Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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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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Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Solemnity is more popularly known by the Latin title, Corpus Christi. This liturgical commemoration recalls the faith of the Church manifested with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. On Holy Thursday, our Savior gave us the great Sacrament of his Holy Body and Blood, the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament is what takes place with the Eucharistic Prayer. As the priest takes the bread and chalice with wine into his hands and prays the words of Christ over them, we have the “memorial of the Passion” of the Redeemer. We enter into the Sacrifice of Christ as it is actually occurring in our time. This Sacrifice of our Savior gives to us his holy Body and Blood. When we receive Holy Communion, we eat and drink the very death and resurrection of Christ we are celebrating. Please take some time today to reflect on the great gift of Jesus to his Church, to each of us, in the Holy Eucharist. Let us pray that our faith in this wonderful Mystery will increase and our Christian lives will be more deeply rooted in this same Mystery.

The Collect for the Mass of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us a splendid summary of the Church’s faith and understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Consider making it a part of your prayers today and over the next few days.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Archbishop Nelson Perez ordained thirteen new deacons yesterday, June 13, 2020, in our Cathedral Basilica. Next Saturday, June 20, 2020, the Archbishop will ordain five new priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Ordination of Priests had been postponed from May 16, 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Ordination of Priests will be live streamed. Please see http://archphila.org/, for more information. Let us pray for these new deacons and priests.

Mark your calendars for the new date for the Cathedral Parish 2020 Keys and Sword Event on Friday, August 28, 2020. It was necessary for us to postpone this annual celebration from the end of June to the end of August due to COVID-19 restrictions. More information will follow about sponsorships and tickets for the event.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the religious education programs of the Cathedral Parish. Thank you for your support of our Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. I am so very grateful for your goodness and generosity, especially during these days of the pandemic.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill
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 received 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 ensure 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.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-

Theological Virtues
Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7:00 PM
Online Meeting

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

Live Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Click Here
Worship Aid

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine
Novena Brochure

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 06/7/20 was:
First Collection: $3,404.00
Second Collection: $487.00

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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.

Cooking for your family? Make a little extra for those in need, freeze it and bring it to the parish.
Meal trays are available in the side entrance to the Chapel. Frozen trays may be dropped off in the Sacristy before/after any weekend Mass.

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.

Click here to view the previous bulletin

Readings for Mass for this Week
Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

Gospel Reflection Gatherings
Our gatherings are suspended during June, July and August and will resume on the last Tuesday of September, the 29th.
All in the parish are invited to read the Gospel of Saint Matthew this summer.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
Ted Johnston, Joan Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Gunson, Sharon Becker, Alan Havelin, Patricia Horton, April de Matto, Stan Pollock, Joshua White, Barrett Weiller, Brenden Thomas McCulligan, Joseph Pinto, Jr., Frank and Joan Vara, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Mark Perry, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.
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Estimados feligreses,

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Esta solemnidad es conocida popularmente por el título latino, Corpus Christi. Esta conmemoración litúrgica recuerda la fe de la Iglesia manifestada con la Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo. El Jueves Santo, nuestro Salvador nos dio el gran Sacramento de su Santo Cuerpo y Sangre, el Sacramento de la Santísima Eucaristía. El Sacramento es lo que ocurre con la oración eucarística. Cuando el sacerdote toma el pan y el cálix con vino en sus manos y reza las palabras de Cristo sobre ellos, tenemos el "memorial de la Pasión" del Redentor. Entramos en el sacrificio de Cristo, ya que en realidad está ocurriendo en nuestro tiempo. Este sacrificio de nuestro Salvador nos da su santo Cuerpo y Sangre. Cuando recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, comemos y bebemos la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo que celebramos. Tóname un tiempo hoy para reflexionar sobre el gran regalo de Jesús a su Iglesia, a cada uno de nosotros, en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Oremos para que nuestra fe en este maravilloso Misterio aumente y nuestras vidas cristianas se arraiguen más profundamente en este mismo Misterio.

La oración Colecta para la Misa de la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo nos da un espléndido resumen de la fe y la comprensión de la Iglesia del Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Considere incluirlo en sus oraciones hoy y en los próximos días.

Señor nuestro Jesucristo, que en este admirable sacramento nos dejaste el memorial de tu pasión, concédenos venerar de tal modo los sagrados misterios de tu Cuerpo y de tu Sangre, que experimentemos continuamente en nosotros el fruto de tu redención. Tú que vives y reinas con el Padre en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y eres Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.


