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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NOVEMBER 22, 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
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313
www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, November 22, 2026

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!"
(Mark 11:9,10) ***R. Alleluia, alleluia.***



November 21 Saturday
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05 Shane J. Sieber
5:15 For the intentions of Luke Baldi

November 22 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 For the Holy Souls
11:00 Andrew Wushcher
12:30 Eduvijes & Julia Rodríguez
6:30 James Walton

November 23 Monday, Weekday
(Thirty fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)
7:15 For the health of Eliud Chico
12:05 For the intentions of Watts Ueltschey & Family

November 24 Tuesday
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
7:15 For those in Holy Vocation of Matrimony
12:05 Nicholas F. Lapergola Jr.

November 25 Wednesday, Weekday
St. Catherine of Alexandria
7:15 Asunta Pereca
12:05 Soon Young Susanna Suh-Kin

November 26 Thursday, Weekday
Thanksgiving Day
9:00 Dr. MoonJa Marianna Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh

November 27 Friday, Weekday
9:00 Giovanna Bobbi

November 28 Saturday, Weekday
(Here ends the year of Grace 2026)
12:05 Margaret Foy
5:15 Maryann Pawlush

November 29 First Sunday of Advent
8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 For the Holy Souls
11:00 Clare D'Agostino
12:30 Julia Rodríguez
6:30 Michael Olmo

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The Gospel for this Sunday, nicknamed the Last Judgment Gospel, speaks to our personal judgment upon death when the Lord will scrutinize our living the Christian life according to our good deeds. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25: 40)." In the Kingdom of Christ, we all belong to him and to one another. One of the essential aspects of this Kingdom is living our Christian lives in imitation of the King of the Universe, laying down our lives for one another. Concretely, this manifests itself in our genuine service to the needs of our brothers and sisters. As we read this Gospel (see Matthew 25: 31-46), we see everyday ways that we can provide for the corporal and spiritual needs of one another. In a time when isolation from others has become the norm for so many, all the more we are compelled as brothers and sisters of the Lord, the King of the Universe, to make his Kingdom more real in our midst as we extend ourselves to one another. Christ gives us the grace and strength to do this now and always.

This Thursday, November 26, 2026, is Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday. I encourage you to include the celebration of Holy Mass as part of your Thanksgiving Day. The Holy Eucharist, the most perfect prayer of thanksgiving, is a most fitting way to express our gratitude to the Lord for all his favors and blessings to us. Please see the Mass schedule for Thanksgiving Day elsewhere in the parish bulletin.

Thursday, November 26 is also the birthday of Saint Katharine Drexel, born in 1858. With her sacred remains in our Cathedral Basilica, she is so very near to us here and in glory. I encourage you to turn to Saint Katharine Drexel frequently in prayer for her heavenly aid for your many intentions.

Next Sunday, November 29, 2026, is the First Sunday of Advent and the Opening of our Annual Eucharistic Devotion, our Parish Forty Hours. Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare for the Nativity of the Lord with a deeper sense of God's provident love for us in sending us our Savior and Redeemer. Perhaps this year the need is even greater for us to take seriously this time of joyful anticipation of the Birth of Jesus with focused prayer and reflection. Participation in the Annual Eucharistic Devotion is a wonderful Advent opportunity to be in the presence of the Lord and know his Real Presence to us. Plan now to be a part of the Forty Hours. Please see more information about the Forty Hours in this edition of the parish bulletin. *Come, let us adore him!*

I thank all of you who have been so generous with your contribution to the annual Parish Fall Collection (formerly known as the Block Collection). The income from this collection is a tremendous help to us. If you have already made your contribution, thank you so very much. If you have not, please consider doing so.

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 special maintenance projects for 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

Make a gift that continues the God-given gifts you receive and give during your lifetime. A gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or other planned gift creates a perpetual legacy of support. Consider supporting the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in this very special way. Your support makes a difference in the life of our Church. Consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to provide for the future of our parish.

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 11/15 was:

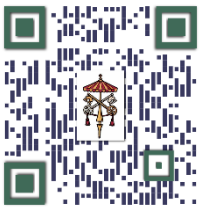
Regular	$7,229	
Special	1,947	(to support the religious education
Electronic*	3,242	programs of the Cathedral Parish)
Total	$12,418	

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October

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:





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

NO CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-
Thursday, November 26, 2026, 7:00 PM



Support the Cathedral Basilica on Giving Tuesday!

