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

July 19, 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 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 @Cathedral Phila

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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday again the Divine Teacher instructs us with parables in the Holy Gospel (see Matthew 13:24-23). The focus of the Lord this Sunday in his address to us is the kingdom of heaven. This term, the kingdom of heaven, has many layers of meaning as it is used in the Sacred Scriptures. The kingdom is not so much a place but an experience, an experience that begins with this life and continues into eternal life. The kingdom is the reign of Christ at work and alive in all those purchased for this kingdom by his death and resurrection. From the day of our Baptism, and renewed with every celebration of the Sacraments, especially with our regular reception of Holy Communion, we progressively enter more profoundly into our relationship with Christ as sons and daughters of the same Father with the divine life given and needed to live the Gospel fully. The Gospel fully lived within us and among us is the kingdom of heaven. The fullest realization of the Gospel perfectly lived will be for us in heaven when we be completely united with Jesus in eternal praise of our heavenly Father. The Gospel today calls us to nurture our life in the kingdom, to protect it, and to witness to it.

This Wednesday, July 22, is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. Usually when we first think of Saint Mary Magdalene, we recall her rather sinful life and the Lord’s generous forgiveness of her. While this is very much a part of the story of this New Testament Saint, the Sacred Liturgy has us focus on her privileged role as a witness to the resurrection of the Lord. We know our sins and seek the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord. All this is very good and to be encouraged strongly. However, it is only one side of discipleship—turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. The other side is to manifest the Risen Lord. Mary Magdalene, the forgiven sinner, was entrusted before all others to announce the great joy of the Resurrection. What does this mean for us? The world needs to hear about the Risen Lord—from each of us. The Risen Lord is announced by us above all by example and then by words. We do this when Christ is obviously at the center of our lives and directs our thoughts and actions. We do so when we are able to suggest this to others, especially when they are separated in their thoughts and actions from the Risen Lord. Let us ask the heavenly help of Saint Mary Magdalene to pray for us sinners and to help us to announce the Risen Lord. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

This Saturday, July 25, 2020, Archbishop Perez will offer Mass at 8:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel for the intention of the protection of human life in the womb. All are welcome to come to this Mass and to pray for this most important intention. The indifference to abortion, even among Christians, is a disturbing characteristic of our times. We need to increase our efforts on every level to restore the legal protection of human life from conception to natural death in our nation. Of the many efforts, prayer is most significant and is possible for all to do. Following Mass, there will be an ecumenical prayer vigil outside of Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust Streets. Let us also turn to our Blessed Mother Mary, especially with the Holy Rosary, to intercede for the protection of the unborn.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to summer maintenance expenses 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/. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom”. MT 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia

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**MASS Intentions**

**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 Rodriguez
6:30 Raymond McCullough

**July 20, Monday, Weekday**
St. Apollinaris
7:15 Genevieve Spinnraker
12:05 Michael F. Bennett

**July 21, Tuesday**
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
7:15 Margaret Schmidt
12:05 Ann Francis Pyne

**July 22, Wednesday**
St. Mary Magdalene
7:15 Anne (Nancy) Marie Fallon
12:05 Maddelena Leone

**July 23, Thursday, Weekday**
St. Bridget
7:15 Rose Heck
12:05 Elizabeth & Louis Carberry

**July 24, Friday, Weekday**
St. Sharbel Makhluf
7:15 Frank A. Scafidi
12:05 James Norris

**July 25, Saturday, Weekday**
St. James, Apostle
12:05 Ann Carol Janczewski
5:15 Allen Kimmel

**July 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 William J. Barnett, Sr.
11:00 Emma Manfre
12:30 Luz Rodriguez
6:30 Sally Hughes
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 07/12/20 was:

First Collection: $3,869.00
Second Collection: $721.00

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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

Baptism for Children

Cathedral Parish will return to celebrating Baptism on the First Sunday of each month, starting in September, on the 6th. It will follow then, that Baptisms will be celebrated on Oct. 4th and Nov. 1st. In December, we will have Baptisms on the 13th, given that the first Sunday will be the time when our parish will hold our annual 40 Hours Devotion.

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.

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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 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 están 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 INTERÉS

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:

INSTITUTO CATEQUÉTICO

*Las registraciones para los cursos de verano 2020 están abiertas:
Las clases comienzan el 1 de julio de 2020*

¡Presentamos clases en línea! Cursos ofrecidos: Antropología Cristiana Restímulos del Antiguo Testamento Fechas de clases 1 de julio – 31 de julio, 2020

