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

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 Santa 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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

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July 12, 2020

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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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 12, 2020

“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever”.
R. Alleluia, alleluia

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday we hear Jesus instruct us with the parable of the sower (see Matthew 13: 1-23) in the Holy Gospel. The seed that is sown is the saving Word of God, the Word that brings us happiness in this life and leads us to eternal life. The parable obligates us as followers of Christ to have hearts ready to receive the Word so that it can bear fruit in our Christian lives.

What does this mean? The Word of God is Jesus, the Son of God, spoken to us by his Father with the breath of the Holy Spirit. The Sacred Scriptures, inspired by the Holy Spirit, are the texts of all that the Father wants us to know from his Son through the Church. As we listen, as we read, the Sacred Scriptures, we encounter the living Word. This encounter requires faith in the Word, a readiness to make it our own and live by it, and to have confidence in its unfailing truth. The Word of God leads us to turn away from sin and to turn to God’s ways. A heart that is ready to receive the Word of God is a heart ready and open to receive Jesus. I encourage you to read the Bible in your home regularly. I encourage you as you hear the Biblical Readings at Holy Mass to do so with ears attentive to the voice of God himself. In his way, the seed of the Word sown in your heart indeed will bear much fruit.

This Thursday, July 16, 2020, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This midsummer commemoration of our Blessed Mother is another reminder of how Mary is always near to us and ready to come to our aid. The Collect for the Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel beautifully illustrates this thought:

May the venerable intercession
of the glorious Virgin Mary
come to our aid, we pray, O Lord,
so that, fortified by her protection,
we may reach the mountain which is Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Sunday, July 19, 2020 Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States will invest Archbishop Nelson Perez with the Pallium. The Pallium is a garment worn around the neck of a Metropolitan Archbishop at Mass and signifies his unique relationship with the Holy Father in the shepherding care for a part of the Church. In the case of Archbishop Perez, he is the Metropolitan Archbishop for all the dioceses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This investiture will take place at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed through the website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, http://archphila.org/.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to liturgical music program 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 difficult days.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill, Rector
**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 07/5/20 was:

**First Collection:** $2,721.00

**Second Collection:** $516.00

Or go to: http://cathedralphila.org/donate/

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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**Catechetical Session for Adults**
- Adult faith formation-
*Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

**Thursday, July 23, 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

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**Reading I:** Isaiah 55: 10-11
This passage, which closes the so-called “Book of Comfort,” finds us hearing the Lord make a proclamation about how His Word operates. It never fails in attaining His purpose(s).

**Reading II:** Romans 8: 18-23
Through the Holy Spirit, we as Christians become God’s children, destined for eternal glory living with Him.

Jesus makes a definite appeal to a rural audience of workers. His parable of the sower contains an invitation to all His past and present hearers to reflect on it and make a self-application.

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**Live Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM**
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

[Click Here](https://vimeo.com/event/17522)

Worship Aid

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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Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

**Novena Brochure**

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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**Gospel Reflection Gatherings**

Our gatherings are **suspended** during 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.

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Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Gloria Quici, Timmy Mulvenna, Fran Murray, Ted Johnston, Joan Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Gunson, Sharon Becker, Alan Havelin, Patricia Horton, April de Matto, Stan Pollock, Joshua White, Barrett Weiler, Brenden Thomas McCulligan, Joseph Pinto, Jr., Frank and Joan Vara, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, 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.
REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el decimoquinto domingo del tiempo ordinario. En este domingo escuchamos a Jesús instruirnos con la parábola del sembrador (ver Mateo 13: 1-23) en el Santo Evangelio. La semilla que se siembra es la Palabra salvífica de Dios, la Palabra que nos trae felicidad en esta vida y nos lleva a la vida eterna. La parábola nos obliga como seguidores de Cristo a tener corazones listos para recibir la Palabra para que pueda dar fruto en nuestras vidas cristianas.

¿Qué significa esto? La Palabra de Dios es Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, que nos habló su Padre con el aliento del Espíritu Santo. Las Sagradas Escrituras, inspiradas por el Espíritu Santo, son los textos de todo lo que el Padre quiere que sepamos de su Hijo a través de la Iglesia. Mientras escuchamos, mientras leemos, las Sagradas Escrituras, nos encontramos con la Palabra viva. Este encuentro requiere fe en la Palabra, una disposición para hacerla nuestra y vivir de acuerdo con ella, y tener confianza en su verdad inagotable. La Palabra de Dios nos lleva a alejarnos del pecado y a los caminos de Dios. Un corazón que está listo para recibir la Palabra de Dios es un corazón listo y abierto para recibir a Jesús. Te animo a leer la Biblia en tu casa regularmente. Los aliento a escuchar las Lecturas Bíblicas en la Santa Misa para que lo hagan con los oídos atentos a la voz de Dios mismo. A su manera, la semilla de la Palabra sembrada en tu corazón dará mucho fruto.

