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

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/
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Holy Gospel for this Sunday (Mt 11:25-30) offers a much needed invitation to all of us.

Come to me, all you who labor are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light (Mt 11: 28-30).

These have been very difficult days for many and in many different ways. The difficulties are not only those associated with COVID-19. They also include the unrest in the country and in our city. The list goes on! In the midst of all of it we hear Lord speaking to each of us, inviting us, to come to him who holds the promise of peace, of rest, of tranquility. He does not place any more on us. Rather, he takes from us what burdens us with the support of his love and grace. I encourage you to bring to the loving Heart of Christ all that worries and concerns you. Bringing these burdens to him does make them disappear. Bringing them to him reminds us rather clearly that he is with us and carries them for us. Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

The traditional Novena of Prayers to Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins on July 8 and concludes on her feast, July 16. I mention this Novena, which takes place at the Carmelite Monastery of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Anne, 1400 66th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19126, to highlight several groups of Cloistered Nuns in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For this Novena, devotions begin at 6:30 PM followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 PM at the Monastery Chapel. The Carmelites for many years have offered participation in this Novena to everyone as one of their many services. In addition to the Carmelites, the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (also known as the Pink Sisters because of the rose color of their religious habits and our neighbors on 22nd and Green Streets, Philadelphia), the Poor Clares, the Visitation Nuns and the Good Shepherd Contemplative Sisters have a significant presence in the Archdiocese. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Plans are underway for our fall sessions for Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in being a parish sponsor for one of our adult candidates, please contact the Parish Office, 215-561-1313. The parish sponsor does not need to be an expert in the knowledge of the Faith. Rather, the parish sponsor is someone who guides, who mentors, the candidate on the journey to follow Jesus faithfully in his Church.

Please mark your calendars for the new date for the Cathedral Parish 2020 Keys and Sword Event on Friday, August 28, 2020. More information will follow about sponsorships and tickets for this event.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood 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
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact Edward Specht, Coordinator of Religious Education at: cathedralreligiouseducation@gmail.com

HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND
Please remember to bring your food donations for St. John’s Hospice. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
God bless you

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.

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-
Cardinal Virtues
Thursday, July 9, 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
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 06/28/20 was:
First Collection: $2,872.00
Second Collection: $916.00
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 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.

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO
Oficina para Católicos Hispanos
CLICK HERE,

Misa Televisada en Español
En UNIVISION 65 - Todos los domingos a las 6:30 AM
La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

Sacramento de la Reconciliación
Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el decimocuarto domingo del tiempo ordinario. El Santo Evangelio para este domingo (Mt 11: 25-30) ofrece una invitación muy necesaria para todos nosotros.

Vengan a mi los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas, y yo los aliviaré. Carguen con mi yugo y aprendan de mí, que soy paciente y humilde de corazón, y sus almas encontrarán descanso. Pues mi yugo es suave y mi carga liviana. (Mt 11: 28-30).

Estos han sido días muy difíciles para muchos y de muchas maneras diferentes. Las dificultades no son solo las asociadas con COVID-19. También incluyen los disturbios en el país y en nuestra ciudad. ¡La lista continua! En medio de todo esto, escuchamos al Señor que nos habla a cada uno de nosotros, invitándonos, a venir a aquel que tiene la promesa de paz, descanso y tranquilidad. Él no nos coloca en esa posición. Más bien, nos quita la carga con el apoyo de su amor y gracia. Te animo a que traigas al amoroso Corazón de Cristo todos tus miedos y preocupaciones. Traerle estas cargas las hace desaparecer. Traerlos a él nos recuerda con bastante claridad que él está con nosotros y los carga por nosotros. Vengan a mí los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas, y yo los aliviaré.

La tradicional Novena de Oraciones a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo comienza el 8 de julio y concluye en su fiesta, el 16 de julio. Menciona esta Novena, que tiene lugar en el Monasterio Carmelita de Jesús, María, José y Ana, 1400 66th Avenue, Filadelfia, Pensilvania, 19126, para destacar varios grupos de Monjas enclaustradas en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Para esta Novena, las devociones comienzan a las 6:30 p.m. Seguidas de la Santa Misa a las 7:00 p.m. En la Capilla del Monasterio. Los Carmelitas durante muchos años han ofrecido participación en esta Novena a todos como uno de sus muchos servicios. Además de las Carmelitas, las Hermanas de Adoración del Espíritu Santo (también conocidas como las Pink Sisters por el color rosa de sus hábitos religiosos y nuestros vecinos en las calles 22 y Green, Filadelfia), las Poor Clares, las Monjas de las Visitas y Las Hermanas contemplativas del Buen Pastor tienen una presencia significativa en la Arquidiócesis. Recordemoslas en nuestras oraciones.

