednesday and Lent, especially here at the Cathedral Parish.

**MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

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_Blessed ashes are distributed at all Masses following the homily._

In addition to the celebration of Mass with the distribution of Ashes, there will be Celebrations of the Word of God and the distribution of Ashes in each of the nursing facilities within the parish boundaries on Ash Wednesday.

_Next Sunday, March 1, 2020, the catechumens and candidates for the Easter Sacraments here at the Cathedral Parish will participate in the 3:00 PM Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion in the Cathedral Basilica._ You are most welcome to join our catechumens and candidates for this important step in their pathway to the Easter Sacraments. With this rite, the Archbishop, with the local church, elects the catechumens to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and to make a good Lent. The candidates are encouraged, as already baptized Christians, to persevere during Lent with prayer and penance to prepare for the completion of their Christian Initiation with Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. Let us pray for all the catechumens and candidates for the Easter Sacraments throughout the Archdiocese.

_Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services. 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

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**Mass Intentions for the week**

**Feb. 22, Saturday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

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First Collection: $6,091.00
Second Collection (Aging Priests): $1,795.00
$858.00 - Aging Priests envelopes

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

On-going Conversion

Fasting

Thursday, February 27, 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

Reading I: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
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What’s Happening at the Parish

Outside the Liturgical Schedule

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CARING FOR FRIENDS

AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
Michael Celebre, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Samuel Pollino, Mark Perry, Terry Dynako, Dave Dynako, Anthony Ferraro, Charlotte McLaughlin, Rose McKenna, Mary Jo D’Ortone, 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.

Readings for Mass this Week

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

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REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Jesús continúa enseñándonos este domingo su forma de vida con otro segmento de su Sermón del Monte. Después de instruir a sus seguidores y a todos nosotros en el Evangelio a amar a nuestros enemigos, él dice: “Sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto” (Mateo 5:48). Este es un mandamiento asombroso del Señor. Sabemos que Dios es perfecto. Sin embargo, ¿es posible la perfección para nosotros? Los eruditos de las escrituras y los comentaristas leen estas palabras de Cristo de muchas maneras diferentes, pero generalmente llegan a la misma conclusión sobre ellas. Dios es todo santo, todo perfecto. Es posible con la ayuda y la gracia de Dios que también seamos santos, que busquemos un estilo de vida sin pecado en fidelidad a Jesús. Este es nuestro viaje a la perfección. Con la Cuaresma a la vuelta de la esquina, hagamos todo lo posible para luchar por la perfección que Jesús nos pide.

Este miércoles 26 de febrero de 2020 es Miércoles de Ceniza y comienza la Cuaresma. Consulte el inserto en el Boletín Parroquial de hoy para obtener información importante sobre el miércoles de ceniza y la Cuaresma, especialmente aquí en la Parroquia de la Catedral.

MISAS PARA EL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

7:15 AM en la capilla  
12:05 PM en la basílica  
12:35 PM en la capilla  
5:15 PM en la basílica

Las cenizas bendecidas serán distribuidas en todas las misas después de la homilía.

Además de la celebración de la misa con la distribución de cenizas, habrá celebraciones de la Palabra de Dios y la distribución de cenizas en cada uno de los centros de enfermería dentro de los límites de la parroquia el miércoles de ceniza.

El próximo domingo, 1 de marzo de 2020, los catecúmenos y candidatos para los Sacramentos de Pascua aquí en la Parroquia de la Catedral participarán en el Rito de Elección de las 3:00 PM y el Llamado a la Conversión Continua en la Basílica de la Catedral. Le invitamos a unirse a nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos para este importante paso en su camino hacia los Sacramentos de Pascua. Con este rito, el Arzobispo, con la iglesia local, elige los catecúmenos para ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual y para hacer una buena Cuaresma. Se alienta a los candidatos, como cristianos ya bautizados, a perseverar durante la Cuaresma con oración y penitencia para prepararse para completar su Iniciación Cristiana con la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía. Oremos por todos los catecúmenos y candidatos para los Sacramentos de Pascua en toda la Arquidiócesis.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta será dirigida a la colecta nacional de la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares. 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
**Gospel Reflection Gathering**

**When:** 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 25th  
**Where:** Neumann Room  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted, prayed and is tempted in the desert during a period of forty days and forty nights. What is he telling you as you prepare for Lent to begin?  
*Please come and bring a friend.*  
All are welcome.

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**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Adoración Eucarística el primer viernes del mes**  
**Friday, March 6, 2020**  
**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 11:30 AM.

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.”

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**TEXT TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH!**

Text at any time, especially for your Sunday Mass Offering.  
Please text Cathedral to 215-709-9955 and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.

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**2020 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**February 29 @ 11AM**  
Delaware & Philadelphia North

**February 29 @ 3PM**  
Bucks & Philadelphia South

**March 1 @ 3PM**  
Chester & Montgomery

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**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](http://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

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**Archdiocese of Philadelphia Men’s Spirituality**

**MAN UP PHILLY**  
**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! Parish Coffee Social! Join us!**  
After the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM Masses on February 23, 2020
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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 **5:30pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

For more info, [Click Here](#)

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization

CLICK HERE

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](#)

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

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

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

All are invited.

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

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**
**11:00 AM**

**Celebrant**
Rev. Charles R. O’Hara, Pastor

**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.

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Mark Your Calendars for the Seventh Annual Cassock Classic Ultimate Tournament!!

The Seminarians invite young adult groups and college/university ministries to participate in a one-day Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. This event is a great opportunity for young adults to mingle with their peers throughout the Archdiocese and beyond. It’s also a great opportunity to get to know the seminarians who are studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

The 2020 Cassock Classic will be held **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 AM and ends with Evening Prayer at approximately 5:00 PM. The cost is $15 per participant which includes a t-shirt and lunch. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2020.**

[View Flyer](#)

Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali invites you on a pilgrimage to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Central Europe. Explore Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, Altötting, and Munich September 17-27, 2020. For more information, please [click here](#).

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Saint Basil Academy

7th Grade Prep Course and Practice High School Exam

Cost: $75 ($50 for just the exam)

Prep Course **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at 8 AM

Practice Exam **Saturday, March 7**

Register at [stbasilacademy.org](#)

Please join Fr. Peter Cordeno, on a 10-day pilgrimage to Switzerland and northern Italy. Visit Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt, Lake Maggiore, Milan, Padua, and Venice; see the famous Black Madonna at Einsiedeln Abbey; view Da Vinci’s fresco of The Last Supper; venerate the relics of St. Anthony; and attend Mass at the historical San Marcos Cathedral. For more information contact Julie Mallak at [mallak@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mallak@cfl.rr.com) or 321-725-4374. The group will be departing from Philadelphia on American Airlines to Zurich.