

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



August 23, 2020

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

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector and Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus

Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Louis A. D'Addezio
Priest in Residence

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Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.
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Charlene Angelini
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Mark Loria
Principal Organist

Edward J. Specht IV
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The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

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 
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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)
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23, 2020

*“You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it”. MT 16:18
R. Alleluia, alleluia*



MASS Intentions

Aug 22, Saturday

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 Mark Adamo
5:15 James Black

Aug 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Leone, Cuccorollo & Kenny Family
11:00 Dora Miglionico
12:30 Antonio Alvarez
6:30 Charles Galipo

Aug 24, Monday

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:15 Susan Milicia
12:05 Joseph Curcillo

Aug 25, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 James Graziano
12:05 Gertrude K. Godwin

Aug 26, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Vera Iannetti
12:05 Mark and Joseph Adamo

Aug 27, Thursday

St. Monica

7:15 Quici, Grecco & Galipo Family
12:05 Lamberto & Sandra Maiolini

Aug 28, Friday

St. Augustine

7:15 Sohrah Rabii
12:05 Fr. Modesto Giacon

Aug 29, Saturday

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:05 Alessandro Lavarone
5:15 Kathryn Conner

Aug 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Rose McGuinnis
11:00 Virginia Hagen
12:30 Roberto Anaya
6:30 Arthur Quici

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel for this Sunday takes us to another level of faith (see Matthew 16: 13-20). Over the past few Sundays, the Lord has called us to deeper and personal faith in him, our Savior and Redeemer. This Sunday as we witness the dialogue between the Lord and Saint Peter, we come to recognize that our faith in Christ includes faith in his Church. Faith in his Church is not faith in the human membership of the Church. Rather, it is faith in his Church as she extends—through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit—Christ himself to us in the Word, in the Sacraments and in good works. Christ builds his Church on Peter! Christ builds his Church on the faith of Peter that recognized him as the Son of the Living God. Christ and his Church are one. This has many levels of meaning for us. Some of these meanings include the awareness and confidence in the presence of Christ in the Church—in the Word proclaimed, in the Sacraments celebrated, and in all her good works carried out for the benefit of others. Also, we need to work together to preserve, promote and protect the presence of Christ among us as part of Christ’s Body, the Church. All of this has its beginnings in our personal and abiding faith in Christ himself. Let us pray this Sunday for a lively, confident and joyful faith in Christ and his Church.

Our adult catechumens and candidates, as they begin to assemble formally at the beginning of September, in preparation for the Easter Sacraments will be making use of a catechetical guide that I would like to recommend to everyone. Franciscan Father Leonard Foley’s, *Believing in Jesus*, is now in its sixth edition and offers a popular overview of the Catholic Faith. We can all learn more about the Faith and just not settle for what we remember from our Catholic School or Religious Education classes. *Believing in Jesus*—easily available from *Amazon*—engages the reader with a very accessible style to understand the reasonableness and beauty of what we believe and to make our own what the Church teaches. Also, the Thursday evening catechetical sessions for our parish catechumens and candidates that are announced each week in the Parish Bulletin are open to all our parishioners, especially if it is a topic of interest.

Once again, *Our Parish Keys and Sword Event has been cancelled for this August 28, 2020.* But, we will have a virtual celebration open to all. 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. I hope many more will support it. 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 landscaping need around the Cathedral Basilica. 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

[Click here to view the previous bulletin](#)

Holy Hour for the Election: 50 People, 50 States, One Hour

Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. Participants are invited to sign-up in advance for a particular State to pray for during the Holy Hour.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

View the flyer: <http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Holy-Hour-for-Election-flyer-1.pdf>

RSVP and Sign-up to pray for a State: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eada72ba0fd0-holy1>

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

The prophet denounces Shebna, a high court official, for obstructing his message. Then Isaiah chooses Eliakim to succeed Shebna. He gives Eliakim "the key" for entrance to the royal presence, a badge of his newfound authority.

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

Paul composes a hymn of admiration and thanksgiving for God's amazing providence. God is nobody's debtor. Nor does He need consultants before acting. Paul ends the section with a doxology.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Against the backdrop of the sophisticated, mostly Gentile city built by tetrarch Philip to honor Caesar, Jesus conducts "an opinion poll" of His chosen disciples. Simon Peter (retaining here part of his old name) confesses the right response to Jesus' question, and receives both praise and "the keys" to the kingdom of heaven and all that implies.

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](#).

PRAYER LIST REQUEST

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: sr.mrparadis@archphila.org, or call Sister Mary Raphael, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313 Monday through Thursday.

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 08/16/20 was :

First Collection: \$3,481.00

Second Collection: \$540.00

[Click Here to Donate](#)

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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.

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.

