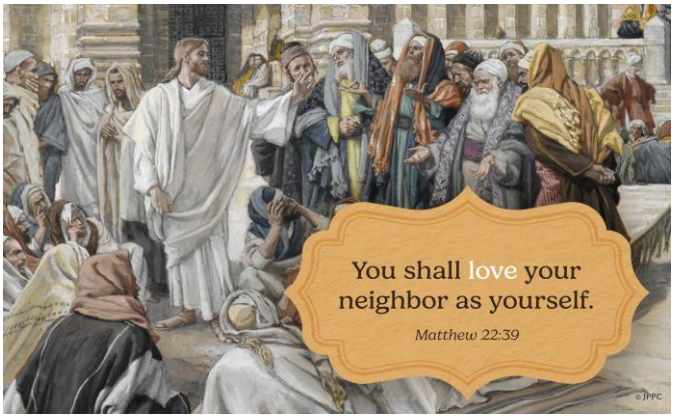
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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OCTOBER 25, 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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 25, 2026

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him"
(John 14:23) ***R. Alleluia, alleluia.***



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
October 26	**Monday, Weekday**
7:15	Simone Metellus
12:05	Dorothy Kubiak
October 27	**Tuesday, Weekday**
7:15	Carmen Veneri
12:05	Patricia H. Toth
October 28	**Wednesday**
	SS. Simon & Jude
7:15	Ida Campolo
12:05	For the intentions of Catherine Elizabeth Stone
October 29	**Thursday, Weekday**
7:15	For the increase of vocations to the Consecrated Life
12:05	For the intentions of the Philadelphia Family Court Employees
October 30	**Friday, Weekday**
7:15	For peace in the world and the city
12:05	Sergio & Maria Capparella
October 31	**Saturday, Weekday**
12:05	Connor Wright
5:15	For the increase of vocations to the Holy Priesthood
November 1	**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Living and Deceased Members of the League of Sacred Heart
11:00	For the Deceased Members of Legion of Mary Worldwide
12:30	Jeffrey Johns
6:30	Richard Eife

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Holy Gospel today gives us the two summary commandments of all the Commandments of the Lord (see Matthew 22: 34-40). Love God with all that we are and love our neighbor as ourselves. We have become so accustomed to hearing these words of Jesus that their weight and force may be less than they should be in guiding us in living the Christian life. Jesus means what he says and gives us the grace to do what he says. For followers of the Lord Jesus, God must be at the center of our lives. Jesus shows us in the Gospels how his Father, and our Father, was the source and aim of his every deed. Likewise, in a conscious and consistent manner, our prayers, thoughts and actions need to begin with God and then they will end with God. In this way, our prayers, thoughts and actions will necessarily turn toward our neighbor. To love God then is to love our neighbor.

The month of November begins next week with two very important observances for all Catholics. Sunday, November 1, 2026, is the Solemnity of All Saints. Monday, November 2, 2026, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). Please see the schedule of Masses for the All Souls Day elsewhere in this edition of the parish bulletin.

All Saints Day gives us the opportunity to recall all the saints, especially our patron saints, who give us the witness and inspiration we so often need to live our Christian lives with courage and integrity. On All Saints Day, we honor the saints and ask for their heavenly help during this life so that we may be one day with them in heaven. Since All Saints Day falls on a Sunday, we observe our regular Sunday Mass and Confession schedule.

All Souls' Day, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, reminds us of the spiritual work of mercy to pray for the dead. We remember the dead especially during the celebration of Mass. Our faith assures us of the power of Christ's Sacrifice to aid the souls in Purgatory as they are purified for the glory of heaven. On November 2, we remember our beloved deceased with special devotion as well as all through the month of November. The All Souls Envelopes, listing the dead to be remembered especially this month, will be placed at the All Souls Altar in the Basilica. Mass will be offered frequently during the month of November for all the faithful departed, including those listed. I encourage you to obtain a Memorial Candle for your beloved deceased to be placed at the All Souls Altar. Please see elsewhere in the parish bulletin for more information about the Memorial Candles for those who have died.

As a reminder, low gluten hosts for Holy Communion and listening devices for the hearing impaired are always available for those coming to Mass at the Cathedral Basilica. Please see the sacristan in the sacristy before Mass begins.

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 poor and needy in the neighborhood of 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 10/18 was:

Regular	$6,691
Special	2,540 (to support World Missions Sunday)
Electronic*	3,104
Total	$12,335

*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 29, 2026, 7:00 PM
The Sacrament of Confirmation
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

Mass Honoring St. Martin de Porres

Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 PM

Join us at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul** for a special Mass honoring **St. Martin de Porres**, Patron Saint of Social Justice. During the celebration, candidates from the **Black Catholic Apostolate** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome to join us in prayer and celebrate this special occasion.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: *Lucy, Zachary Hartz's intentions, 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, 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 RECONCILIACIÓN

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla





REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es el trigésimo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El santo evangelio de este día nos presenta los dos mandamientos que resumen todos los mandamientos del Señor (véase Mateo 22, 34-40): Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón y Amarás al prójimo como a ti mismo. Nos hemos acostumbrado tanto a escuchar estas palabras de Jesús que, a veces, su peso y su fuerza —tan necesarios para guiarnos en nuestra vida cristiana— pueden pasar desapercibidos. Jesús dice lo que quiere decir y, además, nos concede la gracia para cumplirlo. Para quienes seguimos al Señor Jesús, Dios debe ocupar el centro de nuestra existencia. En los evangelios, Jesús nos muestra cómo su Padre —que es también nuestro Padre— fue la fuente y el fin de cada una de sus acciones. Del mismo modo, nuestras oraciones, pensamientos y actos deben comenzar en Dios y, por consiguiente, terminar en Él, de manera consciente y constante. Así, nuestras oraciones, pensamientos y acciones se orientarán, necesariamente, hacia nuestro prójimo. Por tanto, amar a Dios equivale a amar al prójimo.

