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
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Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
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Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
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Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
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Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

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August 30, 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

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

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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/
**Dear Parishioners,**

*This is the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Throughout these summer Sundays the Lord has been leading us step by step with the Gospel of Matthew to a deeper faith in him and his Church. This faith gives us confidence in Jesus and all his promises. This faith reassures us in our fears and weaknesses. This faith guides us along a path committed to all the Gospel demands of us. This faith is personal and founded on the teachings of Jesus. Now, this Sunday with the Holy Gospel for Mass (see Matthew 16: 21-27), the journey of faith requires something more from us. If it is a true faith, a faith in the Lord and in his grace for us, then we must follow him completely. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me (see Matthew 16: 24).” As believers, we can do this. We must do this. This is how faith molds us to be real disciples of Christ. Faith is not only a matter of the mind and heart. It becomes also a matter of life, our whole person. We can be like the Savior and take up all those things—in mind, heart, soul and body—that are difficult and at times seemingly impossible as our cross. As with the cross of Jesus, we carry our crosses with his strength for the glory of the Father, for our redemption and for the benefit of others. Faith in Jesus is the faith, the power we need, to imitate him, to deny ourselves and take up our crosses. As we celebrate Holy Mass each Sunday, we celebrate the divine event of the cross in the Eucharist. As we receive Holy Communion, we receive the cross of the Lord and so receive what we need to follow the Lord with our crosses as believers in him.

*All of you by now are aware of the disturbing incident—someone striking the face of one of our parish lectors—which took place in our Cathedral Basilica last Sunday during the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.* The Mass was live-streamed and so the incident was seen by thousands and literally all over the world. The lector, thank God, was not seriously hurt. The offender has been apprehended and is receiving needed medical attention. Houses of worship are intended to be safe and sacred places for the worship of God. For our part, here at the Cathedral Basilica, we must heighten our security protocol. We do have an internal security plan which includes the assistance of the Police. However, we will now have non-uniformed Police at Sunday Mass. Our sacristans and other staff members will be receiving training from the Police on how to better respond to random acts of violence if they occur again. Our times are marked by great fear, unrest and uncertainty. It our responsibility to ensure that the Cathedral Basilica, our spiritual home, is always as safe as it is sacred.

*We are grateful to Father Elfen Esmilla and his associate missionaries who are with us this Sunday to raise our awareness of the Sto. Niño Mission in the Philippines.* Anytime a missionary visits with us, we are reminded that the living out of our Catholic Faith includes our personal witness to Christ with our lives and the generous support of others in the Church locally and throughout the world. Thank you so very much for your prayers and support for Father Elfen’s missionary efforts for the Philippines.

*Thank you so very much for your great support of our virtual Keys and Sword Initiative this past week.* It is still possible to be a part of this fundraising event. Please see, [https://ksphila.org/](https://ksphila.org/). I will provide a more complete report on the initiative at a later date.

*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/](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 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 08/23/2020 was:

First Collection: $2,904.00
Second Collection: $647.00

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Here is a “confession” of the St. Augustine sort, in which the prophet reveals the pains and bothersome elements of his calling. He says he feels “duped” or “tricked” by God. In fulfilling his mission, he faced many persecutors, and yet the urge to preach was irresistible, so he has carried on.

Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2
Christian life is supposed to be a sacrifice offered to God. Also, we are not to conform to the passing world, but to the things of the life to come that will last. We are therefore to be inwardly transformed.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27
Peter, only having recently proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, now becomes an unwitting obstacle to the Lord’s mission. How? By remonstrating Jesus when He says His mission involves the cross. Jesus goes on to describe Peter’s discipleship, and ours, as a matter of taking up our own cross, whatever that might be.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:
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.
Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. A lo largo de estos domingos de verano el Señor nos ha ido guiando paso a paso con el Evangelio de Mateo a una fe más profunda en él y en su Iglesia. Esta fe nos da confianza en Jesús y en todas sus promesas. Esta fe nos tranquiliza en nuestros miedos y debilidades. Esta fe nos guía por un camino comprometido con todas las exigencias del Evangelio. Esta fe es personal y se basa en las enseñanzas de Jesús. Ahora, este domingo con el Santo Evangelio para la Misa (ver Mateo 16: 21-27), el camino de la fe requiere algo más de nosotros. Si es una fe verdadera, una fe en el Señor y en su gracia por nosotros, entonces debemos seguirlo completamente. "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga (ver Mateo 16:24)º. Como creyentes, podemos hacer esto. Debemos hacer esto. Así es como la fe nos moldea para ser verdaderos discípulos de Cristo. La fe no es solo una cuestión de la mente y el corazón. Se convierte también en una cuestión de vida, de toda nuestra persona. Podemos ser como el Salvador y asumir todas esas cosas, en mente, corazón, alma y cuerpo, que son difíciles y, a veces, aparentemente imposibles como nuestra cruz. Al igual que con la cruz de Jesús, llevamos nuestras cruces con su fuerza para la gloria del Padre, para nuestra redención y para el beneficio de los demás. La fe en Jesús es la fe, el poder que necesitamos, para imitarlo, para negarnos a nosotros mismos y tomar nuestras cruces. Al celebrar la Santa Misa cada domingo, celebramos el evento divino de la cruz en la Eucaristía. Al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, recibimos la cruz del Señor y así recibimos lo que necesitamos para seguir al Señor con nuestras cruces como creyentes en él.

