

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

August 15, 2021

Solemnity of
ASSUMPTION



Blessed Virgin

MARY

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 15, 2021

“Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.”
R. Alleluia, alleluia.”

The Feast of the



Assumption of Mary

Weekly Mass Intentions



August 14, Saturday

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

12:05 Leone, Cuccurullo &
Kenny Families
5:15 Robert Donner

August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Arturo Giacomucci
11:00 Antonio Demarsico
12:30 Sonja Lopatinskij
6:30 Alfredo D'Ercole & Family

August 16, Monday, Weekday

(Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time)

7:15 Intentions of Steve Jun
12:05 Eileen Gwynn Dagit

August 17, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Ferne Rodale Kushrer
12:05 Joan K. Hammel

August 18, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Intentions of Lauren
Kudlick
12:05 John McKelvey

August 19, Thursday, Weekday

Saint John Eudes

7:15 Intentions of Fr. John
Foley
12:05 Anna M. Bell

August 20, Friday

Saint Bernard

7:15 Benjamin Andrew Earley
12:05 Edgar William Casey

August 21, Saturday

Saint Pius X

12:05 John Ober
5:15 Charlie Salisbury

August 22 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Eduardo Osberg
11:00 Benedict Victor Arul
12:30 Antonio Alvarez
6:30 Peppino Difonzo

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! This summer Holy Day takes precedence over the observance of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are several reasons for this but the most significant is the place of the Mystery of Christ in the assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven. The Church believes that the eternal Mystery of Christ, saving us on the cross and risen from the dead, reached back into history and preserved Mary from being conceived with Original Sin. Without Original Sin, Mary was not destined to die. Rather, when her life would end on earth she would fall asleep in this life and wake in eternal life. The Collect for August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, brings out this point in a succinct and beautiful way when it mentions her being “assumed” and “immaculate” in the first lines. This same prayer then reminds us, we who have the same destiny of heaven because of Christ’s death for us, which sets us free from the power of death, to be “attentive to the things that are above.” Our every moment on earth as Christians should be directed to spending eternity with God, with Mary, the angels and the saints. Today, as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, let turn to her in personal prayer to one day join her in glory as we are today faithful to the ways of her Divine Son. As an aside, the Collect for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption is even more expressive of these ideas.

You may consider making use of the Collect for the Assumption Mass as part of your personal prayers today:

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

As I previously mentioned, we are preparing for more than 20 possible catechumens and candidates to be a part of our adult Christian Initiation ministry. I am grateful for those who already have expressed a willingness to be a parish sponsor for these catechumens and candidates. However, we still need quite a few more. If this interests you or you would like more information about being a parish sponsor, please contact me.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the religious education programs of 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/>. Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill,
Rector

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus

Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
Parochial Vicar

Reverend Monsignor Louis A. D'Addezio
Priest in Residence

Deacon Jesús M. Burgos
Permanent Deacon

Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.
Pastoral Associate

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

Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.
Outreach Coordinator

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass
Sunday: 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**

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Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, 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, October 13, 2020



PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

One of the best things about summer is the Joy of time away from work and worries with your family.

Remember to remain grateful through prayer for all the joy-filled opportunities. Your Cathedral parish priests *shore* do have a plan to pray that all of our parishioners have a happy summertime of fun, family and blessings!

There are some very cool ways to help us with our ministries this summer! As always, thank you for your generosity and for sharing your joy with us. Please remember our Cathedral parish with your gift.

St. Joseph, pray for us! And let us remember to pray for each other always!

Have the Best Summer Yet!

Your generosity was:

Regular	\$ 3,624
Special	<u>2,391</u> (for Mission Coop)
Total	\$ 6,015

We hope that your generosity will exceed **\$10,000** next week. Thank you!

Please consider a gift to support the good work of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- Become a parishioner! – speak with Father Gill, Father Biedrzycki, Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass and he can help you register
- **Planned Gifts** – call and leave a message for Rose at 215-561-1313, so she may discuss with you long-term ways that may be best for you such as annuities, life insurance, stock, estate planning and memorial gifts
- **Text to give** anytime, especially for your Sunday Mass offering – text “Cathedral” to 215-709-9955
- **Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



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

Daniel Damon, Nancy, Jacqueline and her intentions, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Baby Ava Hope, David Blue, Jeannette Argir, Judy Day, Wally Dalton, Baby Benjamin Summers, Eileen Maher, Carmine Meadows, April De Matto, Jim Mace Thompson, Levi Oattes, Rose McKenna, Sue Del Biondo, Paul Fischer, Valente family, Marlene Cinclair, Gloria Quici, Frank Munafo, Matthew Munafo, Rosemary Hennelly, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: sr.mrparadis@archphila.org, or call Sister Mary Raphael, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313 Monday through Thursday. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

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

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, Octubre 13, 2020

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#)

<http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/August-Agosto-2021.pdf>

¡PRIMERA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN EN LA CATEDRAL!

Si alguno de sus hijos necesita prepararse para la Primera Penitencia, la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación, ¡habrá clases aquí en la Parroquia de la Catedral a partir del otoño! ¡LAS CLASES DE INGLÉS comenzarán a principios de octubre! ¡LAS CLASES DE ESPAÑOL comenzarán a FINALES DE OCTUBRE!

