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

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

August 9, 2020

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (only during the Summer) (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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel for this Sunday provides a timely exhortation from the Lord. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid (Matthew 14: 27).” Jesus is addressing the disciples who are fearful because of the stormy weather tossing about their boat. The boat of our lives—which includes so many aspects and dimensions—seems to be tossed about by so many storms of late, especially with the impact of the virus. This brings about much fear for many of us. This fear leads to all kinds of upset, confusion and disorientation. We need to allow our fear, all our fears, to be steadied by the confident embrace of the Lord for each of us. We belong to him and he belongs us. He never abandons us. Let us take courage these days in the Lord who makes our fear occasions of deeper faith.

This Saturday, August 15, 2020 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This summer Holy Day fills us with the hope that what is Mary’s eternal glory may one day come to each of us as well in the death and resurrection of her Divine Son. As we look forward to celebrating this great Solemnity, we turn to Mary, our Mother assumed into Heaven, and bring to her the many prayers that we have for an end to the Coronavirus and for all those whose lives have been so devastated by the effects of the virus. Masses for the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Friday, August 14, with the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass and on Saturday, August 15, with the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses in the Chapel. On Saturday, August 15, there will also be a 10:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form in the Cathedral Basilica. The Holy Rosary will be prayed after the 7:15 AM Mass on Saturday at the Queen of Apostles Garden behind the Basilica.

You may remember that this time last year our parishioner, Emma Dickinson, entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Emma was an active member of our parish as part of the Young Adult Group, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and a parish sponsor for our Christian Initiation community among other things. Earlier this month, Emma became a novice and received the holy habit and her religious name, Sister Clara Marie. This is a great blessing for our parish! Please keep Sister Clara Marie in your prayers. You may want to see the website for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, https://www.franciscansisterscfrr.com/.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a vital organization within the Parish. We are fortunate to have a fine group of parishioners making up this Council to advise me in a great number of ways to be faithful to our mission as a Center City parish and the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am extremely grateful to the Council. Each year we elect new members for the Council to replace those whose terms expire. This fall Antonia Pughese as well as Chris and Sofia Trueax complete their terms representing a senior member and married couple, respectively, on the Council. Thank you so very much Antonia, Chris and Sofia for your great service. If you or you know someone in the parish that would be a good fit for these two positions—senior member and married couple, please let me know at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. 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
**Gospel Reflection Gatherings**

Our gatherings are suspended during 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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**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.

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**Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine**

**Novena Brochure**


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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), or go to: [https://vimeo.com/event/17522](https://vimeo.com/event/17522)

**Worship Aid**

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**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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**Readings for Mass for this Week**

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

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**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 08/3/20 was:

**First Collection:** $3,473.00  
**Second Collection:** $822.00

Or go to: [http://cathedralphila.org/donate/](http://cathedralphila.org/donate/)

*Thank you very much for your generous financial support!*

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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 Matteo, Stan Pollock, Joshua White, Barrett Weiller, Brenden Thomas McCulligan, Joseph Pinto, Jr., 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

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**EVENTOS DE INTERES**

**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**

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**BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO**

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos


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**La Voz de Dios en las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos**

Es un programa dinámico e interactivo que promueve la fe en los oyentes a través de diálogo, música y oración.

Sale al aire cada domingo por las estaciones: WEMG Mega 1310 AM el domingo a las 10:30 a.m. (Condados de Filipelvia y Camden); WISP 1570 AM a las 4:00 p.m. (Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, y parte del Condado de Filadelfia).

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**Novena en preparación para el Solemnidad de la Asunción de María**

Del 6 al 14 de agosto del 2020

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**Estimados feligreses,**

**Este es el decimonoveno domingo del tiempo ordinario. El Evangelio para este domingo proporciona una exhortación oportuna del Señor. “Tranquilicense y no teman. Soy yo (Mateo 14:27)”. Jesús se dirige a los discípulos que tienen miedo debido al clima tormentoso que se agita en su bote. El barco de nuestras vidas, que incluye tantos aspectos y dimensiones, parece ser sacudido por tantas tormentas en los últimos tiempos, especialmente con el impacto del virus. Esto provoca mucho miedo para muchos de nosotros. Este miedo conduce a todo tipo de malestar, confusión y desorientación. Necesitamos permitir que nuestro miedo, todos nuestros miedos, sean sostenidos por el abrazo seguro del Señor para cada uno de nosotros. Le pertenecemos a Él y Él nos pertenece a nosotros. Él nunca nos abandona. Tomemos coraje en estos días en el Señor que hace de nuestro miedo ocasiones de fe más profunda.**

