

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



April 05, 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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
Santa 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**

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 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (lunch break 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 05, 2020

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name." PHIL 2:8 – 9



April 4, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:05 Lawrence & Virginia Dugan
5:15 Glenna R. Ruoff

April 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 David Monzo
11:00 Pauline Saldutti
12:30 Urbis De Jesús
6:30 Mary Petrucci

April 6, Monday of Holy Week

7:15 Intentions of Rick Kozlawski
12:05 Sarah Kelly

April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:15 Intentions of Sue Doll
12:05 Teresa Galligan

April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:15 Joseph Ricci
12:05 Chico Guzmán Family

April 9, Thursday of Holy Week Holy Thursday

7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 10, Friday of the Lord's Passion—Good Friday

3:00 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

April 11, Holy Saturday

8:00 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 12 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

11:00 Solemn Mass

***See page 3 for detailed information on this and for additional Live Streamed liturgies on page 9**

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We are not celebrating Palm Sunday as we do every year with our Cathedral Basilica full of parishioners and people from all over. This of course is due to the necessary restrictions imposed upon us by the precaution that surrounds COVID-19. We are however celebrating Palm Sunday as we do every year with the commemoration of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the proclamation of his saving Passion. Even though we are not "in person" for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, the very day itself of Palm Sunday takes us to Jerusalem to hail our Savior and Redeemer as he accomplishes his Paschal Mystery with his suffering and death. I encourage you to do two things today. First, read the Sacred Scripture given for today's Mass. The first Gospel, Matthew 21: 1-11, belongs to the blessing of palms. The Gospel for Mass is the Passion of Our Lord, Matthew 26: 14—27: 66. As you read the Passion pause at the death of Jesus in prayer and praise for the gift of our salvation that comes from the cross. These Gospel texts lead us deeply into the events of Palm Sunday. Second, again since we are not assembled in person to observe Palm Sunday, the distribution of the blessed palm is delayed to a future date. However, as we read in the Gospels almost any type of branch was used on the first Palm Sunday. Take any branch that may be available to you and allow it to be your personal commemoration of Palm Sunday. Place it over the crucifix in your home. This year let this branch piece remind you of Christ's victory over sin and death. The Palm blessed today during the Mass celebrated privately will be made available when it is again possible for us to celebrate together in the Cathedral Basilica.

This is the Collect for today's Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The invitation that it provides for "patient suffering" is especially fitting as we all deal with the effects of COVID-19.

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the cross,
graciously grant
that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

This Holy Week the Cathedral Chapel is open every day from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for prayer. Remember, the "stay at home" directives allow people to go out for religious purposes. Confessions will be available Monday through Saturday at 11:30 AM in the Cathedral Chapel.

With no public Masses there are no collections. I encourage you to continue to support the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday and Easter offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. If you have participated in Operation Rice Bowl, please mail your donation to the Parish Office. I am so very grateful for your goodness and generosity, especially during these difficult and uncertain days.

God bless you!
Father Dennis Gill

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER
AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT
KATHARINE DREXEL
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES
AND LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK
AND THE SACRED PASCHAL
TRIDUUM**



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 5, 2020

11:00 AM Solemn Mass

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

Monday of Holy Week, April 6, 2020

7:00 PM Chrism Mass

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020

7:30 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

**3:00 PM, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
in the Basilica**

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord**

**8:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Holy Saturday,
April 11, 2020**

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

11:00 AM Solemn Mass, Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

**CATECHETICAL SESSION
FOR ADULTS**

-Adult faith formation-

Evening of Recollection
Living a Christian Life Grace and Heaven

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:00 PM

Online Meeting

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

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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.

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PARISH!**

Text at any time, especially for your
Sunday Mass Offering

Please text **Cathedral** to 215-709-9955
and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.

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.

