

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 4, 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *Sunday, October 4, 2026*

"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain" (Cf. John 15:16)
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Weekly Intentions



October 3 Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Essie Mae Rubin
5:15 James Helmick

October 4 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 For the Living and Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00 Members of the Rosary Confraternity
12:30 Margarito Tellez
6:30 For the Living and Deceased Members of the Otremski Family

October 5 Monday, Weekday **St. Faustina Kowalska;** **Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**

7:15 For the intentions of the Cathedral Clergy, Sisters, and Personnel
12:05 Mary Schiavo

October 6 Tuesday, Weekday **St. Bruno**

7:15 Bridget Beatrice
12:05 For the intentions of Catholic Charities Appeal

October 7 Wednesday **Our Lady of the Rosary**

7:15 For the intentions of Jane Zendarski
12:05 Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh

October 8 Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Joan Renee Smith
12:05 Clare D'Agostino

October 9 Friday, Weekday **St. Dennis & companions; St. John Leonardi**

7:15 For the intentions of Jillian Wirth
12:05 Michael Timothy Murray

October 10 Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Dolores DiSanto
5:15 John Kearns

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Second Reading for Mass today, from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (4: 6-9), reminds us of the importance of presenting all our needs, prayers and intentions to Almighty God. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God (Philippians 4: 6)." People are becoming weary of the anxieties and concerns that fill these present days and they are many. Let us trust the Lord that he is near to us and ready to hear and help us who belong to him. Can we dismiss our anxieties and trust in the provident love of God for us? Yes! With renewed faith, let us lean more and more on the Lord with all that fills our hearts.

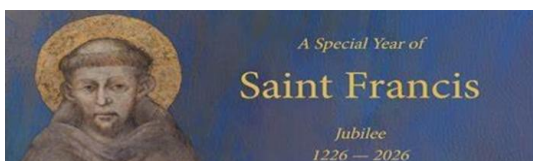
October is Respect Life Month and today is Respect Life Sunday. Respect Life Month raises our awareness about the value of life, from the first moment of conception until natural death. Pope St. John Paul II reminded us so clearly about the culture of death that has taken over most of society and our duty as Catholics to promote a culture of life, to act on behalf of human life among family and friends, to pray for an increased respect for human life, and do what we can for the legal promotion of human life. This intention will be especially remembered in the Sunday Universal Prayer during the month of October.

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. The liturgical Memorial of the Holy Rosary is Wednesday, October 7, 2026. We will pray the Holy Rosary in the Cathedral Chapel before the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses on that day. Everyone is welcome. I encourage everyone to pray the Rosary frequently during the month of October, perhaps even daily. Let us turn to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to intercede especially for peace in our world and for an increased respect for human life.

October 3, 2026, was the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis earlier this year with possibilities for a Jubilee Indulgence to all Franciscans and to all the clergy and faithful. This indulgence is especially associated with visiting shrines and churches named after Saint Francis. Saint Francis is a powerful reminder of a radical commitment to Christ and his Gospel. He was an eloquent preacher with his life of fidelity to Christ, especially to his Cross, as a way to promote peace and justice. As we observe his liturgical memorial today, let us turn to Saint Francis to help us live the Gospel fully and promote peace and justice in our own way.

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 landscape needs 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 9/27 was:

Regular \$5,415
Special 1,117 (to support the Liturgical programs
Electronic* 2,413 of the Cathedral Parish)
Total \$8,945

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for August

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
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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 8, 2026, 7:00 PM

The Holy Bible: The New Testament

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.**

LEGION OF MARY

Serving God in prayer and spiritual works of mercy under
the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Mary. Come and be a
guest at one of our **Sunday meetings in the Neumann
Room.**

October 4 and October 11 from 1-2:30 pm

Any questions, contact Barbara at 610-585-0821.