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

[Novena Brochure](#)



<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf>

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Rose Marie Bruno, 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., 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 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 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](#)

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE,](#)

or go to:

http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/August-Agosto_2020.pdf

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo primer domingo del tiempo ordinario. El evangelio de este domingo nos lleva a otro nivel de fe (ver Mateo 16: 13-20). Durante los últimos domingos, el Señor nos ha llamado a tener una fe más profunda y personal en él, nuestro Salvador y Redentor. Este domingo, al ser testigos del diálogo entre el Señor y San Pedro, llegamos a reconocer que nuestra fe en Cristo incluye la fe en su Iglesia. La fe en su Iglesia no es fe en la membresía humana de la Iglesia. Más bien, es la fe en su Iglesia cuando ella nos extiende, a través del poder y la presencia del Espíritu Santo, a Cristo mismo en la Palabra, en los sacramentos y en las buenas obras. ¡Cristo construye su Iglesia sobre Pedro! Cristo construye su Iglesia sobre la fe de Pedro que lo reconoció como el Hijo del Dios viviente. Cristo y su Iglesia son uno. Esto tiene muchos niveles de significado para nosotros. Algunos de estos significados incluyen la conciencia y la confianza en la presencia de Cristo en la Iglesia, en la Palabra proclamada, en los sacramentos celebrados y en todas sus buenas obras realizadas en beneficio de los demás. Además, debemos trabajar juntos para preservar, promover y proteger la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros como parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Todo esto tiene su comienzo en nuestra fe personal y permanente en Cristo mismo. Oremos este domingo por una fe viva, segura y gozosa en Cristo y su Iglesia.

Nuestros catecúmenos adultos y candidatos, cuando comiencen a reunirse formalmente a principios de septiembre, en preparación para los sacramentos de Pascua, harán uso de una guía catequética que me gustaría recomendar a todos. Creer en Jesús, del padre franciscano Leonard Foley, se encuentra ahora en su sexta edición y ofrece una descripción general popular de la fe católica. Todos podemos aprender más sobre la Fe y simplemente no conformarnos con lo que recordamos de nuestras clases de Escuela Católica o Educación Religiosa. Creer en Jesús, fácilmente disponible en Amazon, involucra al lector con un estilo muy accesible para comprender la razonabilidad y la belleza de lo que creemos y para hacer nuestro lo que enseña la Iglesia. Además, las sesiones de catequesis de los jueves por la noche para los catecúmenos y candidatos de nuestra parroquia que se anuncian cada semana en el Boletín Parroquial están abiertas a todos nuestros feligreses, especialmente si es un tema de interés.

Una vez más, el Evento de Llaves y Espadas de nuestra Parroquia ha sido cancelado para este 28 de agosto de 2020. Pero tendremos una celebración virtual abierta a todos. 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. Espero que muchos más lo apoyen. 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 colección estará dirigida a la necesidad de paisaje en los alrededores de la Catedral Basílica. 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

2020

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UN ESPACIO JUVENIL

ENCUENTRO VIRTUAL JUVENIL

MARTES 8PM

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HISPANOSPHILLY

AUSPICIADO POR LA OFICINA PARA CATÓLICOS HISPANOS Y EL COMITÉ JUVENIL HISPANO

CARING FOR FRIENDS AT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

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.



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.

Can you help clean our church?

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



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/

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.



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](https://www.facebook.com/YoungAdults.at.the.Cathedral).



St. Francis Xavier School
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www.sfxschool.com

August 2020

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has a Sixth Grade teaching position open for the 2020-2021 school year. It is a full time position and any applicant must be a practicing Catholic, hold a Bachelor's Degree and a teaching certificate, or in the process of obtaining certification.

For more information, please contact the principal, Dolores Butler at 215-763-6564.



On August 15, 2020 the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate celebrated the centennial of the foundation of our congregation of "contemplative-missionary" religious who are engaged primarily in an evangelization apostolate through missionary visitation of homes and catechesis.

Each August we offer a Community Novena of nine days of prayers leading up to the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have also rejoiced to join the faithful of the Archdiocese in praying the Novena prayers proposed by Archbishop Perez for the end of the coronavirus pandemic. During this centenary year we have included you in our prayers! (The picture shows us at the shrine we set up for Our Blessed Mother in honor of this Novena.)

Over the one hundred years of our history we have served in many parishes throughout the United States of America, as well as in Nigeria and the Philippines. We currently have a convent in Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, Delaware County, PA from which we are praying for you.

As we mark this milestone in our history we are pursuing the canonization process for our foundress, Servant of God Mother Mary Teresa Tallon. To learn more about her and our Community, please contact us or check out our website www.parishvisitorsisters.org.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE](#),

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

Save the Dates: New Youth Minister's Training

Tuesdays 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.

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](#).

Shine Your Light 2020 Retreat/Conference

Friday, September 18- Sunday, September 20, 2020

Hosted by Catholics Online, join other ministry leaders, evangelizers, Catholic bloggers, and business owners for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and growth. Our goal is to help you reconnect with God and follow His lead in your work and your mission. Keynote speaker, John Kinuthia, will share about Intentional Evangelization – Defining Your Purpose and bridging the gap between knowing and doing.

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown PA (Overnight and Commuter options available)

More Info: Visit the [website](#) for speakers, schedule, registration, and more!



† 2020 † MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL † PARISH BULLETIN RESOURCES

Each of us are all called by our Baptism *to be Missionary*.

Help pray for and support _____ [name of Group] who bring the Good News of Jesus & much needed material and humanitarian help to every corner of the world. Sponsored by the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, who help build up these Churches in 1,111 Dioceses, mostly where Christianity is new. The Societies support these Churches until they are self-sufficient.

Please pray for the work of this Missionary Group and please provide as you are able.

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.

FALL CONFIRMATIONS

[Guidance for the Fall 2020 Confirmations](#)
[CLICK HERE TO Watch the Webinar](#)

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/>



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.

