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

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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OCTOBER 18, 2026

Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council
August 10, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	**5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass on Saturday in the Cathedral Basilica**
	8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
	12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
	(Misa en español, en la Capilla)
	6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
Weekdays:	**7:15 AM & 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel**
Saturdays:	**12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel**
Holy Days:	**See website**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday:	**9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica**
	12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla
Weekdays:	**11:30 AM in the Basilica**
Saturday:	**4:15 PM in the 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://cathedralphila.org/drexel/

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 18, 2026

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life"

(Philippians 2:15d, 16a) ***R. Alleluia, alleluia.***



October 17 Saturday
St. Ignatius of Antioch
12:05 Barber Huber
5:15 Nancy V. Wade

October 18 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Bernard Kimsal
11:00 For the intentions of Berry Su
12:30 Juan CarlosTellez
6:30 For the intentions of William Rogers

October 19 Monday
Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
7:15 Carol Klaus Gallagher
12:05 Ramon L. Serrano

October 20 Tuesday, Weekday
Saint Paul of the Cross
7:15 For the Increase of Vocations to the Holy Priesthood
12:05 Joseph E. Vanderslice

October 21 Wednesday, Weekday
7:15 Father Thomas Hosinski, CSC
12:05 Alessandro Iavarone

October 22 Thursday, Weekday
St. John Paul II
7:15 Peter August Tortoreto
12:05 John Burke

October 23 Friday, Weekday
St. John the Capistrano
7:15 Those in Holy Vocation of Matrimony
12:05 Lois Dolores Dietz

October 24 Saturday, Weekday
Saint Anthony Mary Claret
12:05 Catherine Gallagher & Doris Mellinger
5:15 Kathleen Thornton

October 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Barbara Bonavitacola
11:00 For the intentions of Jason Grigoras
12:30 Silda de Rodríguez
6:30 Rose Leone

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God (Matthew 22: 21)." This is an often-quoted line from this Sunday's Gospel. Its meaning seems rather clear but at times can be difficult to apply, especially today. Yes, as Christians, we are bound to civil authority as it exercises its proper role in regulating the common good among us. However, as Christians, we acknowledge a higher authority, Almighty God, who has revealed to us the way to salvation in his Son, Jesus Christ. When it comes to living out the Gospel, especially with its moral demands for Christians, God comes first. Social and cultural pressures—even among family members and friends—frequently places Caesar and God at odds. This is more the reason we need constantly to form and inform ourselves as Christians according to the Word of God and the teachings of Christ rooted in his Church. In this way, we can properly negotiate such pressures and be faithful to the Lord in our choices and way of life. As Christians we also need to promote the legal protection of religious liberty in our land so that we can freely—with due regard for civil authority—keep the Commandments. Let us support one another with our prayer and example in all ways and in all things give "to God what belongs to God."

Today, we recognize the members of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. The CMA typically gathers for a Sunday Mass closest to the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist (October 18 which is today), one of the patrons of medical doctors. The mission of the CMA is to form and support current and future physicians to live and promote the principles of the Catholic Faith in the science and practice of medicine. Let us keep these Catholic members of the medical profession in our prayers.

The presence of the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel in our Cathedral Basilica continues to bring many blessings, especially to the countless pilgrims who visit her tomb for her heavenly help. At the tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel there are envelopes for our parishioners and visitors to list their intentions and donate to the Shrine. These intentions are especially remembered every Thursday in our perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses in the Cathedral Chapel. I am also grateful for the offerings that accompany these prayer requests. They contribute to the promotional development of the Shrine. I invite our parishioners to remember all those requests made at the Tomb of our Philadelphia Saint in their prayers as well, especially at Mass. *Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!*

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the young adult ministries in the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or give electronically. Please see http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Thank you very much.

God bless you! Father Dennis Gill, Rector



Prayer Participation Generosity

Gracious and loving Lord,
May cool mornings invigorate our souls, and the crunch of leaves and fall breezes remind us that change is a blessing. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency as the world around us is constantly changing. You are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Guide us to live with a giving heart, a generous heart and a grateful heart.

Jesus, have mercy on us.
Mary and Joseph, pray for us.
St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.
And let us remember to pray for each other always!
For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Your generosity on 10/11 was:

Regular	$5,196
Special	1,132 (to support the landscape needs of the
Electronic*	3,104 Cathedral Parish)
Total	$9,432

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for September

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos, email us at info@cathedralphila.org or call the office at 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- **Donate on-line** at **http://cathedralphila.org/donate/** or scan this QR code:

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-
Thursday, October 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
The Sacrament of Baptism
Meeting in the 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 Father Dennis Gill at info@cathedralphila.org

HAVING MASSES OFFERED

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to "**pray for the living and the dead". We pray for the living for many reasons:** healing, conversion, success, strength, etc. We pray for the deceased so that they may be forgiven of their sins and enter eternal life.

The best prayer that we have, for any person or for any reason, is the Mass. It's always been a good spiritual work of mercy to have Mass offered for a person, especially the deceased.

