

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



July 12, 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
Priest 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

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**

The Cathedral Shop is closed until further notice.
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 
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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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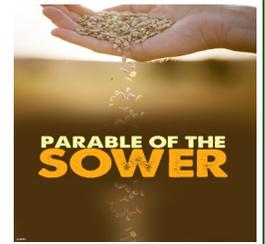
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MASS Intentions

July 11, Saturday

St. Benedict, Abbot

12:05 Leonorda Checchia
5:15 Robert Patrick Clarke

July 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intentions of Libby Murray
11:00 John and Jane Miglionico
12:30 Marcelino y Santa Rojas
6:30 Michael Fitzpatrick

July 13, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Mr. and Mrs.
Michael Zubert
12:05 Digna and Dina Cambromero

July 14, Tuesday

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin**

7:15 Lawrence Boersig
12:05 Elizabeth Bright

July 15, Wednesday

**St. Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

7:15 Dale Bryon
12:05 Elise Senior

July 16, Thursday, Weekday

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:15 Mary Gillard
12:05 Michael E. Land

July 17, Friday, Weekday

7:15 James J. Clearkin, Jr.
12:05 Dr. John J.F. Holmes

July 18, Saturday, Weekday

St. Carnillus de Lellis

12:05 James A. Roache
5:15 Gene Janda

July 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Alessandro Lavarone
11:00 Bernadette Kelly
12:30 Luz Rodríguez
6:30 Raymond McCullough

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

TODAY'S READINGS

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.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23, or 13:1-9

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.



Live Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

[Click Here,](#)

or go to:

<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.

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

[Novena Brochure](#)

<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf>

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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

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.

Awesome faith formation at your fingertips!

Subscribe to this exciting online platform, which can be streamed to your TV or mobile device, To register go to www.FORMED.org. Type in our parish code, 07854f.

[Click here](#) to view the previous bulletin

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

[Click Here to Donate](#)

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

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:

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 Weiller, 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.

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 Julio 26, 2020— 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 al 215-561-1313.

Misa Televisada en Español

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

[La Santa Misa Grabada en línea](#)

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#),

or go to:

<http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/July-Julio-2020.pdf>

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://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

2020

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ENCUENTRO VIRTUAL JUVENIL

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AUSPICIADO POR LA OFICINA PARA CATÓLICOS HISPANOS Y EL COMITÉ JUVENIL HISPANO

**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**



BAPTISM PREP

Parents who are expecting a child or who are getting ready to have their baby baptized, may attend the Baptism Prep session on the 3rd Sunday of July, the 19th by way of **Zoom**.

Please register for this session with Sister Mary Marta at the rectory (215-561-1313). Sister will then pass word onto the couple who conduct the session, Roxanne and Ray Nepomuceno. Your registration is most important.

**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



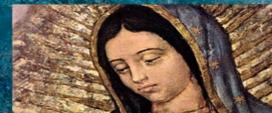
Emergency Relief Fund

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.



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JULY AND AUGUST ROSARY SCHEDULE



Rosary Campaign Prayer Group
Mondays at 8 PM in English
Thursdays at 8 PM in Spanish
Family Rosary in English
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 PM

VISIT WWW.PHILLYEVANG/ROSARY FOR THE ZOOM LINKS
OUR LAST VIRTUAL ROSARY IS AUGUST 15TH

"...THERE IS NO PROBLEM, AS DIFFICULT AS IT MAY BE, THAT WE CANNOT RESOLVE AT THIS TIME BY PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY." - SR. LUCIA OF FATIMA

**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/>

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

October 9-10, 2020



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

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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>

THE ARISE PODCAST: ONE MAN'S JOURNEY FROM A DOCTOR TO PRIEST (PART 3)

[Click HERE](#)

<https://soundcloud.com/catholic-philly/the-arise-podcast-from-doctor->



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.

Padre Pio and Pandemics Presented by Michael A. Di Giovine

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.

