

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 17, 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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Director of Cathedral Parish Music

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Principal Organist

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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
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 
@CathedralPhila 

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/>

Ascension



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“He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17, 2020

*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him".
R. Alleluia, alleluia. JN 14:23*

*"He ascended into
heaven, and is seated
at the right hand
of the Father"*



May 16, Saturday, Easter

Weekday

5:15 Bobby Hauk

May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Savino Tamburino

11:00 Kitty Amato

12:30 Jesús & Querubina Herrera

6:30 Father Anthony Russo, CSsR

May 18, Monday, Easter

Weekday

St. John I

7:15 Margaret & Edward Jordan

12:05 Intention of the Priest
Celebrant

May 19, Tuesday, Easter

Weekday

7:15 Joan Cook

12:05 Marge McAvenue

May 20 Wednesday, Easter

Weekday

St. Bernardine of Siena

7:15 George A. Perfeky

12:05 Nicole Elizabeth Sartore

May 21, Thursday, Easter

Weekday

Ascension of the Lord

7:15 For the People of the Parish

12:35 Intentions of the Priest
Celebrant

5:15 Intentions of the Priest

Celebrant

May 22, Friday, Easter Weekday

St. Rita of Cascia

7:15 Sean C. Ross

12:05 Donald McDonald

May 23, Saturday, Easter

Weekday

12:05 Joel Ziff

5:15 Madeline Morano

May 24 Ascension of the Lord Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Alessandro Lavarone

11:00 Giulio Sciarretta

12:30 Intentions of the Priest
Celebrant

6:30 Thomas Bilotta & Carlo Liroy

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter! The Risen Lord says to us in the Gospel for this Sunday, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15)." Our heavenly Father's love for us is so complete that he sent his only Son to die for us. Not only did Jesus die on the cross to save us, he also was raised from the dead for us. As his death saved us from the fallout of our sins, his resurrection gives us an experience of eternity. This experience, or better this encounter, takes place in so many ways. It is the Risen Lord who speaks to us in his word. It is the Risen Lord we receive in all the Sacraments. It is the Risen Lord we meet in one another. It is the Risen Lord who compels us to know his intimate, palpable, abiding presence at this moment and in every moment. This is the One saying, if you love me. If you love me for dying and rising for you, present to you now, you will keep my commandments. The Lord is not giving us a challenge or making a dare. No, the Lord is inviting us to respond with serious and faithful Christian lives—keeping his commandments—to the great gift of death and resurrection.

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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt
devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance,
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday, May 21, 2020, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In normal times this great event in the life of the Risen Lord and in the Church would be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Even though there is no obligation this year, please observe it in some way in your home. Mass for the Ascension will be live streamed from the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday at 5:00 PM. See the Archdiocesan website for more information.

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.

Please continue 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://cathedralphiladelphia.org/donate/>. I am so very grateful for your goodness and generosity, especially during these difficult and uncertain days.

Happy Easter!
Father Dennis Gill

**CATECHETICAL SESSION
FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, May 21, 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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish.

If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Phillip preaches the Samaritan mission with success. Yet the Samaritans needed to be bonded with the mother Church in Jerusalem, so Phillip sends for Peter and John to do so, since they were witnesses of the resurrection.

Reading II: I Peter 3: 15-18

Peter declares that when a questioner asks about the Gospel message, the teacher must answer with gentleness and reverence. In His body, Christ died. In the Spirit Christ was raised to life.

The Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Jesus specifies how we prove our love for Him. It is in keeping His commandments. Jesus promises not to leave us as orphans but will send us the Spirit of truth to lead and guide us, and He will abide with us for all time.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

**TEXT TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE
CATHEDRAL PARISH!**

Text at any time, especially for your
Sunday Mass Offering

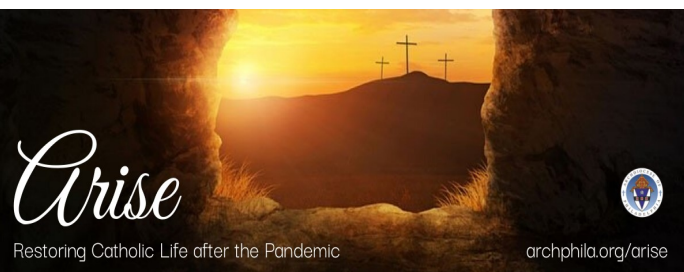
Please text **Cathedral** to 215-709-9955
and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.

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>

Caminando a Pentecostés

Presentado por:

Kathia y Andrés Arango

Cuándo:

Sábados 9:15 PM hasta 10:15 PM

Donde:

FACEBOOK Live/HispanosPhilly

o llamando al: **1-866-399-8027**

ENCUENTRO VIRTUAL JUVENIL

Cuándo:

Martes 8:00 PM

Donde:

FACEBOOK Live/HispanosPhilly

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el sexto domingo de Pascua! El Señor resucitado nos dice en el Evangelio para este domingo: "Si ustedes me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos (Juan 14:15)". El amor de nuestro Padre celestial por nosotros es tan completo que envió a su único Hijo a morir por nosotros. Jesús no solo murió en la cruz para salvarnos, sino que también resucitó de entre los muertos por nosotros. A medida que su muerte nos salvó de las consecuencias de nuestros pecados, su resurrección nos da una experiencia de eternidad. Esta experiencia, o mejor este encuentro, tiene lugar de muchas maneras. Es el Señor resucitado quien nos habla en su palabra. Es el Señor resucitado que recibimos en todos los sacramentos. Es el Señor resucitado que nos encontramos en el prójimo. Es el Señor resucitado quien nos obliga a conocer su presencia íntima, palpable y permanente en este momento y en cada momento. Es el que nos dice, si me amarás. Si me amarás por morir y resucitar por ti, presente ante ti, guardarías mis mandamientos. El Señor no nos está desafiando ni retando. No, el Señor nos está invitando a responder con vidas cristianas serias y fieles, guardando sus mandamientos, al gran don de la muerte y la resurrección.

Esta es la oración colecta para la misa del sexto domingo de Pascua. Por favor agrégalo a tus oraciones hoy.

Dios todopoderoso, concédenos continuar
celebrando con incansable amor
estos días de tanta alegría
en honor del Señor resucitado,
y que los misterios que hemos
venido conmemorando
se manifiesten siempre en nuestras obras.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo
en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

El jueves 21 de mayo de 2020 es la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor. En tiempos normales, este gran evento en la vida del Señor Resucitado y en la Iglesia se observaría como un Día Santo de Obligación. A pesar de que no hay obligación este año, por favor obsérvelo de alguna manera en su hogar. La misa por la Ascensión se transmitirá en vivo desde la Basílica de la Catedral el jueves a las 5:00 p.m. Consulte el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis para obtener más información.

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

Por favor continúe apoyando 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 donar electrónicamente. Por favor, visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Estoy muy agradecido por su bondad y generosidad, especialmente durante estos días difíciles e inciertos.

¡Felices Pascuas!
Padre Dennis Gill

Resurrection & Restoration: Archbishop's Easter Video Series

The Arise: Resurrection and Restoration Easter video series breaks open the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus and his power to bring us new life in the midst of the pandemic. It is also designed to help us transition back into "in person" life in the Church as the COVID19 restrictions slowly lift. These short videos, given by dynamic local speakers, will offer a teaching on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, its power to restore our lives here and now, and why the "in person" nature of our life as Catholics is so important. Videos will be available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

Promotional materials in English and Spanish and full details can be found at: <http://archphila.org/arise/>

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.

To access the **TEN Plagues of Egypt**, please visit:
<http://phillyvocf.org/ten-plagues/>

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Novena Brochure
<http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/>

Evangelization

Living Divine Mercy – (Pt. 4): The Spiritual Works of Mercy

"Jesus, I trust in you!" Last week we began considering the concrete ways in which our Mother the Church counsels us to put mercy into action. We began our reflection on these ways by looking at the Corporal Works of Mercy. This week our attention shifts to the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Traditionally the Spiritual Works of Mercy are sevenfold:

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrong patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

It is easy to look upon the Spiritual Works of Mercy and underestimate their import and impact. Fr. Leo Trese considers the distinct value of these sevenfold works in the following way. He writes:

"When we strive, by means of the corporal works of mercy, to lighten our neighbor's load of sickness and poverty and misfortune, heaven indeed does smile upon us. Yet man's eternal happiness is of immensely greater importance than his physical and temporal well-being. Consequently, the spiritual works of mercy exert an even more pressing claim upon the Christian than do the corporal works."

While still in the seminary, I had two experiences which brought clarity to the truth of this statement. One summer I was sent to Central America to study Spanish. During that time, we took part in a missionary outreach in Honduras. One excursion saw us traversing a valley in the mountains for several hours, visiting with locals and blessing homes. Homes, with little more than a dirt floor, sheer walls and a tin roof. The person who called these places home, exhibited a joy that gave no indication of their material poverty or suffering.

Later that year, I was in a very different place: South Philadelphia. At that time, we were sent by a local parish to visit the homebound. During our visits we came across one woman who had all ***"the essentials"*** and yet was gripped by a deep, enduring depression one could feel. Both body ***and*** soul matter in a big way.

On their face, the Spiritual Works of Mercy do not seem very difficult to carry out yet several of them challenge us to have a difficult conversation with our brothers and sisters that require courage and genuine concern for the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters. Admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant and counseling the doubting sometimes calls upon us to offer a challenging teaching or word that is uncomfortable to deliver and also hear. That word however could make the difference between someone we love being counted among the elect on the last day.

For example, someone is not feeling well and a trip to the Doctor's Office reveals a terminal diagnosis. We do not want to talk about death or dying in such a case and yet that is the meaning of ***"terminal."*** Our conversation alights upon treatments, procedures, and fighting till the last. Not bad in themselves, but not all. We are not destined to live here forever. Prompting someone to take stock and go to confession, receiving the sacraments of the Church while they may still do so fruitfully can make that eventual encounter with Jesus Christ in our particular judgment very different than it may be otherwise. For the man who dies in his sin that encounter is a terrifying one. For the just man it is a delight.