Mark your calendars and plan to support the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Tuesday, December 1, 2026! This year, our #iGiveCatholic Day of Giving goal is to raise $100,000 to help replace the Race Street doors. The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul opens its doors to thousands of parishioners, pilgrims, retreatants, and visitors from throughout the world each and every year! Your support of our ministry and this important project will help us continue our mission long into the future. ***Can we count on you to support this important project?***

To learn more, scan or click on this QR code:
[URL: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul | #iGiveCatholic]

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: *Judy, Orlando Morales, Brad & Susan, Mary, Nina, For the Philadelphia Police Department, Tyair Boshir Sallam's intentions, Richard Noble, Mary Goudsward, Lucy, Zachary Hartz's intentions, Iftikhar Francis, Jodi A., Marilsa, 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 la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, el último domingo del año litúrgico. El evangelio de este domingo, conocido a menudo como el evangelio del Juicio Final, nos habla sobre nuestro juicio personal al momento de la muerte, cuando el Señor examinará cómo hemos vivido nuestra vida cristiana a la luz de nuestras buenas obras. "Yo les aseguro que, cuando no lo hicieron con uno de aquellos más insignificantes, tampoco lo hicieron conmigo" (Mateo 25, 40). En el Reino de Cristo, todos pertenecemos a Él y los unos a los otros. Un aspecto esencial de este Reino es vivir nuestra vida cristiana imitando al Rey del Universo, entregando nuestra vida por los demás. En concreto, esto se manifiesta a través de un servicio sincero ante las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Al leer este evangelio (véase Mateo 25, 31-46), descubrimos formas cotidianas de atender las necesidades corporales y espirituales de nuestros prójimos. En una época en la que el aislamiento se ha vuelto la norma para muchos, nos sentimos aún más llamados, como hermanos y hermanas del Señor, Rey del Universo, a hacer que su Reino sea más real entre nosotros, tendiéndonos la mano unos a otros. Cristo nos otorga la gracia y la fortaleza para hacerlo, ahora y siempre.

Este jueves 26 de noviembre del 2026 es el Día de Acción de Gracias, una festividad nacional. Los animo a incluir la celebración de la Santa Misa en sus actividades de este día. La Sagrada Eucaristía, que es la oración de acción de gracias por excelencia, constituye la forma más adecuada de expresar nuestra gratitud al Señor por todos sus favores y bendiciones. Por favor, consulten el horario de misas para el Día de Acción de Gracias en otra sección de este boletín parroquial.

El jueves 26 de noviembre es también el Aniversario del nacimiento de Santa Katharine Drexel, quien nació en el 1858. Dado que sus restos sagrados descansan en nuestra Catedral Basílica, ella se encuentra muy cerca de nosotros, tanto aquí como en la gloria. Los invito a recurrir a Santa Katharine Drexel con frecuencia en sus oraciones, solicitando su ayuda celestial para sus diversas intenciones. El próximo domingo, 29 de noviembre del 2026, es el primer domingo de Adviento y el inicio de nuestra devoción eucarística anual: las "Cuarenta Horas" en nuestra parroquia. El Adviento nos brinda la oportunidad de prepararnos para la Natividad del Señor con una conciencia más profunda del amor providente de Dios, quien nos envió a nuestro Salvador y Redentor. Quizás este año sea aún más necesario tomarse en serio este tiempo de gozosa espera ante el nacimiento de Jesús, dedicándonos a la oración y a la reflexión. Participar en esta devoción eucarística anual es una oportunidad maravillosa, propia del Adviento, para estar ante el Señor y experimentar su presencia real entre nosotros. Les invito a planificar desde ahora su participación en las "Cuarenta Horas." Encontrarán más información al respecto en esta edición del boletín parroquial. *¡Vengan, adoremos al Señor!*

Deseo expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los que han sido tan generosos con su contribución a la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (anteriormente conocida como la Block Collection). Los fondos recaudados mediante esta colecta nos son de gran ayuda. Si ya han realizado su aportación, ¡muchísimas gracias! Si aún no lo han hecho, les invito a considerar colaborar.

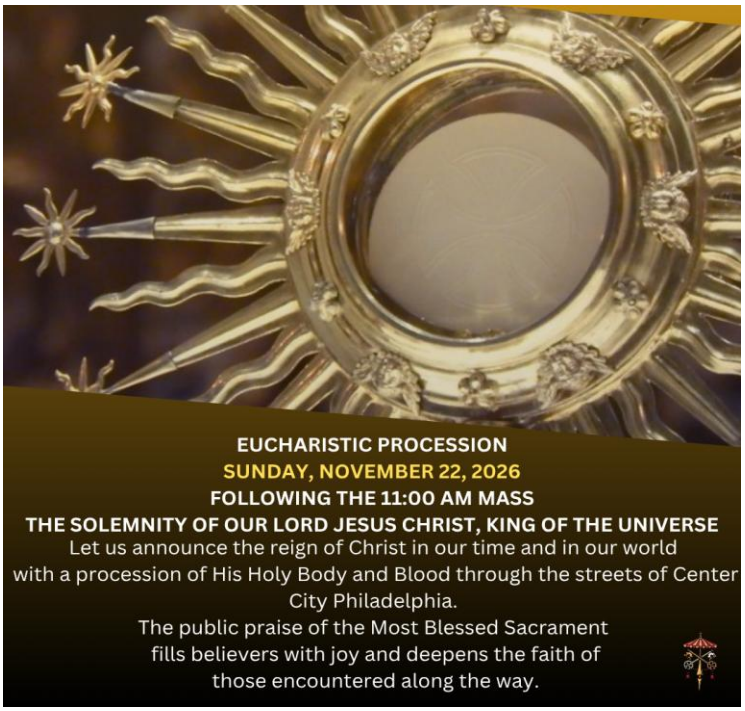
Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a proyectos especiales de mantenimiento en la parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o realizar su donativo de forma electrónica a través de http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. ¡Muchas gracias!

