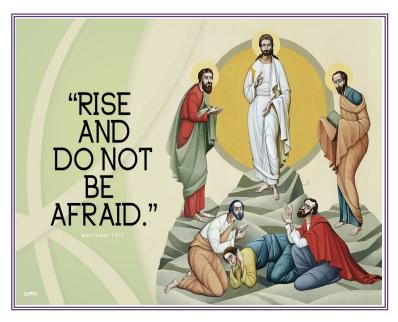
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



March 8, 2020

Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish Serves all those who come to the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We profess our Catholic Faith, minister to others and welcome all, as founded on the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill Rector and Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers Rector Emeritus

Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki **Parochial Vicar**

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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

MASS SCHEDULE

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday **Sunday:**

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica 12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel Sta. Misa en español, en la Capilla

6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica

12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica Saturday: 4:15 PM in 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

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Second Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 8, 2020

"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him." MT 17:5



Mass Intentions for the week

Mar. 7, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

- 12:05 John P. Kennedy Jr.
- 5:15 Maddalene Leone

Mar. 8 Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 The Bland & Russo Families
- 11:00 Anna Foley
- 12:30 Ronald Santiago
- 6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Mar. 9, Monday, Lenten Weekday

- 7:15 The Cupper & DeBrouse Families
- 12:05 Vincent Giannotti

Mar. 10, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

- 7:15 John & Charlotte Schaeffer
- 12:05 Vincent Giannotti

Mar 11, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

- 7:15 Frs. Garvey, DeNino & Scheih
- 12:05 Vincent Giannotti

Mar. 12, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

- 7:15 Jeannette Schaeffer & Kathryn McIntyre
- 12:05 Vincent Giannotti

Mar. 13, Friday, Lenten Weekday

- 7:15 The Wolfe & Swiezak Families
- 12:05 James J. Clearkin, Jr.

Mar. 14, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

- 12:05 John & Charlotte Schaeffer
- 5:15 Robert Flamer

Mar. 15 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 Pietro Conosciani
- 11:00 Andrea B. Elliott
- 12:30 Luis Enrique Tellado
- 6:30 For the People of the Archdiocese

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Second Sunday of Lent! The traditional Gospel for this Sunday of Lent is the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus appears on the mountain as if he is in the glory of heaven. This manifestation of Jesus to his apostles encourages them to persevere in following him, following him even though he has predicted his death to them. As we continue on our Lenten journey of conversion, of repenting of our sins and seeking a greater fidelity to the Gospel, we need the same encouragement given with the Transfiguration to the Lord's apostles. The apostles and disciples of Christ gave themselves over completely to him and believed he was the Savior. Yet, we know from reading the Gospels that these same apostles and disciples met with difficulties in following their Lord and imitating his ways. His predicted suffering and death was a sure indication that they too would suffer and die with him. He gives them a glimpse of the promise of glory that will come to them because of their faith and fidelity. Likewise, today, as modern day followers of our Lord, we know the struggle—both interiorly and exteriorly—to be disciples of Christ and imitate him. The same transfigured Lord gives us the glimpse of Easter, of a share in his glory, to keep us on the path of Lent, of conversion and greater faithfulness, to become more intentionally his disciples. The Second Sunday of Lent is also the Sunday of Lent to pray for the already baptized candidates for the Easter Sacraments that they too will persevere in their own preparation with a good Lent. Let us all continue to listen to the Lord these Lenten days with his word and in our prayer so that we may not become faint in our own fidelity to him and to help encourage one another.