Click Here to Donate

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:

Patricia Horton, April de Matto, Stan Pollock, Joshua White, Barrett Weiller, Brenden Thomas McCulligan, William Zawacki, Tim Stamoutsos, Joseph Pinto, Jr., Frank and Joan Vara, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Mark Perry, Terry and Dave Dynako, Anthony Ferraro, 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 parroquial al 215-561-1313.

Misa Televisada en Español

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

La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#)

or go to: oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Abril-April-2020.pdf

La Voz de Dios en las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos

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 10:30 a.m. (Condados de Filadelfia y Camden); **WISP 1570 AM** a las 4:00 p.m. (Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, y parte del Condado de Filadelfia).

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor. No celebramos el Domingo de Ramos como lo hacemos todos los años con nuestra Basílica Catedral llena de feligreses y personas de todas partes. Por supuesto, esto se debe a las restricciones necesarias que nos impone la precaución que rodea a COVID-19. Sin embargo, estamos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos como lo hacemos todos los años con la conmemoración de la entrada triunfal de nuestro Señor en Jerusalén y la proclamación de su Pasión salvadora. Aunque no estamos "en persona" para la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia, el mismo día del Domingo de Ramos nos lleva a Jerusalén a saludar a nuestro Salvador y Redentor mientras realiza su misterio pascual con su sufrimiento y muerte. Te animo a hacer dos cosas hoy. Primero, lea la Sagrada Escritura dada para la misa de hoy. El primer Evangelio, Mateo 21: 1-11, pertenece a la bendición de las palmas. El Evangelio para la Misa es la Pasión de Nuestro Señor, Mateo 26: 14—27: 66. Al leer la pausa de la Pasión por la muerte de Jesús en oración y alabanza por el don de nuestra salvación que viene de la cruz. Estos textos del Evangelio nos llevan profundamente a los eventos del Domingo de Ramos. Segundo, una vez más, dado que no estamos reunidos en persona para observar el Domingo de Ramos, la distribución de la palma bendecida se retrasa a una fecha futura. Sin embargo, como leemos en los Evangelios, casi cualquier tipo de rama se usó el primer Domingo de Ramos. Tome cualquier sucursal que pueda estar disponible para usted y permita que sea su conmemoración personal del Domingo de Ramos. Colóquelo sobre el crucifijo en su hogar. Este año, deja que esta rama te recuerde la victoria de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte. La Palma bendecida hoy durante la Misa celebrada en privado estará disponible cuando nuevamente sea posible para nosotros celebrar juntos en la Basílica de la Catedral.

Esta es la colecta para la misa de hoy para el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor. La invitación que brinda para el "sufrimiento del paciente" es especialmente adecuada ya que todos lidiamos con los efectos de COVID-19.

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que quisiste que nuestro Salvador
se hiciera hombre y padeciera en la cruz
para dar al género humano ejemplo de humildad,
concédenos, benigno, seguir las enseñanzas de su pasión
y que merezcamos participar de su gloriosa resurrección.
Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Esta Semana Santa, la Capilla de la Catedral está abierta todos los días de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. para la oración. Recuerde, las directivas de "quedarse en casa" permiten a las personas salir con fines religiosos. Las confesiones estarán disponibles de lunes a sábado a las 11:30 a.m. en la Capilla de la Catedral.

Sin misas públicas no hay colecciones. Os animo a seguir apoyando a la Parroquia de la Catedral. Puede enviar por correo sus ofrendas de los domingos y de Pascua a la oficina de la parroquia de la catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de dar electrónicamente. Por favor vea <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Si ha participado en Operation Rice Bowl, envíe su donación por correo a la Oficina Parroquial. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles e inciertos.

¡Dios te bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill

Holy Thursday



TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

In this "song," the author acknowledges his gift of being able to sustain the weary. Yet, he is ignored and otherwise maltreated. The "face like flint" figure, common to other prophets, means more in his case, as his face is covered with spittle.

Reading II: Philippians 3: 6-11

Paul exhorts his readers to selflessness by quoting a beautiful early Church hymn. There is no more fitting prelude to a reading of the Passion account.

The Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66, or 27: 11-54

The story that began with an infancy narrative and new beginnings now comes to a close with a narrative of death and rebirth.



"Sharing Hope, Filling Hearts" Initiative

Catholic Social Services is hosting its 2nd annual "Sharing Hope, Filling Hearts" Initiative. Well-equipped Out of School Time (OST) programs offer positive opportunities for at-risk children to achieve their full potential. You can help area children and youth this holiday season by donating needed items online through:

[AmazonSmile Charity Wish List.](#)



Following the example of Pope Francis, the supreme chaplain and I urge you to pray a [Novena for Protection in Time of Pandemic](#) during this difficult moment for our country and our world.

At important moments in the past, the Knights of Columbus has urged its members to pray. We did this at the outset of World War II, after 9/11, and during papal conclaves and civic elections. Today, the world faces a pandemic illness for the first time in a century. Having lost our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, to a viral pandemic 130 years ago, we know such situations can be very serious.

We also know that prayer is an important expression of our trust in God and our relationship with him.

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL OF ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PEREZ

Click on the links below:

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St. John's Hospice

Saint John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neill, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, and The Little Brothers of The Good Shepherd, Saint John's was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice is an independent 501c3 agency associated with the charitable work of Catholic Social Services.

Programs: Residence for over 250 homeless men each year in St. John's Hospice & Good Shepherd programs; Case management, medical and counseling for all residents and day service guests; Mail Room for over 900 homeless men; 160 showers with clean clothing, underwear & shoes every week; Over 3,000 meals each week to homeless & needy men; Emergency shelter for 27 homeless men where they can receive a meal & bed every night.

Donate: Monetary donations: [//saintjohnshospice.org/donate-3/](https://saintjohnshospice.org/donate-3/)

Contact information 1221 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107
adicesare@chs-adphila.org (215) 563-7763

Cathedral Ambassadors

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the *Cathedral Ambassadors*. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica every day of the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. *Cathedral Ambassadors* provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. *Cathedral Ambassadors* are assigned 4 hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a *Cathedral Ambassador*, please contact Martha Ortiz, at: cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Rosary Campaign for the end of the Coronavirus

The Office for the New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites everyone to join in a **Rosary campaign** for the end of the coronavirus .

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary every night at 8 PM until the Solemnity of the Annunciation. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus.

When: Every day, **8:00-8:30PM** (Eastern)

Link: zoom.us/j/494480541...

Full details at: phillyevang.org/rosary

Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia with special guests

[View the Flyer](#)

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Feast Day Mass Celebration

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

6:30 PM –Rosary 7:00 PM—Mass

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#)

Or got to: <https://saintgianna.org/feastdayinfo.php>



Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Ladies, mark your calendars for the 2020 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 24, 2020. This sellout event gathers over 1300 Catholic women from around the area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. Registration opens in May. More information coming soon at catholicwomensconference.org.

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LAST UPDATES COVID-19

The Pastoral and Temporal Response of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

Novena Brochure

www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/printable-novena-2.pdf

Job opening : **College Counselor:**

Merion Mercy Academy, a leading independent Catholic girls' school outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seeks an innovative and student-centered college counselor well versed in best practices in independent education to begin in July 2020. Applicants should have Master's Degree in Education or School Counseling (preferred) and/or experience in college admissions; excellent writing skills, facility with technology, strong communication and organizational skills; appreciation of and commitment to single gender education, diversity and to serving the needs of a diverse population; commitment to the traditions and philosophy of a Catholic educational community and a style consistent with the Mercy core values are also important. Please visit our school's website for complete details for this position, www.merion-mercy.com.

Morning Reflection and Mass for Adult Children of Divorce
Saturday, April 18, 2020. 9:30 a.m. – Noon.

Morning Reflection and Mass for Divorced & Separated
Saturday, May 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m. - Noon.

Presented by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith. Reflection, prayer, Mass and Confession. This is a half-day mini-retreat for adult children of divorce 18 or older.

