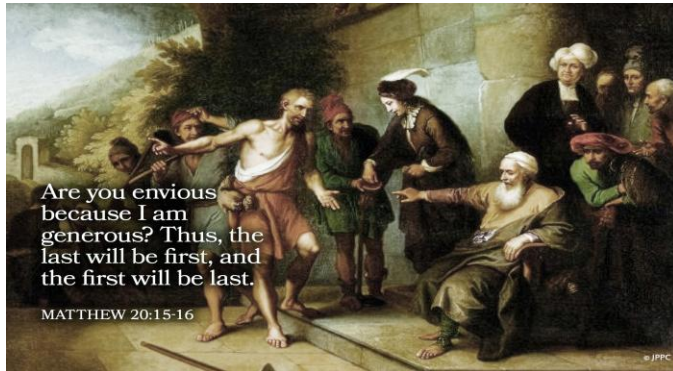


# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia*



Are you envious  
because I am  
generous? Thus, the  
last will be first, and  
the first will be last.

MATTHEW 20:15-16

**Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill**  
**Rector**

**Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers**  
**Rector Emeritus**

**Reverend August A. Taglianetti**  
**Parochial Vicar**

**Reverend Peter J. Welsh**  
**Part-time Parochial Vicar (Hispanic Ministry)**

**Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski**  
**Priest in Residence**

**Reverend Eric J. Banecker**  
**Priest in Residence**

**Deacon Jesús M. Burgos**  
**Permanent Deacon**

**Reverend Mr. Chike Egbufoama**  
**Transitional Deacon**

**Jonathan Jerome**  
**Executive Director**

**Andrea Guckin**  
**Parish Business Manager**

**Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.**  
**Parish Evangelization**

**Gina Ingiosi**  
**Director of Religious Education**

**Sister Marie Mechtild, R.S.M.**  
**Parish Facilities Manager**

**Charlene Angelini**  
**Director of Cathedral Parish Music**

**Mark Loria**  
**Principal Organist**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 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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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, September 20, 2026

*“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.”*  
*Cf. Acts 16:14b R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

#### *Weekly Intentions*

#### **September 19 Saturday, Weekday** **St. Januarius**

12:05 Julia W. Terlesky  
 5:15 For the intentions of Eridania  
 Guzmán & Josh Nouel

#### **September 20 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 Joseph Frank  
 11:00 In Thanksgiving for the Jubilarians  
 12:30 Juan C. Tellez  
 6:30 For the deceased members of  
 the To Family

#### **September 21 Monday** **St. Matthew**

7:15 For peace in the world and the city  
 12:05 Bernard Marcel Parent

#### **September 22 Tuesday, Weekday**

7:15 Daniel Diquollo  
 12:05 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Holy Priesthood

#### **September 23 Wednesday** **St. Pius of Petrelcina**

7:15 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Consecrated Life  
 12:05 Alessandro Iavarone

#### **September 24 Thursday, Weekday**

7:15 For peace in the world and the city  
 12:05 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Holy Priesthood

#### **September 25 Friday, Weekday**

7:15 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Consecrated Life  
 12:05 For peace in the world and the city

#### **September 26 Saturday, Weekday** **Sts. Cosmas & Damian**

12:05 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Holy Priesthood  
 5:15 Rose Tauber

#### **September 27 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 Joseph Guckin, Jr.  
 11:00 Vincent Termini, Sr.  
 12:30 Otilia & Nicomedes Colón  
 6:30 For the increase of vocations  
 to the Consecrated Life

Dear Parishioners,

*This is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* The Lord is teaching us again this Sunday with a parable, a story with many layers of meaning and multiple messages. This Sunday's Gospel (see Matthew 26: 1-16a) speaks to the generosity of God. Many of us have expectations of God on our terms, on how we measure things. Today's Gospel—with the laborers, regardless of how long they worked, all receiving the same daily wage—reminds us that God's terms matter. In relationship to all of us, God is perfectly equal in loving us and providing for us. His Son suffered and died for each of us equally. We all have the equal promise of heaven. This radical justice on the part of God with all of us does not suggest we be minimal in our response to his love and gifts. Rather, we too must be just in our response to God. We are to give to him our very selves—all that we have and all that we are—all the time. This is what God expects of us. This is the witness and example of his divine Son on the cross, of Mary and the Saints. “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 16a).”

*Today, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia honors those in Religious Life celebrating anniversaries of religious profession at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.* These religious priests, Brothers and Sisters represent together thousands of years of living the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience in the service of God and his Church. Let us thank God for those in Religious Life and for the many that have influenced our lives. Let us ask the Lord to provide urgently for more numerous vocations to the Religious Life in the Archdiocese. We are so grateful in our Cathedral Parish for the religious vocation and ministry of our Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Sister Marie Michtild, and of our Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate, Sister Mary Luchia.

*In the beginning of next month, you will receive information about the annual Parish Fall Collection (formerly known as the Block Collection) which asks for the financial support of all our parishioners.* I appeal to you to be generous with this annual Parish Fall Collection. We need three times as much as we receive in our Sunday Collection each week to meet our financial responsibilities. The other needed monies come from donations, the Basilica shrines, the wedding fees and this collection. Typically, this collection brings between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars to the Parish. Let's make our goal for this collection a fifty-thousand-dollar supplement to the operation fund. Thank you so much.

*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 liturgical music programs 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

As our children begin a new school year, may they be joy-filled and confident! May they learn to love and turn to you, dear God, for help and guidance in their lives.

Grant our students the courage to find their purposes, to seek your will in everything that they do, and to love others as you love us. Give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, dear God!

We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parents, thank you for talking with your children about the charitable gifts your family makes to our Cathedral parish so that they too will live generously as you have taught them.

*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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

### Your generosity on 9/13 was:

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Regular     | \$5,346                              |
| Special     | 1,753 (to support the Black & Indian |
| Electronic* | 2,413 Missions)                      |
| Total       | \$9,512                              |

\*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](mailto: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, September 24, 2026, 7:00 PM

*The Blessed Trinity: God the Holy Spirit*

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](mailto: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.**

**September 20 & 27** from 11:30 am -1:00 pm

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

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

## LUMINESCENCE 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:** 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, Kathleen Coscia, 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](mailto: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

**Celebración de la Herencia Hispana**  
*Ciudadanos del Cielo*



Arzobispo Nelson Pérez, Obispo Edward Deliman, Obispo Christopher Cooke, Rev. Francisco D'Amico, Clara Jerez

8:00 am Bienvenida  
8:15 am Oración inicial  
8:45 am Prátesis: Obispo Deliman  
8:45 am Cómo acompañar a la comunidad en este tiempo  
10:15 am Rosario por los inmigrantes  
10:45 am Exposición del Santísimo  
12:15 pm Santa Misa  
1:30 pm Almuerzo

SALÓN PARROQUIAL DE SAN PEDRO EL APOSTOL  
1039 N Lawrence Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
Participación especial:  
Coral Hispana de Filadelfia  
**SÁBADO, 3 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2026**  
DE 8 AM A 2 PM  
Para información y registración:  
215-667-2820

¡Todos son bienvenidos a venir vestidos con sus trajes típicos y a traer las banderas de sus países, Ese día colectaremos productos no perecederos que serán donados al Centro Visitación.

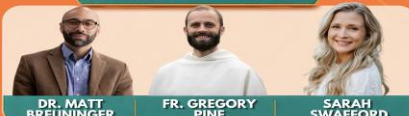


## LA FUENTE 2026

CONFERENCIA PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

«TENGAN VALOR: YO HE VENCIDO AL MUNDO»

SABADO, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE



REGISTRATE HOY

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CATEDRAL BASÍLICA DE LOS  
SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO  
PREGUNTAS Y REGISTRACIÓN  
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## REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses:

*Hoy celebramos el vigésimo quinto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario.* Este domingo, el Señor vuelve a instruirnos mediante una parábola, una historia que encierra múltiples niveles de significado y diversos mensajes. El evangelio de hoy (véase Mateo 26, 1-16a) nos habla de la generosidad de Dios. A menudo, esperamos que Dios actúe según nuestros propios criterios y medidas. El evangelio de hoy, en el que todos los trabajadores reciben el mismo salario diario, independientemente del tiempo que hayan laborado, nos recuerda que lo que cuenta es la manera de actuar de Dios. Dios nos ama y nos provee a todos por igual; su amor hacia nosotros es perfectamente equitativo. Su Hijo sufrió y murió por cada uno de nosotros de la misma manera. Todos compartimos la misma promesa del cielo. Esta justicia radical de Dios hacia nosotros no implica que debamos escatimar en nuestra respuesta a su amor y a sus dones; al contrario, nosotros también debemos ser justos en nuestra respuesta a Dios. Hemos de entregarnos por completo, con todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos, en todo momento. Eso es lo que Dios espera de nosotros. Tal es el testimonio y el ejemplo de su divino Hijo en la cruz, así como de María y de los santos. “Así, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros serán los últimos” (Mateo 16a).

*Hoy, la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia rinde homenaje a los miembros de la vida religiosa que celebran aniversarios de su profesión religiosa durante la Misa solemne de las 11:00 AM.* Estos sacerdotes, hermanos y religiosas representan, en conjunto, miles de años vividos bajo los consejos evangélicos de castidad, pobreza y obediencia al servicio de Dios y de su Iglesia. Demos gracias a Dios por los miembros de la vida religiosa y por tantos que han influido en nuestras vidas. Pidamos al Señor que suscite con urgencia más vocaciones a la vida religiosa en la Arquidiócesis. En nuestra parroquia de la Catedral, estamos profundamente agradecidos por la vocación y el ministerio de la Hermana de la Misericordia de Alma, Sor Marie Michtild, y de la visitadora parroquial de María Inmaculada, Sor Mary Luchia.

*A principios del próximo mes, recibirán información sobre la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (conocida anteriormente como la «Block Collection»), para la cual solicitamos el apoyo económico de todos los feligreses.* Les invito encarecidamente a ser generosos con esta Colecta Anual de Otoño. Para cumplir con nuestras responsabilidades financieras, necesitamos tres veces la cantidad que recibimos semanalmente en la colecta dominical. Los fondos restantes provienen de donaciones, los santuarios de la Basílica, las tarifas por bodas y esta colecta especial. Por lo general, esta colecta aporta entre veinticinco y treinta mil dólares a la parroquia. Propongámonos como meta recaudar cincuenta mil dólares adicionales para el fondo operativo. ¡Muchas gracias!

*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 programas de música litúrgica de la parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la parroquia de la Catedral o realizar su donación electrónicamente. Por favor, consulten <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



## 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](mailto: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

## A Walking Rosary for Peace

on the United Nation's  
International Day of Peace

**Monday, September 21, 2026**  
**12:45 p.m.**

Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Following daily Mass, a short procession along the flag-lined Benjamin Franklin Parkway will convene to pray for the Blessed Virgin's intercession for the cause of peace in our time.



Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



## 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](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

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

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## Young adults + + + SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

This month schedule

### BIBLE STUDY

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
St. John Neumann Room  
(Back of the Cathedral - One  
Cathedral Square)

### COFFEE AND DONUTS

12:30 PM September 13<sup>th</sup>, after  
11:00 AM mass  
Drexel Hall (Cathedral basement)

### ROSARY GROUP

10:00 AM September 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Saint Katharine Drexel  
(Back of the Cathedral)  
Coffee after (place TBD)

Cathedral Basilica of Saints  
Peter and Paul  
1723 Race St., Philadelphia,  
PA  
Parking available at the  
Basilica

All young adults  
between 20ish and  
39ish are welcome



A Special Year of  
**Saint Francis**

Jubilee  
1226 — 2026

  
**5th Anniversary Gala**  
 "Here & Now"

Celebrate 5 years of impact while supporting YCP Philadelphia's work of connecting young adults in Christ, community, and leadership opportunities rooted in the Catholic faith.

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Special Guest  
  
**Archbishop Nelson Pérez**  
 Thursday · October 1, 2026 · 6:30 PM  
 The Moshulu · Philadelphia

*Cocktail Attire*  
 Young professionals, parishioners, clergy, and supporters are all welcome!

Join Us

  
Purchase Tickets

Support YCP

  
Sponsor & Donate

Questions? Email us at [info@ycpphiladelphia.org](mailto:info@ycpphiladelphia.org)



**LOLF BABY BOTTLE DRIVE  
COLLECTION WEEKEND**

If you took home a Baby Bottle Drive envelope last weekend, please return it to the parish this weekend or mail it directly to the Legacy of Life Foundation. Online giving is also available at [www.legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://www.legacyoflifefoundation.org). Thank you for your generosity!

**FROM OCTOBER 2–4, 2026**

**Pilgrims will be welcomed to Our Lady of Lourdes Church-6301 Woodbine Avenue (Overbrook), Philadelphia to VENERATE THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will welcome the relics of **Saint Bernadette Soubirous** for a weekend of pilgrimage, prayer, sacramental grace, and devotion.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
YOUTH GROUP**  
**YOUTH NIGHT:**  
**STAY**  
**CONNECTED**  
 EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
**OCTOBER 16, 2026**  
**7 PM - 9 PM**  
**DREXEL HALL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

**Deacon Jesus Burgos**  
[dea.jburgos@archphila.org](mailto:dea.jburgos@archphila.org)



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**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sisters of St. Francis Golf Tournament**

Join the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation for a day of golf, fellowship, and friendly competition in support of the elder care of our sisters at Assisi House. The tournament will be held on **Monday, September 28, 2026, at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA.** Whether you golf, sponsor, or simply want to support the event, your participation helps provide compassionate care for our sisters who have devoted their lives to serving others. For event details and sponsorship opportunities, visit: <https://osfphila.org/events/golf/>

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY  
OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**RED  
MASS**  
 FOR JUDGES, LAWYERS,  
AND ALL LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



*Red is the color of the Holy Spirit and the Red Mass is a Mass to invoke the Holy Spirit on all judges and lawyers so that justice will prevail.*

+  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026**  
**5:15 PM MASS**  
**CHURCH OF  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
 21 SOUTH 13TH STREET  
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY**  
**CHAIR OF  
SACRED MUSIC**




**Tuesday**  
**OCTOBER 6**  
 7 PM  
 Msgr. Charles M. Mangan  
 Marian Reflection & Rosary

**What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion**  
*Read the full version at [respectlife.org/l-o-v-e](http://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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