A small group among us gives additional meaning to the way we observe Lent. This group is our parish Elect. These two men—Jeff and John—were elected for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist by Archbishop Pérez this past First Sunday of Lent. Election means that they have completed a period of catechetical formation for the reception of the Sacraments. They know what the Christian life is about and have a better understanding of the Sacraments. Now, they enter a period of purification and enlightenment with Lent to be prepared spiritually to be fully initiated with the Easter Sacraments at the Solemn Paschal Vigil on Easter night. As they prepare to be baptized they inspire those of us already baptized to be renewed in our baptismal integrity, to live as Christ intends for us, repenting of sin and following after him according to this word. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, the *Elect* participate in the *Scrutinies*. These are penitential rites to help them uncover in themselves what still needs to be healed so they are free from any impediment to Baptism. These Scrutinies will take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass. The *Elect* pass through the *Scrutinies* to prepare for Easter. The baptized encounter the forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. The First Scrutiny will take place at the Anticipated Mass next Saturday evening, March 14, 2020. Please pray for our Elect.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America. If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish and the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you! Father Dennis Gill

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Yahweh initiates a call to Abram, now 75 years old. He is to make a complete separation from his pagan past; leave his home and migrate to a land of God's choice. As a reward, he and his descendants will receive divine blessings in perpetuity.

Reading II: II Timothy 1: 8b-10

Salvation is God's gift, independent of our deeds. This is all part of the divine plan to save us all through Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

A unique scene here, perhaps more theological than historical. Moses represents the Law, and Elijah the same for the prophets. They converse with Jesus about His upcoming Passion and Death. This incident serves as encouragement for the Church on her Lenten journey.

TEXT TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH!

Text at any time, especially for your Sunday Mass Offering.

Please text Cathedral to 215-709-9955



CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-

The Ninth Commandment

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 7:00 PM 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 Edward Specht at cathedralreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Awesome faith formation at your fingertips!

Subscribe to this exciting online platform, which can be streamed to your TV or mobile device, To register go to www.FORMED.org. Type in our parish code, 07854f.

What's Happening at the Parish Outside the Liturgical Schedule

- Mar. 8 Legion of Mary Meeting, APC Room 1307, 12:45PM
- Mar. 10 Gospel Reflection, NR, 11AM Adult Faith Sharing, NR, 2PM
- Mar. 11 Scripture Reflection for lawyers, NR, 8AM Charismatic Prayer Group, NR, 6PM
- Mar. 12 Catechetical Session, NR, 7PM
 Perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel,
 following the 7:15 AM and 12:05PM Masses.
- Mar. 13 The Way of the Cross, Chapel, following the 12:05PM Mass.
 Via Crucis, Capilla, 7PM (in Spanish)

Mar. 14 Lenten Day of Recollection, Cathedral, 9AM

CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group now provides a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intentions and prayer requests to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every <u>Wednesday at 6 PM in the Neumann Room.</u>

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors.

The offertory collection for Sunday 3/01/2020 was:

First Collection: \$5, 984.00

Second Collection: \$882.00 -Military Services \$570.00 - Military Services in envelopes

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <u>usccb.org/bible/readings</u>

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos: Joseph Pinto, Jr., Frank and Joan Vara, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Mark Perry, Terry and Dave Dynako, Anthony Ferraro, Charlotte McLaughlin, Rose McKenna, Mary Jo D'Ortone, Amanda Rozzono, Steve Cook, Corbin M. Schindler, Gloria Quici, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick..

Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir a la lista los nombres de personas que estén enfermas.

La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de Santos Pedro y Pablo

La Parroquia Catedral sirve a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia como una comunidad católica romana vibrante en el centro de la ciudad. Profesamos nuestra fe católica, servimos a los demás y damos la bienvenida a todos tal cual está escrito en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los Sacramentos de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, Abril 5, 2016

EVENTOS DE INTERES

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español Abril 26, 2020— 1:30 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, el último domingo del mes; Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para inscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina

La Voz de Dios en las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos

parroquial al 215-561-1313.

Es un programa dinámico e interactivo que promueve la fe en los oyentes a través de diálogo, música y oración.
Sale al aire cada domingo por las estaciones:
WEMG Mega 1310 AM el domingo a las

WEMG Mega 1310 AM el domingo a las 10:30 a.m. (Condados de Filadelfia y Camden); WISP 1570 AM a las 4:00 p.m.