Las clases serán GRATUITAS excepto por los libros y materiales, y serán impartidas por catequistas voluntarios.

- *Este no es un programa completo de educación religiosa.*
- *Pueden asistir niños que estén inscritos en un programa de educación religiosa, que asistan a una escuela católica, pública o autónoma, que estén recibiendo educación en el hogar o que no estén en educación religiosa.*
- *Los materiales en línea estarán disponibles en caso de que las clases en persona se vuelvan imposibles debido a Covid-19.*
- *Los que no son feligreses también son bienvenidos.*

PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON LA HERMANA MARY RAPHAEL, COORDINADORA DE DIVULGACIÓN, EN sr.mrparadis@archphila.org LO ANTES POSIBLE ANTES DEL 27 DE AGOSTO o LLAME AL 215-561-1313 si tiene preguntas. ¡Necesitamos pedir los libros para las clases!

Para las clases en español, envíe un correo electrónico a Arturo Ceves a aceves28@gmail.com, o hable con él después de la misa dominical en español a las 12:30pm en la Capilla.

REFLEXIÓN DEL RECTOR

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María! Este día de precepto de verano tiene prioridad sobre la observancia del Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Hay varias razones para esto, pero la más significativa es el lugar del Misterio de Cristo en la asunción de nuestra Santísima Madre al cielo. La Iglesia cree que el Misterio eterno de Cristo, salvándonos en la cruz y resucitado de entre los muertos, se remonta a la historia y preservó a María de ser concebida con el Pecado Original. Sin el pecado original, María no estaba destinada a morir. Más bien, cuando su vida terminara en la tierra, se quedaría dormida en esta vida y despertaría en la vida eterna. La oración Colecta del 15 de agosto, Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, resalta este punto de manera sucinta y hermosa cuando menciona su "asumida" e "inmaculada" en las primeras líneas. Esta misma oración nos recuerda a nosotros, que tenemos el mismo destino del cielo debido a la muerte de Cristo por nosotros, que nos libera del poder de la muerte, estar "atentos a las cosas de arriba". Cada momento en la tierra como cristianos debería estar dirigido a pasar la eternidad con Dios, con María, con los ángeles y los santos. Hoy, al celebrar la Asunción de la Santísima Madre, volvamos a ella en oración personal para unirnos un día en la gloria, ya que hoy somos fieles a los caminos de su Divino Hijo. Como acotación al margen, la oración Colecta para la Misa de Vigilia de la Asunción es aún más expresiva de estas ideas.

Puede considerar hacer uso de la Colecta para la Misa de la Asunción como parte de sus oraciones personales hoy:

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que elevaste a la gloria celestial en cuerpo y alma a la Inmaculada Virgen María, Madre de tu Hijo, concédenos tender siempre hacia los bienes eternos, para que merezcamos participar de su misma gloria. 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. Amén.

Como mencioné anteriormente, nos estamos preparando para que más de 20 posibles catecúmenos y candidatos sean parte de nuestro ministerio de Iniciación Cristiana para adultos. Estoy agradecido por aquellos que ya han expresado su voluntad de ser un padrino/madrina parroquial de estos catecúmenos y candidatos. Sin embargo, todavía necesitamos algunos más. Si esto le interesa o le gustaría obtener más información sobre cómo ser un padrino/madrina parroquial, por favor contácteme.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a los programas de educación religiosa de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales a la Oficina Parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral.

Dios lo bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill,
Rector



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL!

If any of your children need to prepare for First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, there will be classes here at the Cathedral Parish starting in the fall! **CLASSES IN ENGLISH** will start in early October! **CLASSES IN SPANISH** will start at the END OF OCTOBER!

Classes are **FREE** except for books and materials, and are taught by volunteer catechists.

This is not a full religious education program.

- Children may attend who are enrolled in a religious ed program, going to a Catholic, public or charter school, are being homeschooled, or not in religious ed.
- Online materials will be made available in case in-person classes become impossible due to Covid-19. Non-parishioners are also welcome.

CONTACT SISTER MARY RAPHAEL, OUTREACH COORDINATOR, AT sr.mrparadis@archphila.org **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE AUGUST 27TH** or CALL HER AT 215-561-1313 with questions. We need to order books for the classes! For classes in Spanish, please email Arturo Ceves at aceves28@gmail.com, or talk with him after the Spanish Sunday Mass at 12:30pm in the Chapel.

PARISH GREETERS

The Cathedral Parish is always eager to welcome those coming to pray and Worship God at Holy Mass. We invite for regular attendees to consider becoming one of our Greeters for a few years at the Mass of your choice.

Please contact Father Gill, Father Biedrzycki, Deacon Burgos or Sister Eleanor McCann @ emccann@sistersofmercy.org with your name and phone number and a convenient for a phone call to discuss your interest.

Thank you and God bless you.



Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are prepared to serve the spiritual needs of our 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.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



Daniel Munachiso Ejoh
Christopher Emmanuel Perez
Gabriel Lucas Mueller
Colten Thomas Sypek
Bentley Waldon McCrary
Nikos Pauluskas
Anthony Ryan Spampinato

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



Ryan Christopher & Kristy Lee DiRuggeris DeBlis
Michael David & Alyssa Ann Stamoulis Malason, II
Scott Christopher & Caitlin Ann Rowe Marriner
Andrew Gregory & Erika Jane Polcrack Smith
David Alexander & Jacqueline Boyle Verbaro
Kerry & Jaclyn Huston McAnany
Joshua David & Jenna Alexandra Albi Brown
Nathan John & Jessica Rosario-Pugh Hook
Domenico Francesco & Nicolina Corrado Buccafuri

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

With gratitude to Almighty God for the years of
Dedicated and faithful service to the Church
By our Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters,
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Wishes to invite you to join in
Celebration of their
Jubilee Year.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Archbishop Nelson Pérez
Celebrant

Sunday, September 19, 2021 @ 11 o'clock
The Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
Parking available next to Cathedral
All are Welcome

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE,](#)

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/12715036>

The Summit

A Night of Worship, Outreach, and Community

Friday, August 27, 2021

7:00pm – Mass

8:00om – Exposition

10:00pm – Benediction

Location:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

For more information go to:

<http://cathedralphila.org/the-summit/>



Archdiocesan Novena to St. Joseph

*(To be prayed on the 19th of each month from
March 19-November 19, 2021)*

The Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Joseph can be prayed in any setting, especially before or after Holy Mass and/or at parish meetings, in the classroom and in the family home. The praying of this Novena is to unite everyone in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia **on the 19th of each month**, from March through November 2021, in single petition of confident prayer to the Lord through the heavenly intercession of Saint Joseph. Please keep in mind the monthly Archdiocesan intention, found on page 4 of the Novena below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

[FOR THE NOVENA PRAYERS](#)



The Legion of Mary Celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

All parishioners are invited to join in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Legion of Mary with a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia on **Sept. 11 at 1:00 pm** with Most Rev. John McIntyre, principal celebrant, and Rev. Hugh Gillespie SMM, homilist. Before Holy Mass, the Rosary and Legion prayers will be recited at 12:30 pm.

The Legion of Mary is an international association of lay Catholics finding Jesus through prayer, works of mercy and evangelization rooted in Marian spirituality and commitment to the Holy Spirit. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921.

For more information:

www.philadelphiasenatus.org.

EVANGELIZATION

The Holy Mass – A Joyful Duty – Part 2 of 4

Today, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption, the obligation to assist (be present) at Mass in-person is reinstated for Catholic Christians living in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This means that we are to be present for Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Our absence carries with it the pain of grave sin. Exceptions to this obligation ordinarily consist of those obstacles posed by grave physical (illness) or moral (excess fear, anxiety etc.) factors that would make assisting at Mass difficult if not impossible.

Last week we began to consider the questions: “Is it *“just a rule”* or more?” We looked at the origins of the Lord’s Day. For the Israelite people, the Sabbath rest, the Lord’s Day, signified their imitating God and also His mighty act of liberation on their behalf from slavery to Pharaoh. Moses would receive the command to *“keep holy the Sabbath (the Lord’s Day)”* as one of the Ten Commandments of the Law. In Jesus, the Lord’s day would be perfected in the day of Resurrection; the memorial of Jesus’ conquering sin and death and opening the way to eternal life.

In the celebration of Holy Mass not only on Easter Sunday but every Sunday (even every day), Catholic Christians are renewed in the grace of their Baptism and are equipped to take those graces into the world, nourished by Jesus Christ’s own word and sacrifice, the Eucharist. As the fathers of the Second Vatican Council would emphasize anew the Eucharist in a certain sense makes the Church.

As a good Mother, the Church recognizes that her children sometimes need a nudge in order to pursue what is in their best interest. By the authority passed on to her from Jesus Christ, her spouse, the Church has power to put in place through her legitimate representatives (the Pope and Bishops in communion with him) certain binding precepts (commandments) for the good of the faithful. There are six to which we ordinarily refer. Of the six, one of particular importance is the precept to attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. The exceptions to this include those who are sick or impeded from doing so by some grave obstacle.

In matters of grave concern to the faith and morals of the Christian faithful, the Church has an obligation to make laws which will help to preserve those souls on the pilgrimage to heaven that they might not be led astray. Sunday is the primordial feast day for the Christian. If we are going to live up to the name of Christian, we need to be not only with other Christians, but Christ, truly present among us.

During the Pandemic, authorities within the Church recognized, especially early on, that some might, out of love for God and neighbor encounter undue burden in satisfying the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. In accord with this concern, for a time, the obligation was lifted and other means of worshiping God were considered (the Live-Stream Mass etc.). While these satisfied a need for a time, they are always only an anticipation of “being there” at the altar. Recognizing the need to be present at Christ’s saving sacrifice, the Church is again calling her children home, to be renewed, strengthened and sent forth to carry out the joyful duty given her by Jesus our Lord, to make disciples of all nations.

Next week we will look at how we might prepare and assist well at Sunday Mass. See you at Holy Mass!

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki