

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



May 3, 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
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Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

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Edward J. Specht IV
Coordinator of Religious Education

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
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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/>

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 03, 2020

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.."*

R. Alleluia, alleluia. JN 10:14



May 02, Saturday, Easter Weekday

St. Athanasius

12:05 Adolph Dias

5:15 Ria Filippelli

May 03 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Mary Tarnburino

11:00 Essie Mae Rubin

12:30 Oscar Nava

6:30 Marge Amorose

May 04, Monday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Frank Murphy

12:05 Pearl Mattaci Soncini

May 05, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Thomas
Koger

12:05 Chico Guzmán Family

May 06 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Clarice Lewis

12:05 Elisa Ionata

May 07, Thursday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Dr & Mrs. Brennan

12:05 Intentions entrusted of St.
Katharine of Drexel

May 08, Friday, Easter Weekday

7:15 Lawrence Schmidt

12:05 Antonio Maddelene Leone

May 09, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:05 Mary Corr

5:15 Alfred Scuderi

May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Mary Girvin Torpey

11:00 Essie Mae Rubin

12:30 For the deceased mothers

6:30 Intentions of Peter A. Carter

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter! This Sunday is also referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel each year for this Sunday is about Jesus, the Good Shepherd of us all. The figure of the Good Shepherd speaks to us of the Risen Lord. When Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, he did not rise alone. Rather, he rose from the dead with all of us. He came from the tomb as the Risen Head of his Body, all who have been purchased by his death on the cross for redemption and salvation. He is the Head of his Body, the Church. As the Head, he tends to every member of his Body as a shepherd for his sheep. He is our Good Shepherd, our Risen Lord, guiding and leading us in this life to eternal life.

This is the Collect for Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Please add it to your prayers today.

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Good Shepherd Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the holy priesthood and the consecrated life. The Church is always in need of more numerous vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life to continue the work of the Good Shepherd—in so many different ways—among us. We are blessed at the Cathedral Parish to have four seminarians—and another parishioner making application this Spring—and two women in initial formation for religious life—and two others in discernment. Even with these nine young people responding to the Lord's call in our parish, we pray for a greater abundance of vocations all throughout the Archdiocese. Good Shepherd, hear our prayers!

The month of May is traditionally a month to express special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Holy Father recently wrote to all the Catholic faithful with the reminder to pray the Holy Rosary each day of this month. I encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary, perhaps as a family, especially to bring an end to the Coronavirus. There is an Archdiocesan Rosary each evening at 8:00 PM. Please see, <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary/>.

This Week the Cathedral Chapel is open every day from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for prayer. Confessions will be available Monday through Saturday at 11:30 AM in the Cathedral Chapel.

We are operating at 50% less of our weekly income. Please remember to support the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. I am so very grateful for your goodness and generosity, especially during these difficult and uncertain days.

Happy Easter!
Father Dennis Gill

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

St Peter's Pentecost sermon sets the pattern for future such speeches. First is a connection with current events; then the Jesus kerygma, framed as a reproach of the listeners; then some Scriptural reference(s) and a call to repentance.

Reading II: I Peter 2: 20b-25

Here we have a part of a primitive Christian hymn. In it, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah becomes both the Good Shepherd and our guardian.

The Gospel: John 10: 1-10

The parable of the sheepfold precedes a consideration of Our Lord Jesus as both the Gate and the Good Shepherd of His flock.

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 Johns 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 Shepperd 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/](http://saintjohnshospice.org/donate-3/)

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CATECHETICAL SESSION

FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Social Justice and the Gospel The Works of Mercy

Thursday, May 7, 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

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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:

Mary Elizabeth Gunson, Sharon Becker, Alan Havelin, Patricia Horton, April de Matto, Stan Pollock, Joshua White, Barrett Weiller, Brenden Thomas McCulligan, Joseph Pinto, Jr., Frank and Joan Vara, Janina Bieranowska, Michael McCann, Caroline Brennan, Mark Perry, Terry and Dave Dynako, 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

Julio 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

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

CLICK HERE,

or go to: <http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Mayo-May-2020.pdf>

Para programar una **visita al hospital**, para recibir la Comunión, y para la Unción de los enfermos, por favor llamar a la oficina

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 el cuarto domingo de Pascua! Este domingo también se conoce como el Domingo del Buen Pastor porque el Evangelio cada año para este domingo se trata de Jesús, el Buen Pastor de todos nosotros. La figura del Buen Pastor nos habla del Señor resucitado. Cuando Jesús resucitó de los muertos en la mañana de Pascua, no se levantó solo. Más bien, él se levantó de la muerte con todos nosotros. Él vino de la tumba como la cabeza resucitada de su cuerpo, todos los que fueron comprados por su muerte en la cruz para la redención y la salvación. Él es la cabeza de su cuerpo, la Iglesia. Como Cabeza, tiende a cada miembro de su Cuerpo así como el pastor cuida de sus ovejas. Él es nuestro Buen Pastor, nuestro Señor Resucitado, guiándonos y conduciéndonos en esta vida a la vida eterna.

Esta es la Oración Colecta para la misa del cuarto domingo de Pascua. Por favor agrégalo a tus oraciones hoy.

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
te pedimos que nos lleves a gozar de las alegrías celestiales,
para que tu rebaño, a pesar de su fragilidad,
llegue también a donde lo precedió su glorioso Pastor.
Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

El Domingo del Buen Pastor es el Día Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones al Santo Sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada. La Iglesia siempre necesita más vocaciones para el sacerdocio y la vida consagrada para continuar la obra del Buen Pastor, de muchas maneras diferentes, entre nosotros. Somos bendecidos en la Parroquia de la Catedral de tener cuatro seminaristas, y otro feligrés haciendo la solicitud esta primavera, y dos mujeres en formación inicial para la vida religiosa, y otras dos en discernimiento. Incluso con estos nueve jóvenes respondiendo al llamado del Señor en nuestra parroquia, oramos por una mayor abundancia de vocaciones en toda la Arquidiócesis. Buen Pastor, escucha nuestras oraciones!

El mes de mayo es tradicionalmente un mes para expresar una devoción especial a la Santísima Virgen María. Nuestro Santo Padre escribió recientemente a todos los fieles católicos con el recordatorio de rezar el Santo Rosario cada día de este mes. Os animo a rezar el Santo Rosario, tal vez en familia, especialmente para poner fin al Coronavirus. Hay un Rosario Arquidiocesano cada noche a las 6:00 PM. Por favor, consulte, <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary/>.

Esta semana, la Capilla de la Catedral está abierta todos los días de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. para oración. Las confesiones estarán disponibles de lunes a sábado a las 11:30 a.m. en la Capilla de la Catedral.

Estamos operando al 50% menos de nuestros ingresos semanales. Recuerde apoyar a la parroquia de la catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo 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/>. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles e inciertos.

¡Felices Pascuas!
Padre Dennis Gill

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— we will all be together again —

Evangelization

Living Divine Mercy (Pt. 2)

“Jesus, I trust in you!” Last week we considered the link between serving and seeing Jesus when he comes to us. Our reflection concluded with the several ways by which our Lord in the Scriptures and our Mother the Church indicate we may put mercy into action in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Practicing those works can be a challenge sometimes when the circumstances for each do not seem immediately apparent. Oftentimes the problem lies in too narrow a vision of mercy and its application. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves and this “narrow” view does not escape him.

During one of the Jesus’ revelations to St. Faustina he indicated even more specifically how one may put mercy into action whenever and wherever devout Christian souls find themselves. He taught her (and us) how to cultivate a truly broad, ***“merciful outlook”***. Jesus told Faustina:

“I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first — by deed, the second — by word, the third— by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy.” (Diary, 742)

Saint Faustina reflects elsewhere:

“(Jesus) You Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy — if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer — if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.” (Diary 163)

In *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, Fr. Michael Gaitley describes this “merciful outlook” in the following way. It is not a patronizing gaze on the poor and marginalized in our midst but a penetrating sight that endeavors to really “see” our brothers and sisters through, with and in Christ Jesus. One definition of mercy is the moment wherein love meets suffering. Practicing the merciful outlook, a person endeavors to satisfy the existential thirst each person has; a thirst for connection, for compassion, for love.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear the first part of our Lord’s words concerning ***“the Good Shepherd.”*** Jesus speak of being “the gate” by which the sheep enter in and go out and find pasture. Imitating Jesus in this capacity takes different shapes. What might it mean to have a heart wherein the poor, marginalized, and lonely may enter in and go out and find pasture.

When a family member is hurting, lonely, suffering in sin (their sin or as a result of others) do we “see” that person or merely talk about them as though he or she were a problem to be borne? When we encounter a friend who has just suffered a loss in their life (small or great, it matters not) are we quick to lend an ear or hand? When we encounter the stranger on the street, do urge them to “stay with us” or pass by without a word?

Over the next few weeks, we will examine more closely the merciful deeds, words and manners/kinds of prayer by traditionally indicated to devout souls for putting mercy in action: The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

1. Gaitley, MIC, Michael E., *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, (Stockbridge: Marian Press, 2014), p.143ff

2 Kowalska, Saint Maria Faustina. *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Marian Press. Kindle Edition.

3 Ibid.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

On-line Support Meeting for those Affected by Divorce/Separation

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 8:00—9:00PM ET

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668359061>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(312\) 757-3121](tel:+13127573121)

Access Code: 668-359-061

For more information, please contact:

Anne DeSantis, Director

St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation

215-870-9914

or email and/or visit: director.srnf@gmail.com

<https://www.nonnatus.org/>

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia

As we navigate the trying times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGP) is working to address the immediate needs of our faith community at every level. We understand that the suspension of public Masses has impacted parish communities directly in many ways. As a result, we have established the **Parish Support Initiative** in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Ways You Can Help

Parish Support Initiative Information



To donate to your parish through the Parish Support Initiative, please follow the link below.

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Emergency Relief Fund

CFGP's Emergency Relief Fund is raising funds for local food pantries who are experiencing supply shortages due to COVID-19. 100% of your donation to this fund will go directly to the food pantries in need.



[Click Here to Donate](#)

Saint Katharine Drexel Shrine

Novena Brochure

<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/printable-novena-2.pdf>

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE](#)

or go to: phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/6040065

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.



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.

Please contact Edward Specht, Coordinator of Religious Education at: cathedralreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Catholic Women's Conference

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 catholic-womensconference.org.

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. 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)

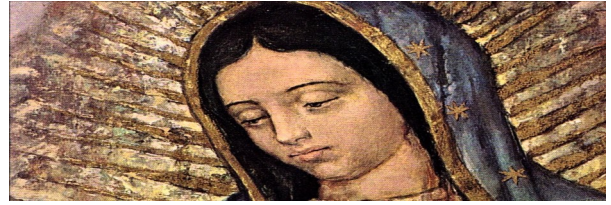
Link: zoom.us/j/494480541...

Full details at: phillyevang.org/rosary

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

[View the Flyer](#)

Campaña del Rosario por el fin del Coronavirus en Español



La Oficina para la Nueva Evangelización de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia invita a todos a unirse a una **campaña del Rosario** por el fin del coronavirus.

Únanse a nosotros en línea, por teléfono o en espíritu mientras rezamos el Rosario todas las noches a las 6 PM. Le pediremos a la milagrosa intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María que ponga fin al coronavirus.

Cuándo: Todos los días, 6:00-6:30PM (EST)

Enlace: zoom.us/j/180527700

Para más detalles visite: phillyevang.org/rosary

Auspiciado por: Sacerdotes y líderes del apostolado hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia.

[Ver Volante](#)

Congratulations to the newly baptized



Kirstin Unochi Ezech who was baptized on the 3rd Sunday

VIRTUAL Life in the Spirit Conference



It is a free eight-week conference for young adults, adults, and seniors that will begin on **Monday, May 4th**.

Weekly meetings will be held at **7:30 p.m.** All sessions will take place via Zoom video conference. Conferencing details will be provided upon registration. To register, please [click here](#).

Webinar:

How to Set Up an Effective Electronic Communications Plan on Short Notice Thursday, April 30, 2020 – 2:00-3:00 PM

This webinar is for parishes that wish to put in place a simple, effective electronic communications plan for their parish, which will enable them to communicate quickly and clearly with their parishioners during the post-pandemic period and beyond. It will cover the basics of launching mass email communication, making your website user-friendly and setting up an effective social media outreach. This webinar is intended for parishes that do not currently have an electronic communications structure in place or for those just getting started. (Even if you can't attend this webinar live, please register and we will send you a recording of the webinar.)

Hosted by: Bonnie Olinger and Alaina Longo, Office for Communications, Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization

Registration: [Click here to register](#)

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.



He is not here! He is Risen!



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TEN- A series reflecting on the Ten Plagues of Egypt! with Fr. Matt Guckin

The Office for Catechetical Formation is sponsoring a series which connects the 10 plagues of Egypt to the present pandemic in which we are immersed. This unprecedented time reminds us how fragile life truly is, and how little control we have. Many people are turning to the Bible for answers.

Beginning on Monday, April 27, Father Matt Guckin will be spending TEN minutes each day at **TEN O'clock** in the morning to discuss each of the **TEN plagues** in Egypt at the time of Moses.

The series will last for **TEN days**. (emphasis on TEN!)

April 27 through April 6th, faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to join Father Guckin who will spend **TEN minutes** each day at TEN O'clock in the morning to discuss each of the TEN plagues in Egypt. Videos will be posted to phillyvocf.org each day and can be viewed at your convenience.

[Click here for an overview](#) and note that topics include:

1. The meaning of each of the TEN plagues
2. Key differences between the TEN plagues and the COVID-19 plague
3. God's active will and God's permissive will
4. The subject of Divine punishment.

The series will go live on Monday, April 27 at 10AM on <http://phillyvocf.org/> (Click on the icon on that page) N.B.: Each session will be recorded daily and archived if you are unable to make the 10am time.

[View Promotional Material](#)



57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations **Last Day! May 3, 2020** Novena for Vocations

The Vocation Office invites you to pray for increased grace to respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life throughout the world, but especially in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia .

To celebrate this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we invite you to join the seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in praying a Novena for Vocations on May 3rd.

The seminarians have videotaped their daily reflection/prayers and each day of the Novena the videos will be uploaded to our website at heedthecall.org/novena and our Facebook page at facebook.com/phillypriest.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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.

alleluia!

ALLELUIA!

alleluia!

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.

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Live-Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM

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