Marque sus calendarios para la nueva fecha del Evento de llaves y espadas 2020 de la Parroquia de la Catedral el viernes 28 de agosto de 2020. Fue necesario que pospusiéramos esta celebración anual desde finales de junio hasta finales de agosto debido a las restricciones de COVID-19. Seguirá más información sobre patrocinios y entradas para el evento.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección estará dirigida a los programas de educación religiosa de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia de la catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la Oficina de la Parroquia de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Por favor, visite http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días de la pandemia.

Dios te bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill
The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia

As we navigate the trying times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGP) is working to address the immediate needs of our faith community at every level. We understand that the suspension of public Masses has impacted parish communities directly in many ways. As a result, we have established the Parish Support Initiative in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Ways You Can Help

Parish Support Initiative Information
To donate to your parish through the Parish Support Initiative, please follow the link below.

**Click Here to Donate**

Emergency Relief Fund
CFGP’s Emergency Relief Fund is raising funds for local food pantries who are experiencing supply shortages due to COVID-19. 100% of your donation to this fund will go directly to the food pantries in need.

**Click Here to Donate**

Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat for Young Men in High School (Online!)

Mon, June 29 - Wed, July 2, 2020

High school men - incoming freshmen to graduated seniors are invited to join us for an awesome 3-day retreat experience from Monday, June 29th to Wednesday, July 1st.

- The Retreat will still be hosted by Fr. DeLacy, the Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and Deacons / Priests of the Archdiocese!
- There will still be great talks by the seminarians and awesome prayer experiences including Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration.
- There will still be great games and campers will still gather with friends for small group discussions.
- There will still be a great t-shirt (and mask!).

Full details and registration information at:
https://heedthecall.org/events/quo-vadis/

Current Directives Regarding the Sacraments during the COVID19 Restrictions

**Liturgical Directives for the Restricted “Yellow” Phase**

Archbishop Perez asked that all Archdiocesan parishes devote the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to prayer for peace and healing of the wound of racism and violence.

The Office for Divine Worship has prepared some suggested ways to observe this period:

**Click here for recommendations for the month of peace and healing**
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization
CLICK HERE,
or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

Zoom Presentation: Padre Pio and Pandemics
June 16 at 7:00 PM
In the current COVID-19 pandemic, the faithful have been turning to St. Padre Pio — one of the world’s most prayed to saints — for healing. But did you know that Padre Pio’s ministry was directly connected to our last great worldwide pandemic, the Spanish Flu? In honor of the anniversary of Padre Pio's canonization on June 16, join West Chester University professor and anthropologist, Dr. Michael A. Di Giovine, for a discussion on the connection between St. Pio's stigmata, the pressures of his early popularity, and the Spanish flu. He will also talk about St. Pio’s devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, to whom he turned when stricken with illness. Dr. Di Giovine, a parishioner of SS Peter and Paul Parish who has conducted decades of research on the saint, will also pray with us for St. Pio’s blessing through one of his relics.

How to join: To access the meeting, you need to download the Zoom app on your computer or smartphone. After you do that, just click on the link below at the time of the event.
The meeting ID and password are also included if you need it.
Join Zoom Meeting: wcupa.zoom.us/j/971372...
(Meeting ID: 971 3728 1786; Password: 593969)

HOSTS for HOSPITALS
The Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, is reaching out to our community to help meet an urgent and growing need. At this time of the Coronavirus, a large number of patients with critical medical situations still must travel to town for non-elective, out-patient care: families with sick children; adult and pediatric oncology patients; pregnant moms with medical complications are among those who do not have a lodging option. Most importantly, the Ronald McDonald Houses are no longer accepting new families, and the Hope Family Lodge for cancer patients will have closed by March 27, with 30-plus patients who were at this facility being forced to leave. For 20 years the Greater Philadelphia non-profit HOSTS for HOSPITALS has provided lodging and support at volunteer Host-homes for patients and their families who travel here for specialized medical care. HOSTS for HOSPITALS now asks that anyone with a private, furnished lodging setting contact them to potentially help patient-families in need: homes, apartments, AirBnBs, in-law suites or other spaces that adhere to social distancing.

If you know of such a resource please contact Executive Director, Mike Aichenbaum at 484-380-2999, or lodging@hostsforhospitals.org. (HostsforHospitals.org).

Eucharistic Congress
October 9-10, 2020

For more info, please go to: http://archphila.org/eucharistic-congress/

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All parishes, religious communities, and religious institutions were also asked to make the resources on combating racism, in English and Spanish, from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as widely available as possible. These resources include parish bulletin inserts, pastoral aids and prayer resources. Please see the link: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/parish-resources-on-racism.cfm.