**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*

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**Parish Office Hours:**

**Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel**

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul**

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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**August 16, 2020**

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**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

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**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

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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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel this Sunday provides another invitation to believe, to have faith (see Matthew 15: 21-28). Faith has many different meanings. It can mean belief in God. It can mean belief in all that God reveals to us through his Son and his Church. It can also mean something quite personal and unique such as our belief in God with whom we have a relationship, a confident relationship. This type of faith flows from all that has been revealed and allows us to see all that has been revealed as necessary for our salvation. I encourage you to take an inventory of your personal relationship God. Is it at the root of all you do and think? Is it a source of joy and encouragement? Hearing and reading the Gospel for this Sunday should prompt all of us to desire a deeper and more intimate faith in God, trusting in his provident love for us.

In just a few weeks, we will resume our weekly Thursday evening catechetical sessions which are intended primarily for the adults in our community seeking Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The first session will be on Thursday, September 17, 2020, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Neumann Room, directly behind the Cathedral Basilica. If you are already a fully initiated member of the Church and the catechetical topic interests you, please come. Everyone is welcome! If you are an adult with a desire to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact Ken Bradley, ken.bradley@cathedralre.org. We already have a number of adults ready to join us for our first session. Also, we are always in need of parish sponsors—or mentors—for these adults seeking the Sacraments. If this important and good work interests you, please contact me at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

Our Parish Keys and Sword Event has been cancelled for August 28, 2020. You must like already received information about this through an email. I regret that we had to make this decision. When we postponed it from June to August, it looked promising that we might be able to come together for another successful and enjoyable evening for the Cathedral Parish. Precautions surrounding the pandemic required its cancellation. However, we will have a virtual celebration. Please see the Cathedral website for more information, http://cathedralphila.org. I am so grateful to so many who have already shown their generous support for this year’s event. Even without the wonderful dinner this year, we hope to raise significant funds for the support of the Cathedral Parish. Please considering being a part of our virtual event!

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the summer utilities 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
The Cathedral Parish Community congratulates the families of the following children who were recently baptized in our Basilica:

Maeve Ophelia Bane, Nicholas Wolf Breiding, Milan Alarcon Rivera & Michael Theodore Alexander Roman

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

**BAPTISM PREP**

Come September, Baptism PREP sessions will once again be held on the 3rd Sunday each month in the Basilica at 12:30 in the pew area near the Baptismal Font. All persons planning to attend the PREP session must register with Sister Mary Marta at the rectory by calling: 215-561-1313.

**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

**Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine**

Novena Brochure


Baptism for Children

Come September, all Baptisms will be celebrated on the FIRST Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM, except in December, when this will happen December 13th.

All Children to be baptized are to be registered with Sister Eleanor McCann by calling the rectory office on Tuesday or Thursday at 215-561-1313.

**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 08/9/20 was:

First Collection: $3,245.00
Second Collection: $646.00

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Reading I: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**

Foreigners, or Gentiles, living within Palestine were given limited rights by the Jews. This arose because a certain universalist tendency now held sway among the Jews of this prophet’s time.

**Reading II: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32**

God’s gifts and calling are given both to Jews and Gentiles. Paul definitely believes this. For him, who was always conscious of his Jewish origins, it became a clear belief that Jews and all others will be saved through God’s mercy.

**The Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28**

The Canaanite woman is doubly marginal: she is a woman in a man’s world and a Gentile. She uses Our Lord’s “dog” imagery to make a frank but humble reply. He recognizes the universality of His Father’s call; admires the woman’s faith, and immediately heals her daughter.

**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

**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.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:

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 Weiler, 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 estén enfermas.
REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El Evangelio de este domingo ofrece otra invitación a creer, a tener fe (ver Mateo 15: 21-28). La fe tiene muchos significados diferentes. Puede significar creer en Dios. Puede significar creer en todo lo que Dios nos revela a través de su Hipó y su Iglesia. También puede significar algo bastante personal y único, como nuestra fe en Dios con quien tenemos una relación, una relación de confianza. Este tipo de fe fluye de todo lo que ha sido revelado y nos permite ver todo lo que ha sido revelado como necesario para nuestra salvación. Te animo a hacer un inventario de tu relación personal con Dios. ¿Es la raíz de todo lo que haces y piensas? ¿Es una fuente de alegría y aliento? Escuchar y leer el Evangelio de este domingo debería impulsarnos a todos a desear una fe más profunda e íntima en Dios, confiando en su amor providente por nosotros.

