

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



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August 16, 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/>

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 16, 2026

*“Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.”
Cf. Matthew 4:23 R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

August 15 Saturday
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
 7:15 For the People of the Parish
 12:05 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
 10:00 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
 5:15 For the increase of vocations to the Holy Priesthood

August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Anthony J. Bisicchia
 11:00 Celine DeRosa
 12:30 Geraldo & Christina Miranda
 6:30 For the increase vocations to the Consecrated Life

August 17 Monday, Weekday
 7:15 For peace in the world and the city
 12:05 William Anthony Minnis III

August 18 Tuesday, Weekday
 7:15 For the increase of vocations to the Holy Priesthood
 12:05 James E. Dugan, Jr.

August 19 Wednesday, Weekday
St. John Eudes
 7:15 For the increase vocations to the Consecrated Life
 12:05 Jill Leslie Deeney

August 20 Thursday, Weekday
St. Bernard
 7:15 For peace in the world and the city
 12:05 Sr. Marilyn McGittan, A.P.B.

August 21 Friday
St. Pius X
 7:15 For the increase of vocations to the Holy Priesthood
 12:05 For the increase vocations to the Consecrated Life

August 22 Saturday
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 12:05 Dr. Moon Jae Marianne Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh
 5:15 For the intentions of Guesetto Family

August 23 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Tina Dufresne
 11:00 Perla and Felicisissimo
 12:30 Familia Colon Miranda
 6:30 For the increase of vocations to the Holy Priesthood

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel this Sunday provides another invitation to believe, to have faith (see Matthew 15: 21-28). Faith has many different meanings. It can mean belief in God. It can mean belief in all that God reveals to us through his Son and his Church. It can also mean something quite personal and unique such as our belief in God with whom we have a relationship, a confident relationship. This type of faith flows from all that has been revealed and allows us to see all that has been revealed as necessary for our salvation. I encourage you to take an inventory of your personal relationship with God. Is it at the center of all you do and think? Is it a source of joy and encouragement? Hearing and reading the Gospel for this Sunday should prompt all of us to desire a deeper and more intimate faith in God, trusting in his provident love for us.

We welcome Jonathan Jerome to our cathedral parish staff as of this past August 3, 2026. He will serve as the full-time Executive Director of the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel. He will also oversee the Memorial of Venerable Cornelia Connelly and assist in a variety of works and ministries of the Cathedral. Jonathan arrives with a great deal of experience and promises to be a great asset to our parish staff and community. Please see Jonathan's letter to all the parishioners elsewhere in the parish bulletin.

In just a few weeks, we will resume our weekly Thursday evening catechetical sessions which are intended primarily for the adults in our community seeking Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The first session will be on Thursday, September 3, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Neumann Room, directly behind the Cathedral Basilica. If you are already a fully initiated member of the Church and the catechetical topic interests you, please come. Everyone is welcome! If you are an adult with a desire to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact the parish office, 215-561-1313. Also, we are always in need of parish sponsors—or mentors—for these adults seeking the Sacraments. If this important and good work interests you, please contact the parish office as well.

The Parish Cathedral Shop provides a great service to our parishioners and so many visitors to our Cathedral Basilica. Paula Terreri, our Cathedral Shop manager, is outstanding in her generosity and service to the shop and those who visit it. I encourage you to look at what is available in our little store, especially for spiritual reading.

Please keep the intention for peace in our City and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, 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 *Catholic Relief Services* fund for humanitarian work in the earthquake ravaged parts of Venezuela. 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.

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 8/9 was:

Regular	\$5,015
Special	1,237 (to Catholic University of America)
Electronic*	3,406
Total	\$9,658

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for July

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:



GET AHEAD OF MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

The same faith that guides our work serving Philadelphia's faithful calls us to help you protect what matters most.

Make-A-Will Month in August. You do not have to wait. Through our partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you have access to a free Catholic-friendly Will done in under 20 minutes from home.

Start today: mycatholicwill.com/cathedralphila

SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:
prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Vincent Anthony, Julia Sullivan Wrigley, Jackeline, Sister Thomas Marie Rakus, RSM, Blaise Agnew, Emma, Joan Robertson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, John Robinson, Eduardo Mateo Cavaglia, Jorge Messi, Stevenson family, Joseph, Martha Cortes, Daniel E. Drain, 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.

MISSION APPEAL FATHER CHUCK PFEFFER'S CHALLENGE

TODAY, Saturday, August 15th and Sunday 16th, Father Charles Kennedy will speak at all the masses and make an appeal for the annual Mission Appeal. He represents Fr. Chuck Pfeffer's Challenge, an initiative celebrating the memory and ministry of Father Charles Pfeffer, a deceased beloved priest of our Archdiocese.

Over the last eighteen years, donors to Fr. Chuck's Challenge have provided more than 1,700 homes for desperately poor displaced families, previously living nearly homeless, in plastic and plank shelters, in an area frequently ravaged by tropical storms – in the Northern Highlands of Nicaragua and in hurricane ravaged Haiti.

Donations to the Mission Appeal will benefit Father Chuck's Challenge. Checks may be written out to the parish.

Check their website: <http://fatherchuckschallenge.com/>

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do unto me" (Mt. 25:40).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2026

"Sharing God's Love with Those in Need"

As a parish family, we are called to care for our brothers and sisters in need. Through the Catholic Charities Appeal, we support vital ministries that provide hope to thousands throughout our Archdiocese.

The Cathedral parish has raised
less than 31.02% of our goal of \$53,000.

We still need your help.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference and brings us closer to reaching our goal.

<https://catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal/>

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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>

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

¡VIVA UNA EXPERIENCIA INOLVIDABLE EN LA CATEDRAL BASÍLICA!

LUMINISCENCE – Filadelfia Hasta agosto 29, 2026

Déjate cautivar por un impresionante espectáculo inmersivo de luz y sonido dentro de la majestuosa Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo. Con una orquesta y un coro en vivo, acompañados de proyecciones envolventes en 360°, este evento transforma la belleza de la catedral en una experiencia única para toda la familia.

La narración es en inglés, pero la música y el espectáculo de luces hablan un lenguaje universal que todos pueden disfrutar.

Entradas e información: <https://luminiscence.com/philadelphia/>

Formación Arquidiocesana para Cursillistas

Escuela de Dirigentes

TODOS LOS JUEVES 7:00 PM A 9:00 PM
COMENZANDO EL 3 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Un espacio de crecimiento para todos los cursillistas, propiciando un encuentro personal con Jesucristo y la amistad en el cotidiano vivir individual y comunitario.

CUPOS LIMITADOS

¡La formación es gratuita pero se requiere inscripción previa antes del 31 de agosto!

CENTRO PASTORAL ARQUIDIOCESANO
AUDITORIO, PISO 11

1601 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA

Información e inscripción
215-667-2820 jmartinez@archphila.org



REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy celebramos el vigésimo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El evangelio de este domingo nos ofrece una nueva invitación a creer, a tener fe (véase Mateo 15, 21-28). La fe tiene muchos significados distintos. Puede referirse a la creencia en Dios. Puede significar creer en todo lo que Dios nos revela a través de su Hijo y de su Iglesia. También puede implicar algo muy personal y único, como nuestra creencia en un Dios con quien mantenemos una relación, una relación de confianza. Este tipo de fe brota de todo lo que ha sido revelado y nos permite ver esa revelación como algo necesario para nuestra salvación. Los animo a examinar su relación personal con Dios. ¿Ocupa la fe el centro de todo lo que haces y piensas? ¿Es una fuente de alegría y aliento? Escuchar y leer el evangelio de este domingo debería impulsarnos a todos a desear una fe más profunda e íntima en Dios, confiando en su amor providente hacia nosotros.

Damos la bienvenida a Jonathan Jerome al equipo de nuestra Parroquia Catedral Basílica, quien se incorporó el pasado 3 de agosto del 2026. Él desempeñará el cargo de Director Ejecutivo a tiempo completo del Santuario de Santa Katharine Drexel. Asimismo, supervisará el Memorial de la Venerable Cornelia Connelly y colaborará en diversas obras y ministerios de la Catedral. Jonathan llega con una gran experiencia y promete ser un valioso aporte para el personal parroquial y para nuestra comunidad. Los invito a leer la carta que Jonathan dirige a todos los feligreses en otra sección de este boletín parroquial.