There are many Masses, both weekdays and Sundays, that are open and available in our Mass book. If you are interested in having a Mass offered for someone, please stop by our receptionist office Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM. **Each Mass is a $10 stipend.**

LUMINISCENCE AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This show has captivated millions of guests around the world and now is an opportunity to welcome visitors into the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in a whole new way — and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

For additional details, please visit:
https://luminiscence.com/philadelphia





Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: *Iftikhar Francis, Jodi A., Marilsa, Sr. Cynthia, Gina & Idris, Joshua Pryce, Judith Althouse, Baby Logan James, Gene & Karen, Mary Kate, Linda, Katy, Christina, Sean, Sarah & Nick, Kate & Kate, Charles Barclay, Miara, Thomas, Paola, Eridania Guzmán, Joan Robertson, Erick Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org, 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: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. 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.***

Declaración de la Misión de la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, 10 de agosto del 2021

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILACIÓN

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla







REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy celebramos el vigésimo noveno domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. "Paguen al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios" (Mateo 22, 21). Esta frase del evangelio de hoy se cita con frecuencia. Su significado parece bastante claro, pero a veces resulta difícil de aplicar, especialmente en la actualidad. Sí, como cristianos estamos sujetos a la autoridad civil cuando esta ejerce su función legítima de regular el bien común entre nosotros. Sin embargo, como cristianos reconocemos una autoridad superior: Dios Todopoderoso, quien nos ha revelado el camino de la salvación a través de su Hijo, Jesucristo. A la hora de vivir el evangelio, y en particular sus exigencias morales para los cristianos, Dios ocupa el primer lugar. Las presiones sociales y culturales, incluso las provenientes de familiares y amigos, a menudo ponen en conflicto al César y a Dios. Por ello, es aún más necesario que nos formemos e informemos constantemente como cristianos, guiándonos por la Palabra de Dios y las enseñanzas de Cristo arraigadas en su Iglesia. De este modo, podremos afrontar adecuadamente tales presiones y ser fieles al Señor en nuestras decisiones y en nuestro modo de vida. Como cristianos, también debemos promover la protección legal de la libertad religiosa en nuestra tierra para poder cumplir los mandamientos con libertad y con el debido respeto a la autoridad civil. Apoyémonos mutuamente con la oración y el ejemplo, y demos siempre y en todo a "Dios lo que es de Dios."

Hoy reconocemos a los miembros de la Asociación Médica Católica (CMA, por sus siglas en inglés) durante la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. Por lo general, la CMA se reúne para celebrar la Misa dominical más cercana a la fiesta de San Lucas Evangelista (que se celebra hoy, 18 de octubre), uno de los patronos de los médicos. La misión de la CMA es formar y apoyar a los médicos actuales y futuros para que vivan y promuevan los principios de la fe católica en la ciencia y la práctica de la medicina. Tengamos presentes en nuestras oraciones a estos miembros católicos de la profesión médica.

La presencia de los restos sagrados de Santa Katharine Drexel en nuestra Catedral Basílica sigue trayendo muchas bendiciones, especialmente a los innumerables peregrinos que visitan su tumba para implorar su ayuda celestial. En la tumba de Santa Katharine Drexel hay sobres para que nuestros feligreses y visitantes anoten sus intenciones y hagan donaciones al Santuario. Estas intenciones se tienen especialmente presentes cada jueves en nuestra novena perpetua a Santa Katharine Drexel, tras las misas de las 7:15 AM y las 12:05 PM en la capilla de la Catedral. También agradezco las ofrendas que acompañan a estas peticiones de oración; estas contribuyen al desarrollo y promoción del Santuario. Invito a nuestros feligreses a tener presentes en sus oraciones, especialmente durante la Misa, todas las peticiones realizadas ante la tumba de nuestra santa de Filadelfia. *¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!*

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los ministerios de jóvenes adultos de la parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o realizar su donativo electrónicamente. Por favor, consulten http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

WE NEED YOU!
CALLING ALL PARISH GREETERS

The Cathedral Parish is looking to expand our Parish Greeter ministry. Parish Greeters play an important role in the life of our Cathedral, helping to ensure that all who join us for prayer feel welcomed and at home in our church. From offering a welcoming presence and helping take up the collection, to handing out hymnals and tidying up after each Mass, this liturgical ministry is essential to the celebration of the Mass. We invite you - parishioners and visitors - to consider serving the Cathedral Parish in this ministry. If you are interested in learning more, please call Jonathan in the Parish Office (215-561-1313).

NEED HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

The Cathedral Parish is preparing its annual Giving Tree. If your family (specifically your children, newborns to 18 years old) **- or a family in the parish that you know -** would benefit from being the recipient of our Giving Tree this year, please call Jonathan in the Parish Office (215-561-1313).







Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
as we celebrate this joyful feast of the Church.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Sunday, November 1, 2026

HOLY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

5:15 PM	**Anticipated Mass,** in the Cathedral Basilica *(Saturday, October 31)* Confessions available from 4:15–5:00 PM in the Cathedral Basilica *(Saturday, October 31)*
8:00 AM	Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica
9:30 AM	Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica
11:00 AM	Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica
12:30 PM	Spanish Mass, Cathedral Chapel
6:30 PM	Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica

Confessions available in English at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica
Confessions available in Spanish at 12:00 PM in the Cathedral Chapel by appointment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed.
- Parking is available.

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1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

SUNG VESPERS
6:00 PM

- OCT. 4, 2026
- NOV. 1, 2026
- DEC. 6, 2026
- JAN. 3, 2027
- FEB. 7, 2027
- MAR. 7, 2027
- APR. 4, 2027
- MAY 2, 2027



BEFORE THE 6:30PM MASS
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND THE SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL











Hearing Devices

If you or someone you know is in need of a hearing device at Mass, please ask one of the Greeters to assist you. They may be borrowed from the sacristy and returned after Mass.