Refreshments served. (Feel free to bring a breakfast item to share.)

Location: St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, 219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Free parking on Harry Street in lot behind church (around the block). **Speakers include:** Anne DeSantis, Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and Chas DeFeo, Founder, Walk by Faith to Live. **To learn more:** Visit the web-site: www.nonnatus.org/events. Call or Text: 215-870-9913. Email: director.srnf@gmail.com. Free event with an optional free-will offering.

Are You Looking for a Job or Career Change?

Ascension Press, an Exton-based Catholic publishing and media company, has several positions now available. Some of our available positions include: General Manager, Technology Consultant, Podcast Coordinator, Marketing Assistant, and Accounts Payable Clerk.

Ascension Press has been providing quality Catholic faith formation resources to parishes, faith-sharing groups, schools, families, and individuals since 1998. We have are recognized by Catholic leaders, educators and laity for our producing ground-breaking and award-winning Catholic study programs, videos, books, audio talks, blog articles, and live events. We are a company of passionate, mission-driven professionals who love what we do. If you would like to bring your talents and skills into our team, please go to: [https://study.ascensionpress.com/pages/about us/careers](https://study.ascensionpress.com/pages/about_us/careers)



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life.

These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions.

LECTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Saint Joseph, Downingtown, PA

7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

To register, please EMAIL the workshop date, your name, and name of your parish using this link: worship@archphila.org

WORKSHOP IN SPANISH for LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, November 14, 2020

9:30 AM to Noon/12:05 PM Mass to follow

CATHEDRAL CHAPEL

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS
PETER AND PAUL

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking available

To register, please EMAIL the workshop date, your name, and name of your parish using this link: worship@archphila.org

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.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia
invites you on a pilgrimage to the

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL EUROPE



with His Eminence
Cardinal Justin Rigali



September 17-27, 2020

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali invite you to the **Eucharistic Congress** and **Highlights of Central Europe: September 17-27, 2020**

Price including airfare from Philadelphia: \$4295.00

Price without airfare: \$3395.00

Single room supplement: \$995.00

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Baptism Preparation Session



All parents who are planning to have their child Baptized at the Cathedral, register for Baptism with Sister Eleanor McCann by calling the rectory. Prior to this however, there is a wonderful Baptismal Preparation Session offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month offered by Roxanne and Ray Nepomuceno at 12:30. This month, on April 19th, the session will be offered through ZOOM. There is no cost, however you must register for the session with Sr. Mary Marta by calling the rectory (215-561-1313), then email the presenters for hook-up information. Their email address is: roxannepo@gmail.com. This couple graciously offers their time every month and welcome the opportunity to share their own parental experiences and the place that their Catholic faith has had in their lives over the years.



*Gospel Reflection Time
(Personal or Shared)*

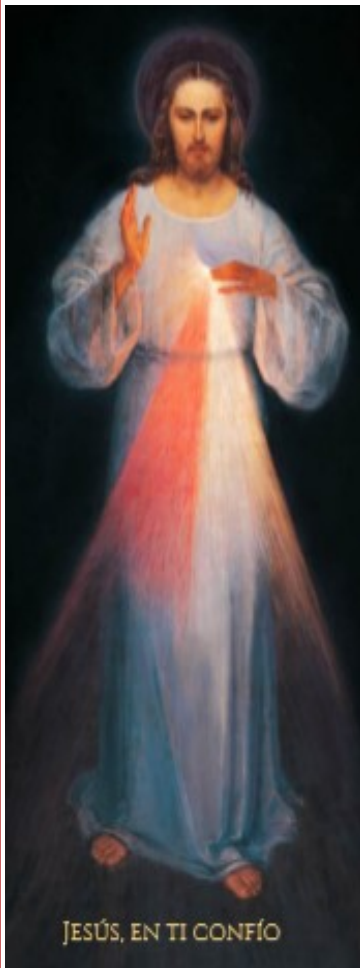
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
St. Matthew 26: 14- 27: 66**

St. Matthew's Passion gives us a clear picture of how Jesus foresees his own sufferings and death. He predicts many of the painful realities of the whole event. We see our Savior accept and not fight off those who betray, scourge and kill him. During this last week of Lent, can we walk with Him step by step with deep love and grateful hearts to the very end? As we live through a very serious pandemic, am I able to fully cooperate with civic leaders in order to protect those around me? By doing so, I take on the likeness of Jesus' humility. His immense selfless love sets a wonderful example for our own noble, self-sacrificing behavior.

