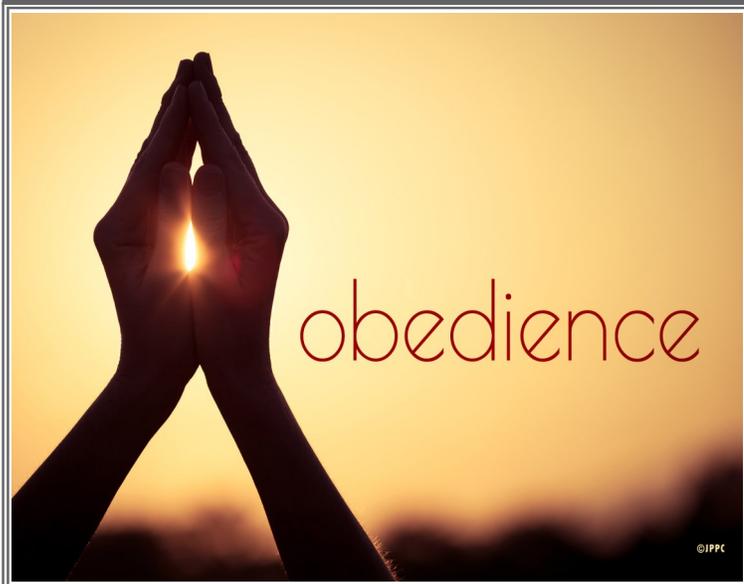


Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



September 27, 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

Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.
Pastoral Associate

Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I
Parish Evangelization

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

Edward J. Specht IV
Coordinator of Religious Education

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**

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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul 
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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313
www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 27, 2020

*“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me”. JN 10:27
R. Alleluia, alleluia*



MASS Intentions

Sept. 26, Saturday

SS. Comas and Damian

12:05 Santiago Pedroso
5:15 Michael & Stephanie
Smalyga

Sept. 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Robert Eppinger
11:00 Katie Lynn Kerbacher
12:30 Maria L. Mendoza
6:30 Quici, Galipo, Grecco
Family

Sept. 28, Monday, Weekday

**St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz &
Companions, Martyr**

7:15 Kevin Custis
12:05 Carmela M. Villone

Sept. 29, Tuesday

**St. Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael, Archangels**

7:15 Walter Dixon Osborne
12:05 Grace Ann Flanagan

Sept. 30, Wednesday

St. Jerome

7:15 Claire Hwang
12:05 Agnes Lawlor

Oct. 1, Thursday

**St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus**

7:15 For the intentions entrusted
to St. Katharine Drexel
12:05 Paul F. Maranzini

Oct. 2, Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:15 Suzanne Watts
12:05 Matthew Tierney

Oct. 3, Saturday, Weekday

BVM

12:05 Patricia Tietjen
5:15 Patricia Zamorski

Oct. 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Gladis Villanueva
11:00 Mary B. Donegan
12:30 Sonja Lopatynski
6:30 Quici, Galipo, Grecco
Family

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus is a wonderful teacher. The parables we have been hearing over the past few weeks have guided us to see the importance of following Jesus and living as members of his Kingdom on his terms and not our terms. Today, the Lord makes use of a conversation asking those listening for their opinion. In this Sunday's Gospel (see Matthew 21: 28-32), with the example of the two sons, one who delays upon following his father's request but in the end does it and the other who says yes but doesn't do it, we learn several lessons. What matters most to the Lord is fidelity to his saving will for us. Sometimes our response is delayed. In the end, our eventual accepting response is the desire of our heavenly Father as we follow the path of his Son. It is rather easy to judge, externally, that some may not be following the will of God, yet this is matter for the Lord alone. Perhaps, a final lesson is that following the will of God requires doing so with mind, heart and soul. May we please the Lord with renewed efforts to listen carefully to his Word and follow with greater fidelity his will.

Next Sunday, October 4, 2020, we will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Katharine Drexel. This commemoration will take place at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica. Saint Katharine Drexel was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II on October 1, 2000 in Saint Peter's Square in Rome. Our Philadelphia Saint speaks in many ways to our times. She invites an awareness of those on the margins and the duty of us all to bring to them the Gospel. Justice and equality were indeed hallmarks of her apostolic work. Removing the divide of racism from the works of the Church is part of her legacy. As we celebrate this important anniversary, let us turn to Saint Katharine Drexel more and more in our prayers to come to the aid of so many today. May Saint Katharine Drexel inspire us on the path to a holy way of life. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

This Tuesday, September 29, 2020 is the Feast of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The Archangels are the patrons for so many people and situations in the lives of Christians. Saint Michael is in special way the heavenly patron of the Police. The Police protect us in ways often unknown to us. They constantly put their lives at risk for us. They work daily in harm's way. The Police need our prayers and support. I invite you to ask Saint Michael, who is a safeguard against evil, to protect our Police. Perhaps, you might assist at Mass on Tuesday at either 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM to pray especially for our Police.