The faithful exercise of the works of Mercy, both Corporal and Spiritual, has great implications for our walk with Christ. Next week we will consider what the day-to-day living of Divine Mercy looks like practically.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ Trese, Leo J.. The Faith Explained . Scepter Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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](#)

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](#).

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School will offer two scholarships (full/partial) to two Black Catholic female students for the Class of 2025.

The deadline for submitting your application is **June 15, 2020.**

Please mail the completed application to the Office for Black Catholics

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Office for Black Catholics

222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

For more information on Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School visit:

www.gmahs.org

LECTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Saint Joseph, Downingtown, PA
7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

**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

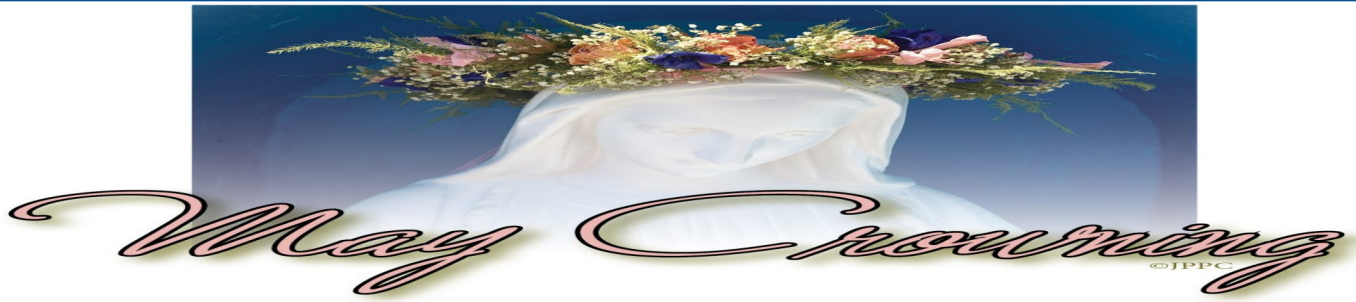
Parking available

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



A fun online resource to check out:

Catholicmom.com has a ton of fun resources for moms and families! They have a plethora of articles, daily reflections, recipes, craft ideas, videos and more.



Communion for the Sick



The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes.** Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313**. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.

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).

Theme: Jesus I Trust in You

Calling all young men who want to hear God's plan in their lives!

Join the Vocation Office for a 4-day, 3-night camp geared towards young men that are incoming Freshman to graduated Seniors in High School.

The camp is run by the Vocation Director, Fr Stephen DeLacy, Archdiocesan Priests and Deacons and St. Charles Borromeo Seminarians. Dynamic speakers lead the talks, which are spiritually enriching and compelling.

Dates: Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2, 2020

Registration Cost Per Camper: \$25 to \$300 (pay what you are able)

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2020

Location: Black Rock Retreat Center

1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566, USA

For more info, please contact Susan Matour at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org.

Confirmation for Roman Catholic Adults

THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS

planned for May 31, 2020 at the Cathedral

WILL NOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR

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.

[**View Flyer**](#)

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Though we cannot attend Mass in person at this time, the Lord still remains close in His grace. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has created a webpage listing many **excellent resources and online events** to nourish you spiritually and help you remain as close as possible to Jesus and the Church during this difficult time.

Explore these resources at archphila.org/resources

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE.](#)

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

Parish eCommunications Grant

During the Liturgical Directives webinar last week, we mentioned the availability of a **\$250 grant for parishes** that wish to start mass email communication (i.e. FlockNote, Constant Contact, MailChimp, etc...).

Here are links to the grant information and other resources related to parish e-communications:

[Instructions for Requesting a Grant for a New Parish Communications Account](#)

Webinar recording: [How to Set Up an Effective Electronic Communications Plan on Short Notice](#)

Many more resources for launching parish electronic communications can be found on the [Arise webpage](#) under the Communications tab.



Integrity Handyman Services is looking for experienced carpenters.

IMMEDIATE HIRE. \$35k - 50k based on experience. First and foremost applicants must have a good work ethic. They must also have at least three years experience with drywall, basic framing, and tile; own transportation and basic hand tools.

DIRECTIVES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS DURING THE DISTINCT PHASES

Please click the link below for the directives:

[Liturgical Directives for the Restricted \("yellow"\) Phase and Open \("green"\) Phase](#)

[Reminders regarding the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children](#)

[Click here to watch a recording of this webinar](#)

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 (CFGF) 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

CFGF'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](#)



National Catholic Partnership on Disability

[Click Here for a helpful list for Covid-19 Resources](#)

Office for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate
Archdiocesan and Local Resources
[Click Here for OPD Resources](#)

[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.



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May Dedication To Our Blessed Mother

Prayer of Pope Francis to Virgin Mary for protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



Live-Streamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter &
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Resources for Catholics at Home During COVID-19

Online Mass

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

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[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](#)

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