Grupo de oración

"Señor Jesús de la Divina Misericordia", el 4to domingo de cada mes, después de la celebración de la Santa Misa en español

Sacramento de la Reconciliación Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

<u>CLICK HERE</u>

Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las **6:30 AM**

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Este es el segundo domingo de Cuaresma! El Evangelio tradicional para este domingo de Cuaresma es la Transfiguración del Señor. Jesús aparece en la montaña como si estuviera en la gloria del cielo. Esta manifestación de Jesús a sus apóstoles los alienta a perseverar en seguirlo, siguiéndole a pesar de que él les ha predicho su muerte. A medida que continuamos en nuestro viaje de conversión cuaresmal, de arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y buscar una mayor fidelidad al Evangelio, necesitamos el mismo estímulo dado con la Transfiguración a los apóstoles del Señor. Los apóstoles y discípulos de Cristo se entregaron completamente a él y creyeron que él era el Salvador. Sin embargo, sabemos al leer los Evangelios que estos mismos apóstoles y discípulos tuvieron dificultades para seguir al Señor e imitar sus caminos. Su predicción de sufrimiento y muerte era una indicación segura de que ellos también sufrirían y morirían con él. Les da una idea de la promesa de gloria que les llegará por su fe y fidelidad. Del mismo modo, hoy, como seguidores modernos de nuestro Señor, conocemos la lucha, tanto interior como exteriormente, por ser discípulos de Cristo e imitarlo. El mismo Señor transfigurado nos da un vistazo de la Pascua, de una parte de su gloria, para mantenernos en el camino de la Cuaresma, de la conversión y una mayor fidelidad, para convertirnos más intencionalmente en sus discípulos. El segundo domingo de Cuaresma es también el domingo de Cuaresma para orar por los candidatos ya bautizados para los sacramentos de Pascua que ellos también perseverarán en su propia preparación con una buena Cuaresma. Sigamos escuchando al Señor estos días de Cuaresma con su palabra y en nuestra oración para que no podamos desmayarnos en nuestra propia fidelidad a él y para ayudarnos a animarnos unos a otros.

Un pequeño grupo entre nosotros le da un significado adicional a la forma en que observamos la Cuaresma. Este grupo es nuestra parroquia elegida. Estos dos hombres, Jeff y John, fueron elegidos para los Sacramentos de Pascua del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía por el Arzobispo Pérez el pasado primer domingo de Cuaresma. Elección significa que han completado un período de formación catequética para la recepción de los sacramentos. Saben de qué se trata la vida cristiana y tienen una mejor comprensión de los sacramentos. Ahora, entran en un período de purificación e iluminación con la Cuaresma para prepararse espiritualmente para iniciarse plenamente con los Sacramentos de Pascua en la Solemne Vigilia Pascual en la noche de Pascua. Mientras se preparan para ser bautizados, inspiran a aquellos de nosotros ya bautizados a ser renovados en nuestra integridad bautismal, a vivir como Cristo se lo propone, arrepintiéndose del pecado y siguiéndolo según esta palabra. Los domingos tercero, cuarto y quinto de Cuaresma, los elegidos participan en los escrutinios. Estos son ritos penitenciales para ayudarlos a descubrir en sí mismos lo que aún necesita ser curado para que estén libres de cualquier impedimento para el Bautismo. Estos escrutinios se llevarán a cabo en la misa anticipada a las 5:15 pm. Los elegidos pasan por los escrutinios para prepararse para la Pascua. Los bautizados encuentran el perdón de Cristo en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación para prepararse para la Pascua. El primer escrutinio tendrá lugar en la misa anticipada el próximo sábado por la noche, 14 de marzo de 2020. Oren por nuestros elegidos.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a la Colección Nacional del Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en América Latina. Si es posible, utilice la posibilidad en línea de hacer su oferta semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral y la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

¡Dios te bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation

of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

Upcoming Baptisms: April 12th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th.