Este jueves 16 de julio de 2020 es el Memorial de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. Esta conmemoración de verano de nuestra Santísima Madre es otro recordatorio de cómo María siempre está cerca de nosotros y lista para ayudarnos. La Oración Colecta para la Misa de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo ilustra bellamente este pensamiento:

Concédenos, Señor, la ponderosa intercesión de la gloriosa Virgen María, nuestra Señora del Carmen, para que, con la ayuda de su protección, podamos llegar hasta el monte de la salvación, que es Cristo. Él, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

El próximo domingo 19 de julio de 2020, el arzobispo Christophe Pierre, el nuncio apostólico de los Estados Unidos, invertirá al arzobispo Nelson Pérez con el palio. El Palio es una prenda que se usa alrededor del cuello de un arzobispo metropolitano en la misa y significa su relación única con el Santo Padre en el cuidado pastoral de una parte de la Iglesia. En el caso del arzobispo Pérez, él es el arzobispo metropolitano de todas las diócesis de la Comunidad de Pensilvania (Commonwealth de Pennsylvania por sus siglas en inglés). Esta investidura se llevará a cabo en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. La Misa también se transmitirá en vivo a través del sitio web de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia, http://archphila.org/.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección estará dirigida al programa de música litúrgica 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 dar electrónicamente. Ver http://cathedrophila.org/donate/. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
Virtual Reading Group for High School Men, St. Augustine’s Confessions
July 13-17, 2020, 3:00-5:00 PM

High school men (incoming juniors to graduated seniors) are invited to gather daily to discover the richness of The Confessions of St. Augustine. Discussions will be led by Archbishop Nelson Perez, as well as invited guest professors. The group will conclude each daily session with Evening Prayer. Due to the generosity of our donors, there is no registration fee for this program, but registration is limited to the first 25 men. All participants will be mailed a copy of The Confessions.

Sponsored by: The Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program
For more information about this program and to register, please visit HeedtheCall.org/PCSP.

Victorious, a Virtual Retreat for Women
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Retreat consists of six (6) virtual sessions (held live) over zoom video conference, beginning Tuesday July 28 and ending Tuesday Sept 1st. Father Steve DeLacy will kick off the retreat with an opening talk on Tuesday July 28. Our retreat focuses on: claiming Christ’s victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears and crowning Christ as the Victorious King of our hearts!

Retreat Leaders: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden
More info: Find all the details and register here: youaremadenew.com/vict...

Nourish for Caregivers “House Calls”

During these uncertain times, Nourish For Caregivers will continue to foster community for caregivers in the privacy and safety of your own home through Nourish “House Calls”. Our mission is to bring hope and encouragement to those who feel hopeless and helpless in the face of this viral epidemic. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. We hope you will join us as well as share this information with other caregivers who may benefit from these shared experiences. Each call will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants.

Tuesdays 11:00 am and 9:00 pm
Thursdays 11:00 am and 9:00 pm

Visit this website for log-in information: https://page.co/j05Km

Can you help clean our church?

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at: 215-561-1313

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, or go to: https://www.thecfgp.org/donate/parish-support-initiative/

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

The Arise Podcast: One Man’s Journey

From a Doctor to Priest (Part 3)

Click HERE

https://soundcloud.com/catholic-philly/the-arise-podcast
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization

CLICK HERE,
or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

Eucharistic Congress
October 9-10, 2020

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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Event: Virtual study for moms of 
"The Bible and the Virgin Mary"

Journey with area moms as we delve into discovering Our Blessed Mother and the role she has played throughout sacred scripture. Using the beloved series "The Bible and the Virgin Mary," that can be found on Formed.org, we will virtually discuss each session of this twelve part series. This series is sponsored by St. Pius X in Broomall, Nativity BVM in Media and Visitation BVM in Trooper.

More information: Email Sarah Albanese at sarah.albanese@gmail.com for the Zoom link and for more info.

View the flyer

Save Our City's Children with Archbishop Perez
Saturday, July 25, 2020 - 8 AM

Join us as we unite in prayer with our new Archbishop to uphold the sanctity of life!

Location: 8 AM Mass at the Cathedral Chapel followed by an ecumenical prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood on 12th & Locust.

More information: View the flyer, or go to: http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Prayer-Vigil-4-1.pdf

Caring 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.

Padre Pio and Pandemics
Presented by Michael A. Di Giove

Video Presentation: Watch it HERE, or go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcAPRo2092Y&t=5s

Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 5:15 pm
Where: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will be celebrating, in particular, those couples marking their 5 year, 25 year and 50 year wedding anniversary milestones.

Friends and Family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To RSVP go to www.phillycatholiclife.org or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.
For more details see the flyer or to rsvp click here.

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.

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.