**Este sábado 15 de agosto de 2020 es la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María. Este día de precepto en el verano nos llena de la esperanza de que lo que es la gloria eterna de María algún día nos llegue también a cada uno de nosotros en la muerte y resurrección de su Divino Hijo. Mientras esperamos celebrar esta gran solemnidad, nos volvemos hacia María, nuestra Madre asumida al cielo, y le traemos las muchas oraciones que tenemos para poner fin al Coronavirus y para todos aquellos cuyas vidas han sido tan devastadas por los efectos del virus. Las misas por la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María serán el viernes 14 de agosto, con la Misa de Vigilia a las 5:15 PM y el sábado 15 de agosto, con las Misas a las 7:15 AM y 12:05 PM en la Capilla. El sábado 15 de agosto, también habrá una Misa Solemne a las 10:00 AM en forma extraordinaria en la Basílica de la Catedral. El Santo Rosario se rezará después de la Misa de las 7:15 AM el sábado en el Jardín de la Reina de los Apóstoles detrás de la Basílica.**

**Quizás recuerden que esta vez el año pasado nuestra feligrés, Emma Dickinson, ingresó a las Hermanas Franciscanas de la Renovación. Emma era un miembro activo de nuestra parroquia como parte del Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos, una Ministra Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, una patrocinadora de la parroquia para nuestra comunidad de Iniciación Cristiana, entre otras cosas. A principios de este mes, Emma se convirtió en novicia y recibió el hábito sagrado y su nombre religioso, Hermana Clara Marie. ¡Esta es una gran bendición para nuestra parroquia! Por favor mantenga a la Hermana Clara Marie en sus oraciones. Es posible que desee ver el sitio web de las Hermanas Franciscanas de la Renovación, https://www.franciscansisterscf.com/.**

**El Consejo Pastoral Parroquial es una organización vital dentro de la Parroquia. Somos afortunados de tener un excelente grupo de feligreses que forman este Consejo para que me asesoren de muchas maneras para ser fieles a nuestra misión como parroquia del centro de la ciudad y la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Estoy extremadamente agradecido al Consejo. Cada año elegimos nuevos miembros para el Consejo para reemplazar a aquellos cuyos términos expiran. Este año, Antonia Pugliese y Chris y Sofía Trueax completan sus términos representando a un miembro adulto (senior adult) y una pareja casada, respectivamente, en el Consejo. Muchas gracias Antonia, Chris y Sofía por su gran servicio. Si usted conoce a alguien en la parroquia que sería una buena opción para estos dos puestos: miembro adulto y pareja casada, por favor hágamelo saber en fr.dgill@archphila.org.**

**El próximo domingo, la segunda colección será dirigida a la colección nacional de la Universidad Católica de América, Washington, DC. 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. 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
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.

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/

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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.

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

FOR YOUR INTEREST: Readings at Mass

If you don’t have a the missalette with you, just place your cell phone's camera to this QR Code to have today’s reading.

Novena in Preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

August 6-14, 2020

Inmaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heavens where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you. We are confident that you watch over our daily lives and we ask that you intercede for us now.

[Mention your requests here, including the petition for an end of the coronavirus pandemic]

We are comforted by our faith in the coming resurrection and we look to you for prayers and comfort. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen.

If possible, pray the Rosary each day of the Novena.

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Prayer from: https://www.notredameonmar.com/assumption-novena

The Sacrament of Baptism

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality. Upcoming Baptisms: September 6, 2020.

A Baptism Preparation Session takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office at 215–561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

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.

Caring for Friends

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization
CLICK HERE,
or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

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.

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

Math Teacher – Merion Mercy Academy
Please visit our school’s website for complete details and qualifications for this position, www.merion-mercy.com.
Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter and statement of educational philosophy along with three professional references to Valerie Prucnal, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs at vprucnal@merion-mercy.com.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Volunteers Needed
St. Francis Xavier parish could use catechists, classroom aides and substitutes. Children from the Cathedral Parish attend St. Francis PREP.
If you have time on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:40, love to work with children, looking for a way to share your time and talents with your parish community and looking for a opportunity to teach the faith this may be for you. All volunteers should be actively practicing and living out their Catholic Faith. Volunteers will need to complete the following:

Clearances
Pennsylvania State Police Clearance (There is no charge for this clearance for volunteers.)
Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (There is no charge for this clearance for volunteers.)
Read the Mandated Reporter Brochure sign and return the Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form

Training
Part I: Protecting God’s Children (instructor-led and can be taken through a live class beginning in August) is offered regularly at sites throughout the Archdiocese. The training provides basic facts about child sexual abuse and adults’ roles in prevention.
Part II: The Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse (online) is available online at our Training Institute in English and Spanish. This training provides an overview of Archdiocesan reporting procedures for suspected child abuse and Pennsylvania Child Welfare Laws. The training should take you approximately one hour to complete.
Please email us at cathedralrelisiouseducation@gmail.com if interested.

PREP/CCD
All School Aged Parish Children, in grades 1-8, attend Religious Education classes at St. Francis Xavier School, Wednesday Evenings from 6:30PM- 7:40PM. The address is 641 N. 24th St. Philadelphia, PA. Please check the Bulletin and online (http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/rechildren/ ) for the most up to date information regarding registration dates and times and fees for the 2020-2021 PREP year. Our registration form can be accessed online at: http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/rechildren/.

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