Todos ustedes ya están al tanto del incidente perturbador, alguien golpeó el rostro de uno de nuestros lectores parroquiales, que tuvo lugar en nuestra Catedral Basílica el domingo pasado durante la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. La Misa se transmitió en vivo y así el incidente fue visto por miles y literalmente en todo el mundo. El lector, gracias a Dios, no resultó gravemente herido. El delincuente ha sido detenido y está recibiendo la atención médica necesaria. Las casas de culto están destinadas a ser lugares seguros y sagrados para la adoración a Dios. Por nuestra parte, aquí en la Catedral Basílica, debemos reforzar nuestro protocolo de seguridad. Tenemos un plan de seguridad interna que incluye la asistencia de la Policía. Sin embargo, ahora tendremos policías no uniformados en la misa dominical. Nuestros sacristanes y otros miembros del personal recibirán capacitación de la policía sobre cómo responder mejor a actos de violencia aleatorios si ocurren nuevamente. Nuestros tiempos están marcados por un gran miedo, malestar e incertidumbre. Es nuestra responsabilidad asegurarnos de que la Catedral Basílica, nuestro hogar espiritual, sea siempre tan segura como sagrada.

Agradecemos al Padre Elfren Esmilla y a sus misioneros asociados que están con nosotros este domingo para dar a conocer la Misión del Sto. Niño en Filipinas. Cada vez que un (a) misionero (a) nos visita, se nos recuerda que vivir nuestra fe católica incluye nuestro testimonio personal de Cristo con nuestras vidas y el apoyo generoso de otros en la Iglesia a nivel local y en todo el mundo. Muchas gracias por sus oraciones y apoyo a los esfuerzos misioneros del Padre Elfren en Filipinas.


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 domínicas 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

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**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.

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**La Santa Misa Grabada en línea**

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**

**Hora Santa para la Elección**

50 Personas – 50 Estados – Una Hora

Únase a nosotros durante una hora de oración y adoración ante Jesús en la Eucaristía mientras pedimos gracia y bendición para nuestro país, especialmente pidiendo que se cumpla la voluntad de Dios en las próximas elecciones presidenciales. Esperamos que estén presentes al menos 50 personas, una por cada Estado de los Estados Unidos de América, ¡pero más son bienvenidas!

**Domingo, Noviembre 1, 2020–2:00-3:00 PM**

Confirme su asistencia si planea asistir en: phillyevang.org/events

Haga click aquí para registrarse

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**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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**Estados Unidos**

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**Unión de Cristianos**

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**La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de Santos Pedro y Pablo**

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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.

You are invited to join our month-long on-line book club! We will discuss Sharing the Faith That You Love, by John and Therese Boucher. Each chapter has stories, inventories, and “spiritual workouts” that provoke reflection and invite participation.

Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT will lead the discussion.

How? To register, email Mother Boniface Spirituality Center at mbcretreat@msbt.org. The program will be on Zoom. We will confirm your registration and send you a link to participate in the Book Club.

When? From 7:00-8:30 pm on the five Tuesdays in September. September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Gospel Reflection Gatherings
Our gatherings are suspended 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.

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/
**OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER**
Office for New Evangelization
[CLICK HERE](https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/), or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

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**NOW WHAT? NEW YOUTH MINISTERS TRAINING**

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.

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**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 Kunithia, 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](https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/) for speakers, schedule, registration, and more!

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**PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT (ON ZOOM)**

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 7 PM**

Lay men of the Archdiocese (above the age of 29) are invited to an online information session to learn about the vocation of the Permanent Deacon in the Church the process of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate. No commitment is required to attend. After the introductory talk there will be time for Q & A.

**Please register for this webinar at:** [archphila.org/deacon](http://archphila.org/deacon)

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**33 DAYS TO GREATER GLORY-VIRTUAL STUDY**

**Tuesday September 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th and 20th 9:30-11:00 AM**

Adult Faith Discussion being offered in person as well as virtually on Zoom. We will delve into the deep meaning of John's Gospel as he leads us to the Father. In this third installment of his 33-day consecration series, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, leads us, in the company of St. John in a consecration to our Heavenly Father through Jesus the Son. There is no cost to participate. Please purchase the book on your own and also have a Catholic edition of the Bible.

**Location:** St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Media, PA or via Zoom

**More info:** Please email Nicky Verna at nicky@verna.com or 610-639-3816 (call or text) to confirm your attendance and for the Zoom access information.

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**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](http://scs.edu/icf).

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**OCTOBER 2020 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

The October 9-10, 2020 Eucharistic Congress at the Cathedral Basilica, sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has been postponed due to the ongoing restrictions surrounding COVID-19. The Eucharistic Congress will be rescheduled for a future date when it is safe for the clergy and faithful to gather in larger numbers.

Please stay informed about the Eucharistic Congress and its new date through the website for the Congress at [http://archphila.org/eucharistic](http://archphila.org/eucharistic).

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**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.