En solo unas pocas semanas, reanudaremos nuestras sesiones catequéticas semanales los jueves por la noche, que están destinadas principalmente a los adultos de nuestra comunidad que buscan el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. La primera sesión será el jueves 17 de septiembre de 2020, de 7:00 pm a 8:30 pm en el Salón Neumann, directamente detrás de la Basílica Catedral. Si ya es miembro de la Iglesia plenamente iniciado y le interesa el tema catequético, por favor venga. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Si es un adulto que desea recibir los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana: bautismo, confirmación y eucaristía, comuníquese con Ken Bradley, ken.bradley@cathedralre.org. Ya tenemos varios adultos listos para unirse a nosotros para nuestra primera sesión. Además, siempre necesitamos patrocinadores o mentores parroquiales para estos adultos que buscan los sacramentos. Si este importante y buen trabajo le interesa, por favor contácteme en fr.dgill@archphila.org.

Nuestro evento parroquial de Llaves y Espadas del 28 de agosto del 2020 ha sido cancelado. Lo más probable es que ya haya recibido información sobre esto por correo electrónico. Lamento que tuviéramos que tomar esta decisión. Cuando lo pospusimos de junio a agosto, parecía prometedor que podríamos reunirnos para otra velada agradable y exitosa para la parroquia de la catedral. Las precauciones que rodearon la pandemia requirieron su cancelación. Sin embargo, tendremos una celebración virtual. Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web de la Catedral, http://cathedralphila.org/. Estoy muy agradecido con tantos que ya han mostrado su generoso apoyo al evento de este año. Incluso sin la maravillosa cena de este año, esperamos recaudar fondos significativos para el apoyo de la parroquia de la Catedral. ¡Considere ser parte de nuestro evento virtual!

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta será dirigida a los servicios de verano de la Parroquia Catedral. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales a la Oficina Parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia 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.

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.

FOR YOUR INTEREST: Readings at Mass

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

Rosary Campaign

for the end of the coronavirus

English:
Monday through Thursday at 9 PM Eastern
Or for those in Latin America:
Or in US by telephone: (610) 356-0565
Enter the Webinar ID: 944 460 548
More details and log-in information: phillyvegas.org/rosary

Spanish:
De luves a jueves a las 8 PM (Domingo del este)
O por teléfono marquen: (610) 356-0565
Entren a la Webinar: 944 460 548

An Introduction to Theology

faith formation series
(in person or online)
Mondays, August 24 and 31st at 7:00 PM
Presented by: Fr. Alex Gibbs
The series will be held in church to ensure proper social distancing and will be broadcast live via Facebook Live for those unable to attend in person.
• August 24th @ 7 PM: The Church of God and the Sacraments
• August 31st @ 7 PM: Grace and the Last Things
Location: St. Albert the Great Parish, Huntingdon Valley, PA
More information: Normal reopening precautions will be in place for those attending in person, which includes proper social distancing and wearing of masks. The series is free, however, if you plan to attend in person, please call the rectory at 215-947-3500 to RSVP.

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.

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 database 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

Can you help clean our church?

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

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.

FOR YOUR INTEREST:

Readings at Mass
Institute for Christian Formation

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will begin the Institute for Christian Formation for all those interested in going deeper in their faith. The program is designed for practicing Catholics and offers the brightest and best Catholic professors around to examine the essential areas of proper Christian life, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist to provide a fuller understanding of our dignity as Christians, a more conscious participation in the Sacred Liturgy, and appreciation for the call to live and witness to a moral life in interior communion with Christ. This is a non-credited program that meets once a week on Thursdays for 16 weeks spread over 2 years. Courses are expected to begin in January 2021. For more information about the topics, cost, schedule and contact information, please visit scs.edu/icf.

LECTOR WORKSHOP

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

WORKSHOP IN SPANISH for LECTORS 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

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

Save the Dates: New Youth Minister's Training

Tuesday Nights, September 15, 22, 29

Fr. DeLacy and Ann Menna will be conducting a series of nights that will include practical skills for youth ministry. Various experts and experienced Youth Ministers will give presentations. The last session will be all Q and A. You do not need to be a "new" youth minister to attend. You will learn helpful things like, how to do youth ministry in a pandemic. This training will be done via ZOOM. Details will be sent in the near future.

PREP/CCD registrations for 2020-2021 will be held at SFX School

You may register by mail.
Please provide a baptismal certificate for children new to our PREP/CCD.
For more info visit: http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/rechildren/