Panhandlers are often attracted to gatherings at our Cathedral Basilica. I assure you that we have services available to assist the poor and homeless that frequent the Cathedral Basilica. Please do not give any money to the panhandlers inside or outside the Cathedral Basilica. If you are approached by a panhandler, please alert one of the parish priests or sacristans or greeters.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the 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://cathedralphilila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill,
Rector



**CATECHETICAL SESSION
FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-**

*The Blessed Trinity:
God the Son*

Thursday, October 01, 2020, 7:00 PM
Neumann Room

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

2020 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

To vote for our **NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF A
SENIOR MEMBER**
CLICK HERE,

or go to: <https://form.jotform.com/202536148293153>

Option 1- *Louis N. Ferrero*
Option 2- *Sandra Lavini*

Gospel Reflection Gatherings

Our gatherings 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.*

**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](http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf)



**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

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

In a question and answer format, the author deals both with people who repent of their evil, and those who turn to it. He provides his responses to both.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 1-11, or 2: 1-5

The scholars tell us this beautiful passage Paul quotes is actually from an early Church hymn. The first part sings of the Lord's abasement; the second of His earned exaltation.

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

This parable continues earlier stories in Matthew about the people who actually are part of God's kingdom. Jesus tells the religious leaders in his audience that "tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." The folks who look the least religious will enter God's kingdom ahead of religious leaders, because in the end they do God's will.

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**.

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 09/20/2020 was :

First Collection: \$3,655.00

Second Collection: \$1,118.00

[Click Here to Donate](#)

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

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

Dolores Hoffman, Greg Matulewicz, Mark Perry, John McKeowyn, Jr., Matthew Munafo, Joshua White, Anthony Evangelista, 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, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

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.

Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista 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.



Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#),

or go to:

<http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/September->

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las 6:30 AM

[La Santa Misa Grabada en línea](#)

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario. Jesús es un maestro maravilloso. Las parábolas que hemos estado escuchando durante las últimas semanas nos han guiado a ver la importancia de seguir a Jesús y vivir como miembros de su Reino en sus términos y no en los nuestros. Hoy, el Señor hace uso de una conversación pidiendo su opinión a quienes lo escuchan. En el Evangelio de este domingo (ver Mateo 21: 28-32), con el ejemplo de los dos hijos, uno que se demora en seguir el pedido de su padre pero al final lo hace y el otro que dice que sí pero no lo hace, nosotros aprendemos varias lecciones. Lo que más le importa al Señor es la fidelidad a su voluntad salvadora para con nosotros. A veces nuestra respuesta se retrasa. Al final, nuestra eventual respuesta de aceptación es el deseo de nuestro Padre celestial mientras seguimos el camino de su Hijo. Es bastante fácil juzgar, externamente, que algunos pueden no estar siguiendo la voluntad de Dios, sin embargo, esto es asunto solo del Señor. Quizás, una lección final es que seguir la voluntad de Dios requiere hacerlo con mente, corazón y alma. Que podamos complacer al Señor con renovados esfuerzos para escuchar con atención su Palabra y seguir con mayor fidelidad su voluntad.

El próximo domingo 4 de octubre de 2020 conmemoraremos el vigésimo aniversario de la Canonización de Santa Katharine Drexel. Esta conmemoración tendrá lugar en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM en la Catedral Basílica. Santa Katharine Drexel fue canonizada por el Papa San Juan Pablo II el 1 de octubre de 2000 en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma. Nuestro Santa de Filadelfia habla de muchas maneras a nuestro tiempo. Ella invita a la conciencia de los marginados y el deber de todos nosotros de llevarles el Evangelio. La justicia y la igualdad fueron de hecho señales de identidad de su labor apostólica. Eliminar la división del racismo de las obras de la Iglesia es parte de su legado. Al celebrar este importante aniversario, vayamos cada vez más a Santa Katharine Drexel en nuestras oraciones para ayudar a tantos hoy. Que Santa Katharine Drexel nos inspire en el camino hacia una forma de vida santa. Santa Katharine Drexel, ¡ruega por nosotros!

Este martes 29 de septiembre de 2020 es la Fiesta de los Arcángeles, Santos Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael. Los Arcángeles son los patrones de tantas personas y situaciones en la vida de los cristianos. San Miguel es de manera especial el patrón celestial de la Policía. La policía nos protege de formas a menudo desconocidas para nosotros. Constantemente ponen en riesgo su vida por nosotros. Trabajan a diario en peligro. La policía necesita nuestras oraciones y apoyo. Los invito a pedirle a San Miguel, que es un protector contra el mal, que proteja a nuestra Policía. Tal vez, podrían venir a la misa el martes a las 7:15 AM o a las 12:05 PM para orar especialmente por nuestra policía.

Los mendigos a menudo se sienten atraídos por las reuniones en nuestra Catedral Basílica. Les aseguro que tenemos servicios disponibles para ayudar a los pobres y desamparados que frecuentan la Catedral Basílica. Por favor, no dé dinero a los mendigos dentro o fuera de la Catedral Basílica. Si un mendigo se le acerca, por favor avise a uno de los párrocos, sacristanes o anfitriones.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colección irá dirigida a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de la 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

**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.

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.

