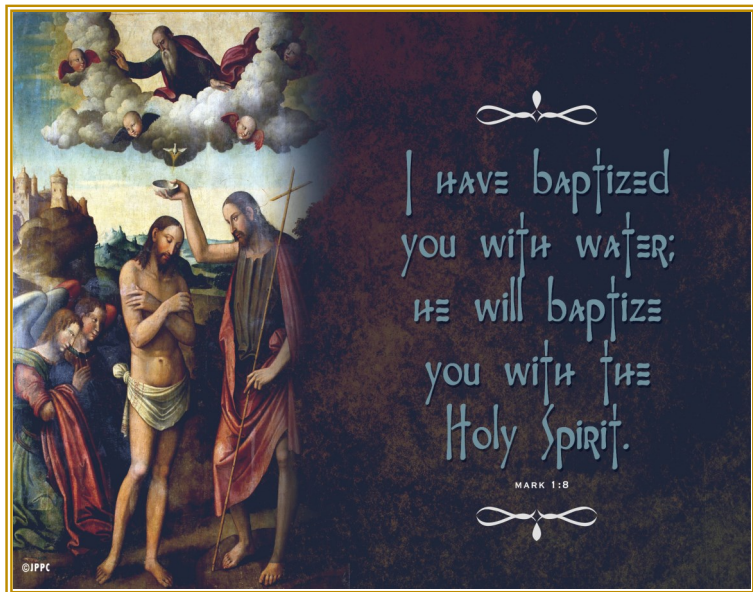


Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



January 10, 2021

Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, 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, October 13, 2020

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

Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.
Outreach Coordinator

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

Edward J. Specht IV
Coordinator of Religious Education

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass
Sunday: 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
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2021

*"John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." JN 1:29*
R. Alleluia, alleluia



Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 9, Saturday

Christmas Weekday

12:05 Doris Coyne
5:15 Peter Gallagher

Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Pietzo Conosciani
11:00 Anne Marie Murphy
12:30 Por las Almas Benditas del Purgatorio
6:30 Archbishop Eugene Marino

Jan. 11, Monday

(First Week in Ordinary Time)

7:15 Lorraine Arena
12:05 Walter Dixon Osborne

Jan. 12, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Helen Golembeski
12:05 James Brooks

Jan. 13, Wednesday, Weekday

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 Archbishop Eugene Marino
12:05 Arthur Quici

Jan. 14, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Archbishop Eugene Marino
12:05 Susan Silberstein

Jan. 15, Friday, Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Teresa Lee
12:05 Maria & Edmondo Iannetti

Jan. 16, Saturday, Weekday

BVM

12:05 Deacon William Iacobellis
5:15 Joanne Weller

Jan. 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Quici, Galipo, Greco Family
11:00 Diana Valdez
12:30 Juan Herrera
6:30 Intentions of Steve Jun

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the close of Christmas-Epiphany Time. The Gospel for this Sunday concludes, "You are my beloved Son; and with you I am well pleased (Mark 1: 11)." With the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrated the fulfillment of the promises of God to his people, the sending of a Savior and Redeemer. With the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrated the manifestation of the Savior and the Redeemer to all the nations. Today, with the Baptism of the Lord, we mark the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, a ministry that will conclude with his Death and Resurrection, our salvation and redemption. Prompted by the Father's words about his Divine Son, we are moved to a greater love of him and commitment to his ways. The gifts and blessings of celebrating anew his Birth and Epiphany, if we are truly responsive, deepens our resolve to be faithful to Jesus as we begin this New Year of grace.

Christmas was indeed Christmas, the celebration of the Birth of the Lord. However, for all of us, our celebrations were much different due to the overlay of COVID-19 and the necessary restrictions to stem its spread. Yet, with so few in attendance at the Holy Day Masses, the liturgical celebrations were remarkably beautiful and fitting for the Mysteries of the Lord. The Cathedral Basilica looked especially splendid with the decorations and the Nativity Scene was most inviting for prayer and devotion. I am very grateful to our priests and parish staff, to all our liturgical ministers and volunteers, who made this Christmas truly a memorable occasion of faith. Also, I thank all of you for your extraordinary generosity to the Cathedral Parish during Christmas Time.