La próxima semana comienza el mes de noviembre, que trae consigo dos celebraciones de gran importancia para todos los Católicos. El domingo 1 de noviembre del 2026, la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos; y el lunes 2 de noviembre del 2026, la Conmemoración de todos los Fieles Difuntos (Día de Todas las Almas del Purgatorio). Les invitamos a consultar el horario de las misas para el Día de los Difuntos en otra sección de este boletín parroquial.

La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos nos brinda la oportunidad de recordar a todos los santos —especialmente a nuestros santos patronos—, quienes nos ofrecen el testimonio y la inspiración que tanto necesitamos para vivir nuestra vida cristiana con valentía e integridad. En este día, honramos a los santos y solicitamos su auxilio celestial durante nuestro paso por esta vida, con la esperanza de que, algún día, podamos estar junto a ellos en el cielo. Dado que la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos cae en domingo, mantendremos el horario habitual de misas y confesiones dominicales.

El Día de Todas las Almas del Purgatorio, o Conmemoración de todos los Fieles Difuntos, nos recuerda una de las obras de misericordia espirituales: rezar por los difuntos. Recordamos a los difuntos, especialmente durante la celebración de la Santa Misa. Nuestra fe nos asegura que el Sacrificio de Cristo tiene el poder de ayudar a las almas en el Purgatorio mientras son purificadas para la gloria del cielo. El 2 de noviembre, y a lo largo de todo el mes, recordamos a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos con una devoción especial. Los sobres para la conmemoración de los fieles difuntos —en los que se anotan los nombres de aquellos a quienes deseamos recordar de manera particular este mes— se colocarán en el Altar de los Fieles Difuntos, situado en la Basílica. Durante el mes de noviembre, se celebrarán Misas con frecuencia por todos los fieles difuntos, incluidos aquellos cuyos nombres hayan sido entregados. Los animo a solicitar una vela conmemorativa por sus seres queridos fallecidos, la cual será colocada en dicho Altar. En otra sección del boletín parroquial encontrarán más información sobre estas velas conmemorativas.

Les recordamos que, para quienes asisten a Misa en la Catedral Basílica, están disponibles hostias con bajo contenido de gluten para la Sagrada Comunión, así como dispositivos de ayuda auditiva para personas con dificultades de audición. Si los necesitan, por favor, diríjanse al sacristán en la sacristía antes del comienzo de la Misa.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo estará destinada a los pobres y necesitados del vecindario de la parroquia. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial o realizar su donativo de forma electrónica a través del enlace: http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. ¡Muchas gracias! 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).



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.



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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Commemoration of
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
"All Souls Day"

Monday, November 2, 2026

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Mass in the Cathedral Chapel at 7:15 AM
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, in the Cathedral Basilica at 11:30 AM
Holy Mass in the Cathedral Basilica at 12:05 PM
Holy Mass in the Cathedral Chapel at 5:15 PM

Join us in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) in which we will pray for the happy repose of all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

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Mother Mary Teresa Tallon

On Wednesday, October 28, 2026, we will have an opportunity to join the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate with a time of prayer, Holy Mass and a reception in thanksgiving for Mother Mary Teresa's recognition by the Church as Venerable, as we continue to prayer for her canonization. The Superior General of the Parish Visitors, Mother Maria Catherine, PVMI, will offer a reflection on the life of their foundress during the reception. Please see the attached flyer and help to spread the word widely.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
18TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin the holy season of Advent, the Church invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us for Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, as we gather in prayer before the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This sacred time offers an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord, seek His peace, and renew our hope as we await His coming. Let us set aside the distractions of daily life and spend time with Jesus, who remains with us in the Eucharist. All are invited to come and adore the Lord.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is around the clock during the Forty Hours.
To sign up for a period of adoration, please use this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EADA72BA0FD0-66710512-annual#/

Advent Retreat Day

The manger is empty



The Sign of Fidelity and Love

Will the Child Jesus be born again?
Will God be faithful to His promise?
How can I prove my fidelity to God and God's love for me?

Saturday, December 12, 2026

To register please contact Jo Ann at jremshard@archphila.org
or RSVP to https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Apkw6ZXPCe

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18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
PARKING AVAILABLE
You are welcome to all or part of the day
A suggested offering of $20 may be made on the day of Retreat

Schedule:

9:30 am	Arrival and Refreshments
9:45 am	Mid-morning Prayer
10:00 am	First Conference
11:00 am	Quiet time and the availability of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
12:05 pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm	Second Conference
2:30 pm	Holy Hour with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
3:30 pm	Conclusion of the Retreat Day

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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



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS
THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Let us announce the reign of Christ in our time and in our world with a procession of His Holy Body and Blood through the streets of Center City Philadelphia.

The public praise of the Most Blessed Sacrament fills believers with joy and deepens the faith of those encountered along the way.