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 PENCEANCE 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
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday again the Lord instructs us in the Holy Gospel about the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 13: 44-52). For the Lord, there is nothing of greater value for us than to be a part of his kingdom now and for all eternity. As I mentioned previously, the kingdom of heaven is the reign of Christ within us, among us and as it will be heaven. Is it possible to share now in the glory of Christ in this life as we will in all eternity? Yes, it is! Christ already lives in us with the reception of the Sacraments, especially with the Holy Eucharist. Ours is to acknowledge his divine life so generously shared with us, live from it and be a witness to it. This state of grace must be encouraged and protected by us as we pass through these times that are often at odds with it. I invite you to reread the Gospel from last Sunday as well as today’s to ponder a bit more on the treasure of the kingdom of heaven.

Next Sunday, August 2, 2020, we will mark the second anniversary of the translation of the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel from the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, to our Cathedral Basilica. I encouraged you to turn to Saint Katharine during these days of the lingering COVID-19 Pandemic. Ask her heavenly help to provide for those who are sick, living in fear, and so isolated due to the virus. Take some time to visit her tomb and pray at her tomb when possible. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

We have another seminarian from our Cathedral Parish, Stephen Parker. Many of you may know Stephen. He is a very active member of our Young Adult Group. He has also served the parish in so many ways, especially as an altar server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and as a catechist. He leaves his job here in Philadelphia next week and will begin his seminary formation for the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Florida, early next month. Stephen’s family is from Florida and so as part of his discernment for the Holy Priesthood he decided to return home. Selfishly, I wish he would have entered our Seminary. Stephen is a wonderful young man and, God willing, will be a wonderful priest. This brings the number to five for seminarians from our parish. We have another young man in the discernment program at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Let us keep these young men in our prayers!

As of this writing, we are still on for our Keys and Sword Event on the rescheduled date of Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Logan Hotel. Please see the Keys and Sword 2020 website, https://ksphila.org/about, for more information. Although our event will be different than in the past few years, it still promises to be a great occasion for the Cathedral Parish and for all those who attend. In addition to the dinner event, I encourage you to consider taking out an ad or being a sponsor. Thank you for whatever support you can give to the Cathedral Parish Keys and Sword Initiative 2020.

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/. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

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 07/12/20 was:

First Collection: $3,528.00
Second Collection: $599.00

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Fruits of the Holy Spirit-

Thursday, August 6, 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.

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

Novena Brochure

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THE ARISE PODCAST:
SPIRITUAL LESSONS FROM A PANDEMIC (PART 4)
Click HERE

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.

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.

TODAY’S READINGS

Reading I: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
In his dream, Solomon answers God’s gift offer by asking for “an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” God was pleased with that request.

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30
Through the Holy Spirit, the Christian becomes a child of God, being conformed to the Son’s image, and destined for justification and glory.

Jesus uses three parables to describe the kingdom of God. The wise person will learn from them, and seek the reign of God as he treasures it above all else.

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

Saints Quicci, 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 remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:

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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 INTERÉS

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español 
Octubre 25, 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

BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO
Oficina para Católicos Hispánicos
CLICK HERE.
or go to:
http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/

PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN VIVO VIA ZOOM
Clases - «Líderazo»
Miércoles; agosto 12, 19, 26; septiembre 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 de 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Formación enfocada en jóvenes y adultos jóvenes de 18 a 40 años de edad
• Introducción • El líder • El modelo de liderazgo de Jesús • Planificación
• Comunicación • Trabajo en equipo • Manejo de conflictos • Reuniones efectivas
Instructor: Reinaldo Pacheco

Para información acerca de la registración envíen un mensaje a
Blanca Nelys Herrera - bherrera@archphila.org

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el decimoséptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario. Este domingo nuevamente el Señor nos instruye en el Santo Evangelio sobre el reino de los cielos (ver Mateo 13: 44-52). Para el Señor, no hay nada de mayor valor para nosotros que ser parte de su reino ahora y por toda la eternidad. Como mencioné anteriormente, el reino de los cielos es el reino de Cristo dentro de nosotros, entre nosotros y como lo será el cielo. ¿Es posible compartir ahora la gloria de Cristo en esta vida como lo haremos en toda la eternidad? ¡Sí lo es! Cristo ya vive en nosotros con la recepción de los sacramentos, especialmente con la Sagrada Eucaristía. La nuestra es reconocer su vida divina tan generosamente compartida con nosotros, vivir de ella y ser testigo de ella. Este estado de gracia debe ser alentado y protegido por nosotros a medida que pasamos por estos tiempos que a menudo están en desacuerdo con él. Los invito a releer el Evangelio del domingo pasado y el de hoy para reflexionar un poco más sobre el tesoro del reino de los cielos.

El próximo domingo 2 de agosto de 2020, celebraremos el segundo aniversario del traslado de los restos sagrados de Santa Katharine Drexel de la Casa Madre de las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento en Bensalem, Pensilvania, a nuestra Basílica Catedral. Te animé a que recurriéramos a Santa Katharine durante estos días de la prolongada pandemia COVID-19. Pídele su ayuda celestial para ayudar a aquéllos que están enfermos, viviendo con miedo y tan aislados debido al virus. Tómate un tiempo para visitar su tumba y rezar ante ella cuando sea posible. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ¡púégua por nosotros! 