Hay planes en marcha para nuestras sesiones de otoño para la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Si está interesado (a) en ser padrino o madrina de la parroquia para uno de nuestros candidatos adultos, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Parroquia al 215-561-1313. El padrino o la madrina de la parroquia no necesita ser un experto en el conocimiento de la fe. Más bien, el padrino o la madrina de la parroquia es alguien que guía, que es mentor del candidato en el viaje para seguir a Jesús fielmente en su fe. Más bien, la madrina de la parroquia no necesita ser un experto en el conocimiento de la fe. Más bien, el padrino o la madrina de la parroquia es alguien que guía, que es mentor del candidato en el viaje para seguir a Jesús fielmente en su fe. Más bien, la madrina de la parroquia no necesita ser un experto en el conocimiento de la fe. Más bien, el padrino o la madrina de la parroquia es alguien que guía, que es mentor del candidato en el viaje para seguir a Jesús fielmente en su fe. Más bien, la madrina de la parroquia no necesita ser un experto en el conocimiento de la fe. Más bien, el padrino o la madrina de la parroquia es alguien que guía, que es mentor del candidato en el viaje para seguir a Jesús fielmente en su fe.

Marque sus calendarios para la nueva fecha del Evento de Llaves y Espadas de la Parroquia de la Catedral 2020 el viernes 28 de agosto de 2020. Más adelante recibirá información sobre patrocinios y entradas para este evento.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados en el vecindario 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://cathedralphiladelphia.org/donate/. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
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]

The Cathedral Parish Community congratulates the families of the following children who were recently baptized in our Basilica:

- Clark Ileto Patterson
- Olava Winter-Bolaños
- Wynter Arya Morris
- Seraphina Rohlfing

We pray, that as members of Christ's body, you may always walk as children of the Light of Christ.

**Victorious, a virtual retreat for women.**

**You Are Made New Ministry** is hosting a 6-session virtual retreat focused on claiming Christ’s victory over our identity and our worthiness, claiming His authority over lies and fears, and crowning Him as the Victorious King of our hearts! Retreat leaders include: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden. Learn more and register: www.YouAreMadeNew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.

**TALKING POINTS FOR THE OPEN "GREEN" PHASE**

- **Cathedral Ambassadors**
  - The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica every day of the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. Cathedral Ambassadors are assigned 4 hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a Cathedral Ambassador, please contact Martha Ortiz, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

- **JULY AND AUGUST ROSARY SCHEDULE**
  - Rosary Campaign Prayer Group
    - Mondays at 8 PM in English
    - Thursdays at 8 PM in Spanish
    - Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 PM
  - Visit www.phillyevang/rosary-for-the-zoom-links
  - Our last virtual rosary is August 14th.

- **Formation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
  - Watch Father Dennis Gill’s presentation at St. Norbert’s Parish at http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/workshops/

- **Exciting news from the Vatican as the USCCB released the following today regarding the new Directory for Catechesis.**
  - As the Catholic Church embarks on the mission of teaching the Christian faith, the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization has released a new Directory for Catechesis on June 25, 2020. The Directory is available at http://store.usccb.org/directory-for-catechesis-p/7-669.htm

- **Young Adult Group**
  - If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group’s events please e-mail us youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com. Please search for our Facebook page: Young Adults at the Cathedral.

- **PRACTICAL LOGISTICS FOR THE OPEN "GREEN" PHASE**
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

A VIRTUAL READING GROUP

We are excited that our third annual Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program will look different than past years — thanks to the pandemic — but it will not be canceled! We remain committed to offering high school men an opportunity to learn more about the rich intellectual and spiritual tradition of the Catholic Church, to invite them into a conversation with the great men and women who formed our Church and helped to hand on the faith that we have received.

This year, PCSP will be a virtual reading group from 3:00 to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, beginning July 13th. For more info visit: https://philadelphiacatholicscholars.org/pcsp-2020

LOOKING AHEAD…

Please note that these events, especially those during the summer, are tentative depending on developments related to the COVID19 restrictions. We share them with you so that you can note the dates.

Biking for Vocations - August 5-9, 2020

Unbound Priests' Retreat, August 17-21, 2020

Can you help clean our church?

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

Podcasts for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Families in Crisis.
Two podcasts are being offered through the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith.

Podcast for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation
The First Tuesday of each month, 8 – 9 p.m. Eastern

Podcast for Families in Crisis.
The Last Thursday of each month, 8 – 9 p.m. Eastern

Both podcasts are available on YouTube, Facebook, Podbean app, and Tune In app.
Subscribe to the “Philly Nonnatus” YouTube channel, and on Podbean and Tune In subscribe to: “Patchwork Heart Ministry”.

More information go to the foundation website at www.Nonnatus.org, text or call 215-870-9913.

Called to Love: Theology of the Body Summer Course Online

Monday through Friday, July 13-17, 9:30-12:00 PM and 1:30-3:00 PM

Join us this summer for a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in John Paul II’s Theology of the Body! This short, one-week intensive course in our Continuing Education series studies his “Wednesday catechesis”— through an in-depth examination of the text and a discussion of his scriptural, theological, and philosophical methodology. It shows how the dual unity of man and woman and their interpersonal communion, even in the body, image divine trinitarian life.

Taught by: Faculty of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, DC

More information: The class fee is $150. Registration closes on July 1.

Registrations forms and more information can be found at https://www.johnpaulii.edu/events/view/called-to-love-theology-of-the-body-summer-intensive-course2

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.” Abraham Lincoln.

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.