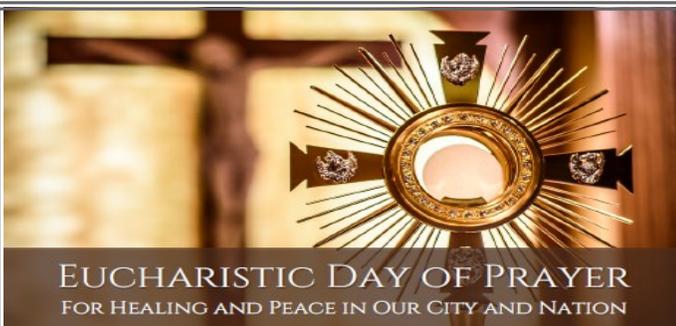


**HOSPICE SUNDAY
NEXT WEEKEND**

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.

GIVE TO GROW



**EUCCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER
FOR HEALING AND PEACE IN OUR CITY AND NATION**

On **Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM**, we will have a Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Healing and Peace in our City and Nation.

This is an opportunity for us to come before the Lord truly present to us in his Holy Body and Blood with the prayers that fill our hearts for healing and peace.

More info at: <http://cathedralphila.org/eucharist/>

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 PM

(followed by Holy Mass at 6:30 PM)

Please join us in prayer for our nation and our world with the recitation of the Holy Rosary's in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. This rosary recitation, led by the rector of the Cathedral Basilica, **Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill** will mark the culmination of the Rosary Coast to Coast Novena which we encourage you to continue saying or can start now if you have not been saying it.

[View the Flyer](#)



**20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CANONIZATION OF SAINT
KATHARINE DREXEL**

October 1, 2020 is the 20th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Katharine Drexel.

We will observe it on **Sunday, October 4, 2020** at the **11:00 AM** Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul.



**40 days for Life Begins on
September 23-November 1st!**

Please consider praying outside of The Women's Center or Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia. If you have never prayed at an abortion clinic before and are nervous we can pair you with someone!

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul are signed up on the following dates: **October 1st** (777 Appletree, Phila Pa) from 8AM-4PM and **October 22nd** at Planned Parenthood (12th and Locust, Phila Pa) from 8AM-5PM.



**LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, alone, and confused, and have no support. Our centers provide free services ~ pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, and advocacy so they can receive the truth with love and mercy! And our support does not stop there! Our programs empower women through advocacy and mentoring programs throughout their pregnancy, and for at least three years after their babies are born. Since we opened our doors 10 years ago, over 2500 women and babies were saved from the pains of abortion. Please support the Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser and take an envelope today, return your donation on **October 3-4** or just mail it in! You can also bring your donation to the church office and drop it in the Legacy of Life Foundation donation box. Checks should be payable to Legacy of Life Foundation. **THANK YOU** for your prayerful and generous support!

[Click HERE](#) to watch the video of Marie Joseph giving the message of LOLF.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE.](#)

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



Saint Basil Academy Admissions

8th Grade Entrance Exam

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 8 AM

Register online at Stbasilacademy.org

711 Fox Chase Road

Jenkintown, PA 19046



OPEN HOUSE

October 20, 2020, 7:00pm
info@martinsaintsclassical.org



FOOD DRIVE BY NDS

(Nutritional Development Services) through Friday, October 23rd

NDS, one of the services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is holding an online Food Drive, their PB & J (Peanut Butter and Jelly) drive. If you would like to participate, you may donate using this link: <https://yougivegoods.com/ndspbj>. NDS distributes these goods to over 50 food cupboards and other organizations in the Archdiocese. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT REPLACE OUR MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE, THE HOMELESS SHELTER WE SPONSOR THROUGH CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, OR CARING FOR FRIENDS, A MINISTRY OF PROVIDING MEALS AND VISITATION OF THE HOMEBOUND. This is a special food drive for NDS which is one of the ministries of Catholic Social Services which our parish supports. If you have questions or concerns about these services, you are welcome to email Sr. Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator of Cathedral Basilica, sr.mrparadis@archphila.org. Thank you!

Rental Assistance: Are you in need of Rent, Mortgage or Utility Assistance?

Catholic Social Services is here to help you! You may be eligible for financial assistance. Please call **215-724-8550** for further information.



ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION DATES

RCHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Testing begins at 9:00 AM and you can register at

<https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>

Pictures from our first Christian Initiation session on September 17, 2020

Come and Join us every Thursday!



Catholic Voter Resources in Preparation for the 2020 General Election

On November 3, 2020 general elections will take place with local, state, and federal offices on the ballot. To assist the faithful as they prepare to vote with formed consciences, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) has produced a Presidential Candidate Comparison document and a State Legislative Voters Guide. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the PCC do not endorse or oppose any candidate for political office, nor does it intervene in political campaigns in any way.

[ENGLISH](#) [ESPANOL](#)

[STATE LEGISLATIVE VOTERS GUIDE](#)

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

Join us on **November 1, 2020** at 2-3 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

[View the flyer](#)

[Click here to RSVP](#)