A Baptism Preparation Session takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office at 215–561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

From our Pontifical Missions Society

Mission Saints Presentation

Join us as we explore the lives of the Saints that we celebrate during Lent. Each Saint has a story of how they lived out their Baptismal call and Jesus' mandate *to be Missionary*. Hear their Mission-inspired stories that may help to renew YOUR OWN Lenten journey. Hear about saints like Saint Katherine Drexel, Saint Patrick, Mission Saint Vincent Ferrar and Saint Joseph. Time/date options:

Thursday, March 12, Doors open at 6:30, talk begins at 7 pm

St. Frances Cabrini Parish • Fairless Hills Wednesday, March 18, Doors open at 6:30, talk begins at 7 pm

SS. Simon & Jude Parish • West Chester

Cultural Heritage Mass

March 28, 2020 - Procession 2 PM, Mass 2:30 PM

Join us as the many cultural communities of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrate our distinctive heritage united in one Catholic Faith!

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
Philadelphia
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Congratulations to the newly baptized



March 01, 2020

List of babies & Children who were baptized on the 1st Sunday:

Eloise Connelly Henry McFadden Rosalie Palumbo Annunciata Reinhardt Miabella Rivera Mary Shaffer

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has receive a sacrament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes,** again, please call the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

You Are Called to Holiness Conference and Day of Recollection with Cardinal Raymond Burke and Bishop Joseph Strickland

Saturday, April 4th, 9:00 AM-6:15 PM

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia Cost: \$65.00 Admission \$25.00 Full Time Student (Breakfast Refreshments and Lunch Included)

More info: Please register at https://www.stjohnneumannchapter.org/.

For additional information call: 215-247-2585 or email: holinessconference2020@gmail.com

Missionaries of Mercy

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia rejoices to have one of her own priests appointed to this ministry: **Msgr. Majoros** will hear confessions on the **first Sunday** of each month at **5:30pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

For more info, **Click** Here

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

UNBOUND LEADER TRAINING

March 14, 2020 at 8:30AM-1:30PM

A workshop for those who wish to learn how to pray with others using the Unbound model.

Facilitator: Meghan Cokeley
Director, Office for New Evangelization
Cost \$25.00

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EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

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The Eleventh Patricians Meeting

Mercy is God's Greatest Attribute

Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:45 PM — 2:45 PM

Spiritual Director: Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I. Presenter: Mrs. Jeanette Garcia

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Room 1307

222 North 17th Street • Philadelphia, PA 19103 (Right behind the Cathedral)

Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided during the Tea Break.

Coming to Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral Basilica

A Presentation on **The Shroud of Turin**

A Silent Witness of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Lecture Presentation by Mr. Massimo Paris Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:00 PM

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (Complimentary Parking in the Lot).

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FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Lenten Retreat Theme:

"Remain In My Love, and Draw Others To My Sacred Heart

March 28, 2020 @ 8:30AM Annunciation BVM Parish For more info, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Tours of the Cathedral Basilica

A guided tour of the Basilica is available after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass (except on 1st Sunday).

Please gather in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Sanctuary.

Gospel Reflection Gathering

Tuesday, Mar. 10TH 11:00 AM Gospel for the 3nd Sunday of Lent



"...but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst"
Two regular attendees are not members of the Cathedral Parish.
All are welcome!!

Lenten Day of Recollection

Join us for a day of recollection in Lent as a way of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The theme is "spiritual cardiology: the medicine of mercy." There will be a mass, time for confession and a holy hour.

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Speaker: Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM, Professor of Theology at Immaculata University

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. **More info:** All the faithful are invited. Please RSVP by March 10th.

Email sr.gbraccio@archphila.org

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CELEBRATING MARY'S YES!!!

On Wednesday, **March 25th**, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will join together to pray a Rosary for vocations, learn how to support and promote vocations, and ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary on her Feast Day! This includes YOU!

Doors open at 6:30 PM and the evening begins at 7:00 PM. To learn more about this initiative, contact the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at 610-667-5778 or visit HeedTheCall.org/RosaryRally

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday**, **May 2, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with **Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez** presiding. This Mass is to pray for, and with, all married couples who are newlyweds 1-5 years, who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Saint Basil Academy presents The WIZ

Spring Musical Dates

Friday, March 27 at 7 PM Saturday, March 28 at 7 PM Sunday, March 29 at 2 PM Tickets cost \$13

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Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 24, 2020