On December 8, 2020, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced the Year of Saint Joseph that will continue until December 8, 2021. This year honors Saint Joseph in a singular way as the patron of the Universal Church. I invite you to turn to Saint Joseph in your own prayers, asking his heavenly aid for the Church and for all of us to be devoted to Jesus. Future editions of the Parish Bulletin will include additional ways to observe the Year of Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

On Monday, February 1, 2021, the 2022 Mass Book opens for the scheduling of announced Masses for that year. Additionally, beginning on this same day, Weddings can be scheduled for 2022. I encourage you to arrange for the offering of Holy Mass for your loved ones, living and deceased, for all the spiritual benefits that come from the Sacrifice of Christ on the cross in the Eucharist. This is especially important for those who have died recently that they be united to the saving death of the Lord for his promise of Eternal Life. You can request Masses during Parish Office hours or by sending an email request to the Parish Office.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for Catholic Relief Service. 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

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Living a Moral Life

The First Commandment

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

Meeting in the Drexel Hall

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

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click [Here](#), or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>
[Worship Aid](#)

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRAYER for PEACE

(Available for viewing until January 15, 2021)

For details visit: <https://cathedralphilaconcerts.org/>

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.

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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

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

Jan. 10 St. John's Hospice Sunday

Jan. 13 Scripture Reflection for lawyers, 8AM,
Drexel Hall

Jan. 14 Catechetical Session, 7PM, Drexel Hall
Perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel,
following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses.

Jan. 15 Last chance to watch the Virtual Christmas
Concert. Visit the website.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7, or 55: 1-11

God speaks as He would to a heavenly court, and promises that He will give His Spirit to the coming Messiah. We also learn about the power of God's Word, which never goes unfulfilled. The Messiah will be "a light to all nations."

Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38, or I John 5: 1-9

This letter of John joins obedience to love. It is incumbent on us to believe that Jesus is the Son of the Father, and that His death for sin brings us eternal life.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

John the Baptist again exhibits his humility before Jesus, as he declares himself unworthy to do what was normally a slave's task: loosening Jesus' sandal straps. "Wind and fire" describe the coming of the kingdom and precede the proclamation of Our Lord's true identity.



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 12/27/2020 was:

First Collection: \$3,525.00

Second Collection: \$637.00

The offertory collection for Sunday 1/3/2021 was:

First Collection: \$2,618.00

Second Collection: \$856.00

[Click Here to 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:

Frank Munafo, Matthew Munafo, Rosemary Hennelly, Lou Cioci, Luisa and Rossana Schiarretta, Patricia Horton, Joseph Bannar, Colleen Farrell, Theresa Sherwin, Lawrence Appiott, Maybel Mathews and her family, Eric McDonald, Alfred Brown Michael Infanti, Dolores Hoffman, Greg Matulewicz, Mark Perry, 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.

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CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 215-561-1313

GOSPEL REFLECTION GATHERINGS

Anyone interested in participating in the reflection of the gospel on the last Tuesday of each month, please email: emccann@archphila.org; emccann@mercymidatlantic.org Please include your full name and phone number. I look forward to your response and interest at this time.

Thank you and God bless you! Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM

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 received 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.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

Day of Discernment for Post-High School Men

Jan 23 - Jan 23, 2021

Post-high school men who are considering a vocation are invited to come to St Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of discernment to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood.

Please register for this weekend and additional weekends by clicking [HERE](#).

The registration deadline is January 15, 2021

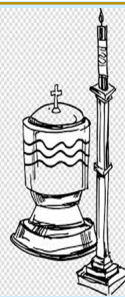
For more information about this Weekend, contact Fr. DeLacy, Vocation Director, at 610-667-5778 or Susan Matour, Associate Director, at smatour@archphila.org



Man Up Philly Conference on March 6

To register, go to: <https://manupphilly.com/registration/>

Registration fee includes: lunch, all seminars and main event.



Baptism for Children

Come September, all Baptisms will be celebrated on the **FIRST** Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM

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.



Young Adult Retreat

February 5 - 7, 2021

Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$140 per person, *single occupancy only due to Covid restrictions*

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available

For Your Discernment

Webinar Series on Parish Evangelization Ministries



Wednesdays, 13, 20 and 27, 2021
1:00-2:00 PM

Is your parish seeking a way to respond to Jesus' mandate, **"Go, make disciples?"**

Join us for a series of webinars that will give an overview of three parish evangelization ministries that can help your parish launch a movement of missionary disciple-making.