Dentro de pocas semanas reanudaremos nuestras sesiones semanales de catequesis de los jueves por la noche, dirigidas principalmente a los adultos de nuestra comunidad que buscan recibir el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. La primera sesión tendrá lugar el jueves 3 de septiembre del 2026, desde las 7:00 PM hasta las 8:30 PM, en el Salón Neumann, situada justo detrás de la Catedral Basílica. Si usted ya es un miembro plenamente iniciado en la Iglesia y le interesa el tema de la catequesis, le invito a asistir. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Si usted es un adulto que desea recibir los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana —Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía—, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al número 215-561-1313. Además, siempre necesitamos padrinos/madrinas —o mentores parroquiales para acompañar a estos adultos que buscan recibir los sacramentos. Si le interesa esta labor tan importante y valiosa, por favor póngase también en contacto con la oficina parroquial.

La tienda de la Catedral presta un gran servicio a nuestros feligreses y a los numerosos visitantes de nuestra Catedral Basílica. Paula Terreri, encargada de la tienda, destaca por su generosidad y su dedicación tanto a la tienda como a quienes la visitan. Les animo a conocer la oferta de nuestra pequeña tienda, especialmente en lo referente a lecturas espirituales.

Por favor, tengan presente en sus oraciones la intención de que reine la paz en nuestra ciudad y cese la violencia armada en nuestros vecindarios. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, 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 al fondo de *Catholic Relief Services* para labores humanitarias en las zonas de Venezuela devastadas por el terremoto. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o realizar su donativo de forma electrónica. Por favor, consulten <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Dios los bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector

KATHARINE DREXEL
and the Sisters Who
Shared Her Vision



THE SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TORRESDALE READING CLUB

2nd & 4th Thursdays,
7-8 p.m. ET via Zoom
Starting Aug. 13th
Ending Sept. 17th

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[HTTPS://BIT.LY/
TORRESDALEREADINGCLUB](https://bit.ly/torresdalereadingclub)
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YOUNG ADULTS

Schedule **August 20-26**

4, 10, 18, 24 August	Bible Study St. John Neumann Room (back of the Cathedral)	07:30 PM
8 August	Hike and hangout Place and time will be posted soon	TBD
15 August	Assumption Latin Mass and Brunch Join us for brunch after Mass, place TBD	10:00 AM
22 August	Symposium "Church Denomination" Draxel Hall (Basement) Food and soft drinks will be provided	01:00 PM
29 August	Rosary and coffee Malvern Retreat House 315 S. Warren Ave Coffee place TBD	11:00 AM

1723 Race St, Philadelphia

Parking available

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

EVENTS CELEBRATING the 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTRY

Summer Organ Series
(Free Will Offering)
June 24, 1:00pm
July 29, 1:00pm
August 26, 1:00pm



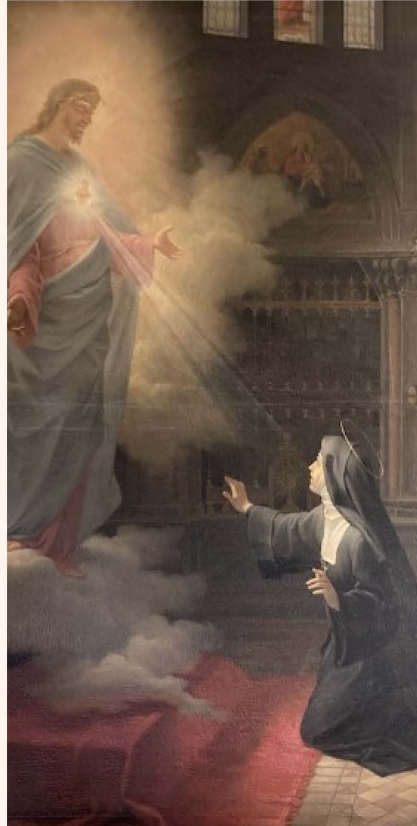
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND THE SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

**PRAY FOR
PEACE**



VENERATION OF THE MAJOR (FIRST CLASS) RELICS OF SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, July 22, 1647-October 17, 1690, was a French Visitation nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form. Many mystics throughout the centuries have had apparitions of Mary around the world, while, seemingly, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and Saint Faustina received messages from our Savior, Jesus Christ.