LUMINISCE 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:
Gene & Karen, Mary Kate, Linda, Katy, Christina, Sean, Sarah & Nick, Kate & Kate, Charles Barclay, Miara, Thomas, Paola,
Jessy Milner, Dr. Kermit Gosnell, Lissy, Ace, Rhonda Davis, Anna Juno, 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 celebramos el vigésimo séptimo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. La segunda lectura de la Misa de hoy, tomada de la carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses (4, 6-9), nos recuerda la importancia de presentar todas nuestras necesidades, oraciones e intenciones a Dios Todopoderoso. “No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud” (Filipenses 4, 6). La gente se siente agobiada por las ansiedades y preocupaciones que llenan estos tiempos actuales, y son muchas. Confiemos en que el Señor está cerca de nosotros, dispuesto a escucharnos y a ayudarnos a quienes le pertenecemos. ¿Podemos dejar de lado nuestras ansiedades y confiar en el amor providente de Dios hacia nosotros? ¡Sí! Con fe renovada, apoyémonos cada vez más en el Señor con todo lo que llena nuestros corazones.

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida y hoy celebramos el Domingo del Respeto a la Vida. Este mes nos ayuda a tomar conciencia del valor de la vida, desde el primer momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. San Juan Pablo II nos recordó claramente la existencia de la “cultura de la muerte” que se ha apoderado de gran parte de la sociedad, así como nuestro deber como católicos de promover una cultura de la vida: actuar en favor de la vida humana entre familiares y amigos, orar para que aumente el respeto por la vida humana y hacer cuanto esté a nuestro alcance para promover legalmente la defensa de la vida. Esta intención se tendrá especialmente presente en la Oración Universal de los domingos durante el mes de octubre.

Octubre es también el mes del Santo Rosario. La memoria litúrgica de Nuestra Señora del Rosario se celebra el miércoles 7 de octubre del 2026. Ese día rezaremos el Santo Rosario en la capilla de la Catedral antes de las Misas de las 7:15 AM y de las 12:05 PM. Todos son bienvenidos. Animo a todos a rezar el Rosario con frecuencia durante el mes de octubre, tal vez incluso a diario. Recurramos a Nuestra Señora del Rosario para que interceda especialmente por la paz en el mundo y por un mayor respeto a la vida humana. El 3 de octubre del 2026 se conmemoró el 800^{avo} aniversario de la muerte de San Francisco de Asís. Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa León XIV, proclamó a principios de este año un Año Jubilar de San Francisco, ofreciendo la posibilidad de obtener una indulgencia jubilar a todos los franciscanos, así como al clero y a los fieles. Esta indulgencia está especialmente vinculada a la visita de santuarios e iglesias dedicados a San Francisco. San Francisco es un poderoso recordatorio del compromiso radical con Cristo y su evangelio. Fue un predicador elocuente gracias a su vida de fidelidad a Cristo, especialmente a su Cruz, como medio para promover la paz y la justicia. Al celebrar hoy su memoria litúrgica, acudamos a San Francisco para que nos ayude a vivir plenamente el evangelio y a promover la paz y la justicia a nuestra propia manera.

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 las necesidades de jardinería y mantenimiento de los espacios exteriores 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

LA FUENTE 2026

CONFERENCIA PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

«TENGAN VALOR: YO HE VENCIDO AL MUNDO.»

SABADO, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE

Joan 16:33

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GRUPO DE JÓVENES SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO

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CONECTADO

CADA TERCER VIERNES DEL MES

OCTUBRE 16, 2026

7 PM - 9 PM

SALÓN DREXEL

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTACTE

Diácono Jesus Burgos
dea.jburgos@archphila.org

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NEW WINE MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY

“New Wine” is a chance for married couples who have **been married for any length of time** (whether or not you have children) to come together; enjoy wine and the word of Jesus; and strengthen your relationship, marriage, and family life. This will be a time for building friendships with other married couples, learning from one another, and creating a deeper relationship with your spouse and God.

FALL MEETING DATE: October 16, 2026
Friday evening | 6:30-8:00 PM

Rooftop of One Cathedral Square (1701 Race Street)

The building behind the Cathedral Basilica; someone will guide you from the Lobby.