Wed, Jan 13 – 1:00-2:00 PM -

For Your Discernment: ChristLife Speakers: Jane Selner, St. Rose of Lima, North Wales and Ann Marie Gervino, Nativity of Our Lord, Warminster

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE.](#)

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/9862612>

HOLY HOUR

With the Good Shepherd

Join us for a holy hour with fellow priests, religious and lay faithful as we seek strength and encouragement from Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the saints and one another during these difficult times in the Church and in the world.

Sunday, January 17, 2021 ~ 2-4 PM

Talk topic: *St. Charles Borromeo: Confidence, Courage and Constancy in the Storm*

[View the Flyer](#)

HEARING GOD'S VOICE: THE PURSUIT OF A DYNAMIC PRAYER LIFE WITH ANDRE REGNIER

Session 1 available:
Jan. 11: 3-4pm EST
Jan. 12: 7-8pm EST
Jan. 15: 11am-12pm EST

Session 2 available:
Jan. 18: 3-4pm EST
Jan. 20: 7-8pm EST
Jan. 22: 11am-12pm EST

Session 3 available:
Jan. 25: 3-4pm EST
Jan. 27: 7-8pm EST
Jan. 29: 11am-12pm EST

Session 4 available:
Feb. 1: 3-4pm EST
Feb. 3: 7-8pm EST
Feb. 5: 11am-12pm EST

Session recordings will be uploaded to YouTube and posted on this forum each week

Healing Mass and Prayer Service

Friday, February 5, 2021-7:00 PM

Join us for Holy Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music and healing prayers.

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

[Visit the Website](#)

The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

Rise up & Journey with Jesus

Virtual Retreat for Single Women Discerning Religious Life

January 29th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM
January 30th, 2 - 5 PM

Visit MSBT.org to register or email voc@msbt.org

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat **January 29th and 30th for single women, ages 18+** that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer, reflection and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission.

To register go to msbt.org/rise-up-journ... or for more information email voc@msbt.org.

EVANGELIZATION

*It's raining, it's snowing...I don't feel like going...
Why do we go to Mass on Sunday?*

Why do we go to Mass on Sunday? This is an age-old question for Catholic Christians and most anybody who has grown a little lukewarm in their feeling toward the Lord and his presence in their life. Like other relationships in our life, we must work at our relationship with the Lord. Unlike other relationships in our life, this one is the only one enduring to the last. When we depart from this world in death, we will come before the Lord alone and render an account of our lives. If we have given him our all here, we can be confident of His giving us all then, when all else fades away.

The foundation for our veneration of Sunday is easy enough to see when we consider that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on this day. It is the preeminent day of victory in the life of a Christian disciple. It is the day a new creation was inaugurated through the action of the only-begotten Son of God. Sunday is the source and summit of our lives as Christians because it is on Sunday we celebrate the Eucharist, the perfect prayer of praise. In the Eucharist, we do not see a mere symbol of God's love for his people. The bread and wine consecrated at Mass really and truly become Jesus Christ. St. Ambrose says:

"Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed....Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before?"¹

In the Mass, we meet Jesus in our own day and age. We step out of time, as we know it, a succession of minutes, hours, days and weeks, and into God's time. It is a time apart wherein we are renewed in mind and heart by God's words spoken and consumed. Unfortunately, for many, the "Lord's Day" becomes one part of "the weekend" and little more. St. John Paul II considered this problem as Holy Father. In a letter dedicated to the subject of "The Lord's Day" he observed:

"[...] when Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes merely part of a "weekend", it can happen that people stay locked within a horizon so limited that they can no longer see "the heavens"².

As Christians, reborn in the waters of Baptism, we need Sunday in order to live fully who God has made us to be in Christ Jesus. With the Pandemic, an avenue of participation developed in the way of Live-Streaming Mass. For a time, it satisfied a desire among the faithful to take part in Mass while the Churches when questions concerning safety were especially pressing. After speaking to a number of people about the phenomena of live-streaming the Mass, they acknowledge that it is not substitute for being in-person. Why?

In Jesus Christ, the eternal word of God became flesh and dwelt among us that we may not perish but have eternal life. The whole of our faith is "incarnational" – one experienced "in the flesh". Our relationship with Jesus involves the redemption of our whole person, body and soul. When we participate in the Mass in-person – we experience the effects of that saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ in our whole person, body and soul. Let us pray for the day we can be united once more around God's altar as we ought. See you at Holy Mass!

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ CCC 1375

² Dies Domini 4