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Estimados feligreses,

Este es el decimosexto domingo del tiempo ordinario. Este domingo nuevamente el Divino Maestro nos instruye con parábolas en el Santo Evangelio (ver Mateo 13: 24-23). El enfoque del Señor este domingo en su discurso para nosotros es el reino de los cielos. Este término, el reino de los cielos, tiene muchas capas de significado, ya que se usa en las Sagradas Escrituras. El reino no es tanto un lugar sino una experiencia, una experiencia que comienza con esta vida y continúa hasta la vida eterna. El reino es el reinado de Cristo en el trabajo y vivo en todos aquellos comprados para este reino por su muerte y resurrección. Desde el día de nuestro Bautismo, y renovado con cada celebración de los Sacramentos, especialmente con nuestra recepción regular de la Sagrada Comunión, progresivamente entramos más profundamente en nuestra relación con Cristo como hijos e hijas del mismo Padre con la vida divina dada y necesitada para vivir el Evangelio plenamente. El Evangelio vivido plenamente dentro de nosotros y entre nosotros es el reino de los cielos. La realización más completa del Evangelio perfectamente vivido será para nosotros en el cielo cuando estemos completamente unidos con Jesús en la alabanza eterna de nuestro Padre celestial. El Evangelio de hoy nos llama a nutrir nuestra vida en el reino, a protegerlo y a testificarlo.

Este miércoles 22 de julio es la fiesta de Santa María Magdalena. Por lo general, cuando pensamos por primera vez en Santa María Magdalena, recordamos su vida bastante pecaminosa y el generoso perdón del Señor hacia ella. Si bien esto forma parte de la historia de esta Santa del Nuevo Testamento, la Sagrada Liturgia nos hace centrarnos en su papel privilegiado como testigo de la resurrección del Señor. Conocemos nuestros pecados y buscamos la misericordia y el perdón del Señor. Todo esto es muy bueno y debe alentarse fuertemente. Sin embargo, es solo un lado del discípulado: apartarse del pecado y ser fiel al Evangelio. El otro lado es manifestar al Señor resucitado. María Magdalena, la pecadora perdonada, se encargó ante todos los demás para anunciar la gran alegría de la Resurrección. ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? El mundo necesita escuchar sobre el Señor resucitado, de cada uno de nosotros. El Señor Resucitado es anunciado por nosotros sobre todo con el ejemplo y luego con palabras. Hacemos esto cuando Cristo está obviamente en el centro de nuestras vidas y dirige nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Lo hacemos entonces cuando podemos sugerir esto a otros, especialmente cuando están separados en sus pensamientos y acciones del Señor Resucitado.Pidamos la ayuda celestial de Santa María Magdalena para orar por nosotros pecadores y para ayudarnos a anunciar al Señor resucitado. Santa María Magdalena, ¡ruega por nosotros!

Este sábado 25 de julio de 2020, el arzobispo Pérez ofrecerá misa a las 8:00 a.m. en la capilla de la catedral con la intención de proteger la vida humana en el útero. Todos somos bienvenidos a esta misa y oración por esta intención tan importante. La indiferencia al aborto, incluso entre los cristianos, es una característica inquietante de nuestros tiempos. Necesitamos aumentar nuestros esfuerzos en todos los niveles para restaurar la protección legal de la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural en nuestra nación. De los muchos esfuerzos, la oración es más significativa y es posible para todos. Después de la misa, habrá una vigilia ecuménica de oración fuera de Planned Parenthood en las calles 12 y Locust. Volvamos también a nuestra Santísima Madre María, especialmente con el Santo Rosario, para interceder por la protección de los no nacidos.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección se destinará a los gastos de mantenimiento de verano de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia de la catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas domínicas por correo a la Oficina de la Parroquia de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Ver http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral.

Dios te bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14-16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish. If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you.

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

**Communion for the Sick**

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ’s love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.

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**BAPTISM PREP**

Parents who are expecting a child or who are getting ready to have their baby baptized, may attend the Baptism Prep session August 16, 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.

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**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**

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**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/victorious

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**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-to-priest
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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.

HOST FOR HOSPITALS

The Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, is reaching out to our community to help meet an urgent and growing need. 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. At this time of the Coronavirus, a large number of patients with critical medical situations still must travel to town for both in-patient and 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. Local hospitals are receiving a growing number of patients as travel restrictions are being eased.

Hosts for Hospitals is in need of safe, private-setting lodging, unoccupied furnished homes or apartments, in-law suites, corporate apartments or AirBnbs. You can truly make an immediate difference in the lives of a family in need! If you know of such a resource please contact Executive Director, Mike Aichenbaum at 484-380-2999, or lodging@hostsforhospitals.org. (HostsforHospitals.org) Thank you!

LECTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Saint Joseph, Downingtown, PA
7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

WORKSHOP IN SPANISH for LECTIONISTS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, November 14, 2020
9:30 AM to Noon/12:05 PM Mass to follow
CATHEDRAL CHAPEL
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking available

To register, please EMAIL the workshop date, your name, and name of your parish using this link: worship@archphila.org

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.

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

Sonny Fabrizio
Fedorra Cynthia st jean
John Malton Stanford III
Maia Jen Capel

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

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

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.