Email Charlotte at cjlr8@aol.com to sign up by October 9th.

- Fr. Gill to open with a marriage enrichment talk
- Wine and cheese
- Meet other parish couples in a beautiful setting that overlooks Logan Circle from the high up

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Saturday, October 17, 2026
9:00 AM to 12 NOON

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center
1601 Cherry Street - Suite 1100
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1310
Parking available

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter
Director, Office for Divine Worship

All priests, deacons, D/CRE's, Christian Initiation coordinators and teams, catechists are welcome!

Topic:

Serving Every Path to Christian Initiation:
Part II of the Ritual Book

The parish implementation of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing process. This year the focus of this session will be on Part II of the ritual book, Rites for Particular Circumstances. In this session the sacramental initiation of school age children, the modified rites for unbaptized adults, and the preparation of already baptized adults, as well as, the rite for reception into full communion of the Catholic Church will be explained and explored. Participants are asked to read Part II of the ritual book in advance of the session.

Join us as we reflect on how to form a dynamic team that fosters authentic conversion and discipleship!

Please register by [clicking HERE](#) or scan this QR code.

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person

Registration deadline is September 30, 2026.

For questions, please email us at worship@archphila.org

There is Holy Mass at 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel following the workshop.

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH NIGHT: STAY

CONNECTED

EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 16, 2026

7 PM - 9 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Deacon Jesus Burgos

dea.jburgos@archphila.org

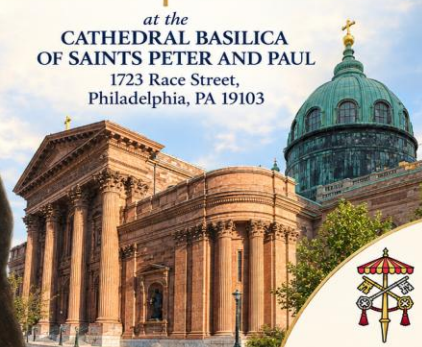
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Join us on
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2026
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to celebrate the
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of
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Contact us:

enrollment@sfx.school | 215-763-6564 | sfxschool.com

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at respectlife.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her. Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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SENIORS SPIRITUAL GATHERING

Topic:

*Balancing Loneliness and Solitude
in Later years*

Presenter:

Claudia Filippino, Family therapist

Saturday, October 10, 2026

from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Location: Neumann Room
(Back door of the Cathedral Basilica)

All are welcome!

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY

CHAIR OF SACRED MUSIC

Tuesday
OCTOBER 6
7 PM

Msgr. Charles M. Mangan
Marian Reflection & Rosary



THIS WEEKEND!

Blessing of Animals

All God's creatures are a gift!

Saturday, October 3rd
at 11:00 AM

Sunday, October 4th
at 2:30 PM

Both blessings will take place
in the Courtyard of the
Cathedral Chapel.

*The Chapel of Our Lady of
The Blessed Sacrament*
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway



A DAY WITH JESUS

A time of renewal & faith

17 OCT, 2026

1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA

- **12:05 PM** – Daily Mass (Chapel)
- **1:00 PM** – Lunch and Fellowship (Drexel Hall)
- **3:00 PM** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, and Benediction (Chapel)
- **4:00 PM** – Social Gathering (Place TBD)

REGISTER TODAY

Fill out this quick form

Sing at Our Mother Church

Is your parish choir interested in singing at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**?

Parish choirs are warmly invited to sing at the **5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday**. This is a beautiful opportunity to share your choir's ministry at our Mother Church and invite your parishioners to worship with you.

Choirs may also sing a **prelude, postlude, offertory, and hymn of praise** of their choice.

Most Saturdays from **November 2026 through May 2027** are available, except the second Saturday of each month.

Interested? Contact **Charlene Angelini**, Cathedral Parish Music Director, at cangelini@archphila.org.

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