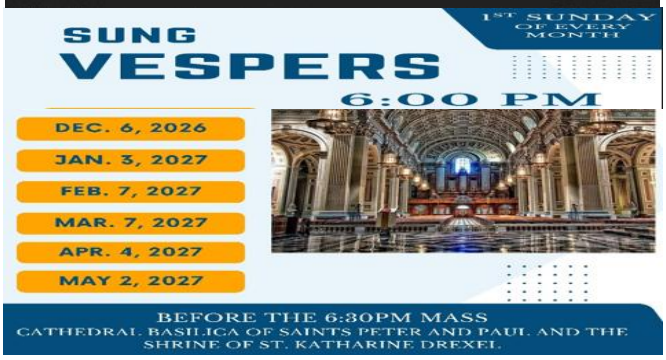
¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector











As part of a religious response to the increasing gun violence on our neighborhood streets and the need to pray for **PEACE IN OUR CITY**, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is opening its doors **every Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for prayer.** This focused and intentional period of prayer is open to all people of every Faith and Tradition. Together we pray that the Lord will come to our aid and bring an end to the epidemic violence that impacts all of us in Philadelphia and restore us with his peace.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our annual Advent Giving Tree has returned and is set up in the side aisle close to the altar of Saint Joseph on the northside of the church! It includes ornaments for local Catholic communities and parish families. ***Can we count on your support again this year?***

To participate in person: Take one or more ornaments from the tree after Mass. Each ornament lists a child or community and their requested gift or gift card. ***Return your gifts and ornaments*** (so we can identify the recipients) ***by Sunday, December 6, 2026***, the Second Sunday of Advent. You can bring your wrapped gifts or gift cards (in an envelope) to a Sacristan, Cathedral staff member, or drop them off at the Rectory office (1723 Race Street). *Early returns help ensure the gifts and gift cards reach families and communities in time for Christmas!* Please do not leave your presents under the tree!

To participate online: You can donate on the Cathedral webpage, by clicking on the **"DONATE"** button, and giving through the Giving Tree Fund. Your donation will be used to help purchase gifts and gift cards on our ornaments. This is a very easy way to participate! Online giving is also a great way to invite your friends and family all over the country to help support the Cathedral Parish's Advent Giving Tree too!

If you have questions, please reach out to Jonathan in the Rectory office (215-561-1313). Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this beautiful ministry!

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



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#/

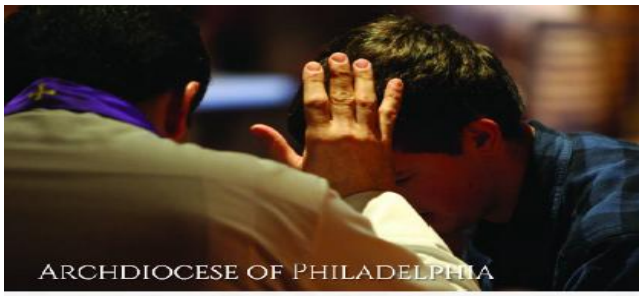


ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE

Six-day candles are available now and throughout the entire month of November as we join with the Church and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are invited to remember especially your beloved deceased with an All Souls Memorial Candle.

A fifteen-dollar donation is requested for each candle. Your prayer request for your loved one will be placed on the candle. You can complete the information below and place it along with your donation in the collection basket, or drop it off at the office. You may also e-mail the information and mail a check to:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Attn: Memorial for All Souls
1723 Race Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1204



MISSIONARIES OF *Mercy*

These are priests called to emphasize the Sacrament of Reconciliation with special authority from the Holy Father to pardon five of the seven sins reserved to the Holy See.

Hearing confessions on Sundays at 5:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica. Full details at:

archphila.org/mercy

Our friends from **CHRIST IN THE CITY** will be hosting a lunch on the Cathedral lawn **EVERY Wednesday.**
They will be serving **a hot lunch at 12 PM** for all of our friends on the street and whoever else would like to join.
Training sessions to become a Christ in the City volunteer with homeless persons in our neighborhood will be offered at the Cathedral starting on:
Come to lunch to find out more! You can contact Christ in the City at: colleen@christinthecity.org for more information.
Interested in learning more? **CLICK HERE**
HELP US to bring the love of Christ in the City.
Learn more at **ww.christinthecity.org.**