*Jesus meek and humble of heart,
make my heart like unto Thine.*

Novena a la Divina Misericordia

Novena a la Divina Misericordia - Viernes Santo hasta el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia
"Con esta Novena, otorgaré toda gracia posible a las almas". ~ Jesús a Santa Faustina



Únase a nosotros en línea, por teléfono o en espíritu para una de las novenas más poderosas de la Iglesia católica, la Novena a la Divina Misericordia. Junto con las intenciones específicas de cada día, también pediremos la gracia del fin de la pandemia de coronavirus.

Horario: Viernes Santo, 10 de abril a las 6:00 PM EST; Sábado Santo, 11 de abril hasta Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, 19 de abril a las 3:00 PM EST.

Para obtener más información sobre esta novena, como sintonizar, las oraciones de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y las promesas adjuntas, visite el sitio web a continuación:

www.phillyevang.org/rosary/

O haga [click aquí para sintonizar la novena](#)

Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Novena – Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday
"By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." ~ Jesus to St. Faustina



Join us online, by phone or in spirit for one of the most powerful novenas in the Church, the Divine Mercy Novena. Along with the specific intentions of each day, we will also ask for the grace of an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

Schedule:

Good Friday, April 10 at 2:00 PM ET; Holy Saturday, April 11 through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19 at 3:30 PM ET.

For log-in information, the prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the promises attached to it, visit the website: www.phillyevang.org/rosary/.

Or [Click here to join the novena](#)

HOSTS for HOSPITALS

The Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, is reaching out to our community to help meet an urgent and growing need. At this time of the Coronavirus, a large number of patients with critical medical situations still must travel to town for non-elective, out-patient care: families with sick children; adult and pediatric oncology patients; pregnant moms with medical complications are among those who do not have a lodging option.

Most importantly, the Ronald McDonald Houses are no longer accepting new families, and the Hope Family Lodge for cancer patients will have closed by March 27, with 30-plus patients who were at this facility being forced to leave.

For 20 years the Greater Philadelphia non-profit HOSTS for HOSPITALS has provided lodging and support at volunteer Host-homes for patients and their families who travel here for specialized medical care. HOSTS for HOSPITALS now asks that anyone with a private, furnished lodging setting contact them to potentially help patient-families in need: homes, apartments, AirBnBs, in-law suites or other spaces that adhere to social distancing. If you know of such a resource please contact Executive Director, Mike Aichenbaum at 484-380-2999, or lodging@hostsforhospitals.org. (HostsforHospitals.org).

HOLY WEEK



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe During Coronavirus Pandemic

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to
bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

[See the Video](#)



Live-Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter &
Paul

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[Worship Aid](#)

Resources for Catholics at Home During COVID-19

Online Mass

[Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses](#)

[Catholic TV Mass](#)

[EWTN Daily Mass](#)

[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)

Prayers

[Pope Francis' Prayer with Mary for COVID-19](#)

[Archbishop Gomez Prayer for COVID-19](#)

[Spiritual Communion](#)

[COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity](#)

[Light a Candle Online \(from the National Shrine of St. John Neumann\)](#)

The following publishers have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. We thank them for their generosity and pastoral concern.

Liturgical Press: [Give Us This Day](#)

Magnificat: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Bayard: [Living with Christ](#)

The Word Among Us: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

USCCB

Daily Readings: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Daily Readings Audio](#)

[Video Reflection](#)