FIRST STATION FOR PUBLIC VENERATION

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
Parking available

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

2:00 PM Arrival of the Relics to the Cathedral Chapel
5:00 PM Relics are moved to the Cathedral Basilica until 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00 AM Relics in the Cathedral Basilica
2:30 PM Relics are moved to the Cathedral Chapel
5:30 PM Relics are moved to the Cathedral Basilica until 8:00 PM

For the Mass and Confession schedule at the Cathedral Basilica for these two days, please visit, <https://cathedralphila.org/>

SECOND STATION FOR PUBLIC VENERATION

Sacre Coeur Perpetual Adoration Shrine
Located on the campus of St. Denis Parish
2401 St. Denis Lane
Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083
Parking available

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Relics in the Adoration Shrine all throughout the day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Relics in the Adoration Shrine until Noon

For the Mass and Confession schedule at Saint Denis Church for these two days, please visit, <https://saintdenis.org/>



We are invited once again to extend our care to those in need. If you are able, please consider donating a bag of socks for our parish outreach.

Kindly return all donated socks to the **sacristy today, Sunday, August 16.**

Thank you for your generosity and faithful service. May God bless you in fulfilling the task.
Deacon Jesus Burgos

Se nos invita una vez más a extender nuestra atención a los necesitados. Si le es posible, por favor considere donar un paquete de calcetines para la labor social de nuestra parroquia.

Le pedimos entregar las medias que donarán en la **sacristía hoy, domingo 16 de agosto.**

Gracias por su generosidad y fiel servicio.
Que Dios le bendiga al realizar esta labor.
Diácono Jesús Burgos



Dear Friends in Christ,

As Fr. Gill mentioned, my name is Jonathan Jerome and, effective this past Monday, August 3, 2026, I began my tenure as the first lay Executive Director of the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel and the Memorial of Venerable Cornelia Connelly.

I am grateful to work under the leadership of Fr. Gill as the senior lay leader responsible for advancing the Shrine's pastoral vision and directing its strategic, operational, and advancement initiatives. Collaborating closely with Fr. Gill and the Cathedral's clergy, lay staff, and volunteers, I will help ensure that the Shrine's mission is reflected throughout the life of the Cathedral Basilica while fostering an environment where all who enter its doors may deepen their faith and devotion.

I come to the Cathedral Basilica after more than six years as Executive Director of the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in South Philadelphia, where I provided executive leadership for the Shrine's pastoral, operational, financial, and advancement ministries. An experienced administrator and pastoral minister with more than fifteen years of service to the Church, I have also served in parish, diocesan, secondary school, and university ministry. I hold a Master of Arts in Theology and certificates in Church Management and Pastoral Ministry from Villanova University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies from The Catholic University of America.

The establishment of this new role reflects the Cathedral Basilica's confidence in the future of the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel and its desire to build upon the faithful work that has brought it to this moment. Rooted in the Cathedral Basilica's rich history and inspired by one of America's greatest saints, this next chapter seeks to strengthen a ministry that will continue to serve the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and welcome pilgrims for generations to come.

Please pray for me as I begin this ministry in collaboration with all of you, as well as Fr. Gill and the Cathedral's clergy, staff, volunteers, pilgrims, and benefactors. Together, may we continue the work entrusted to the Cathedral Basilica, leading all who enter this sacred place to a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ through the intercession of our patrons Saint Peter, Saint Paul, and Saint Katharine Drexel.

In gratitude and with prayers,
Jonathan Jerome

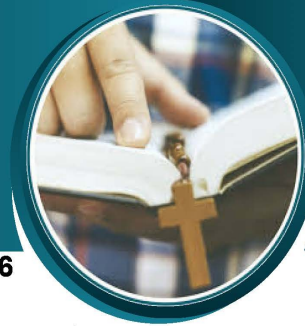
THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Each Friday at 3:00 PM Via Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 846 4429 0612 Passcode: Mercy

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters. Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!' Mt 15: 27-28

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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www.odwphiladelphia.org



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9am-4:00pm,

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Doylestown

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. **The 2026 theme is "Real Beauty in an Artificial Age."** This year's women's conference is a day to detox from the false messages that surround us and ground ourselves in the truth: beauty is an expression of reality, reality that is *fallen yet redeemed, imperfect yet beloved*, because created by a good and loving God.

Speakers include: Sister Anna Laura Karp, OP, Colleen Carroll Campbell, Samantha Kelley, Katie Weiss, Catherine Rose, and Naomi Levis.

Tracks available in English and Spanish.

Register today at: <https://catholicwomensconference.org/>

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.**

August 16 and 23 from 11:30-1pm.

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