Tenemos otro seminarista de nuestra parroquia de la catedral, Stephen Parker. Muchos de ustedes pueden conocer a Stephen. Es un miembro muy activo de nuestro grupo de jóvenes adultos. También ha servido a la parroquia de muchas maneras, especialmente como monaguillo, ministro extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión y como catequista. Él deja su trabajo aquí en Filadelfia la próxima semana y comenzará su formación en el seminario para la Diócesis de San Agustín, Florida, a principios del próximo mes. La familia de Stephen es de Florida y, como parte de su discernimiento para el Sacerdocio, decidió regresar a casa. Egoístamente, desearía que hubiera entrado en nuestro Seminario. Stephen es un joven maravilloso y, si Dios quiere, será un sacerdote maravilloso. Esto eleva el número a cinco para los seminaristas de nuestra parroquia. Tenemos otro joven en el programa de discernimiento en el Seminario San Carlos Borromeo. ¡Mantengamos a estos jóvenes en nuestras oraciones!

Al momento de escribir este artículo, todavía tenemos nuestro evento de Keys y Sword en la fecha reprogramada del viernes 28 de agosto de 2020 en el Hotel Logan. Consulte el sitio web Keys y Sword 2020, https://ksphila.org/about, para obtener más información. Aunque nuestro evento será diferente al de los últimos años, todavía promete ser una gran ocasión para la Parroquia de la Catedral y para todos los que asistan. Además del evento de la cena, el evento será diferente al de los últimos años, todavía promete ser una gran ocasión para la Parroquia de la Catedral y para todos los que asistan. El próximo domingo, la segunda colección estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados en la vecindad de la Parroquia de la Catedral. 

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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... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Click here to view the previous bulletin

Can you help clean our church?

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

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...

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.

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.

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

Olivia Rose Heinisch
Owen Reinhard Heinisch
Otto Ryan Heinisch
Michaela McMenamin

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

Social Distancing and Hospitality

You may be surprised when you enter and leave the Basilica and the Chapel that you may be greeted but not handed any worship materials. Whatever you will need for the celebration of the Mass will be placed in a near-by area for you to pick up. This is one more way to avoid contamination and to assure you that you are the only one touching this material, except the one who printed it. Likewise, we ask you to pick up the Parish Bulletin on the way out as you leave. We thank you for your attention to this personal responsibility; our Parish Greeters will point these out to you, for your convenience.

Caring For Friends

Caring For Friends is a non-profit organization that seeks volunteers to prepare meals in their homes and/or to deliver food for those unable to prepare their own meals. These prepared meals are a tremendous service to the elderly and disabled who cannot afford their meals or have difficulty getting to the food store. Please consider helping Caring For Friends by picking up the meal trays in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. These trays are located next to the Caring For Friends freezer with further instructions in Chapel Hall.

Please return prepared meals any weekday between 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM or Sunday mornings during the Mass times. If you are interested in taking meals to the homebound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact Mr. Steve Schiavone, by phone (215-464-2224) or email steve@caringforfriends.org. You must first register with Caring For Friends to deliver meals.

Caring for Friends encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.

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. Questions? Email Carmin de Jesus at epi.dejesusjr@gmail.com; caringforfriends.org.
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization

CLICK HERE,

or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

How to View, Discuss and Act Towards Racism as a Catholic: A Virtual Event
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 7:30-8:30 PM

How can we live more authentically as the true Body of Christ in our parishes?
Join local Catholic women from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for an evening of discussion on how to address racism through the lens of Catholic teaching.
Panelists: Sr. John Mary, Sisters of Life; Udochi Ekwerike, parishioner from St. Cyprian Parish in Philadelphia; Connie McCalla, parishioner from St. Raymond’s Parish in Philadelphia; Sarah Albanese, Communications Assistant for the Office for the New Evangelization
More information: View the flyer; For more details and registration, visit phillyevang.org/racism

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.

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

Upcoming Arise Webinars
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Webinar: Arise Updates and Clarifications for the Green Phase
Join us for a webinar where we will discuss our current status in the Open “Green” Phase of parish re-opening. Topics include:
• Reminders and clarifications about current directives and the need to maintain mitigation practices
• Update on sacramental celebrations for the Fall
• Recommendations for non-liturgical parish ministries and meetings
• Resources available to assist parishes with the restoration process
Time for Q&A
If you cannot attend the webinar live, please register and a recording will be emailed to you.

Webinar hosts: Fr. Dennis Gill, Office for Divine Worship and Meghan Cokceley, Office for the New Evangelization
Click here to register: us02web.zoom.us/webinar...

Biking for Vocations
Wednesday August 5-9, 2020

In August, 2019, a group of seminarians completed a biking pilgrimage throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to bring awareness of vocations. In August 2020, two more groups of seminarians will take to the roads and traverse the Archdiocese as they spread awareness that God is still calling men to the priesthood! Details on the 2020 pilgrimage will be shared as they become available. In the interim, below are updates from last year’s pilgrimage.
More info: Visit heedthecall.org/biking... for more info and the follow the journey!

Unbound Priests' Retreat
August 17-21, 2020

Learn a simple, gentle approach to pray with your parishioners to be free of their burdens. Receive personal ministry. Connect with other priests who use or want to use UNBOUND ministry in pastoral care.
Location: Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA
More info: View the flyer

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).

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.