

August 29, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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**

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***



Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, August 10, 2021

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 29, 2021

"The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures." R. Alleluia, alleluia." JAS 1:18



Weekly Mass Intentions



August 28, Saturday

Saint Augustine

12:05 Jim Hennelly
5:15 Suzanne Watts

August 29 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Alfonso Altobelli
11:00 Angela Pacholi
12:30 Luz Rodríguez
6:30 Edison Giacomucci

August 30, Monday, Weekday

7:15 Mary O'Brien
12:05 Charles, Patricia, Charles Jr. McNally

August 31, Tuesday, Weekday

7:15 Maureen Griffin
12:05 Mary O'Brien

September 1, Wednesday, Weekday

7:15 Pauline Matello-Dougherty & Anthony Dougherty
12:05 Shannon Elizabeth Miranda

September 2, Thursday, Weekday

7:15 Intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel
12:05 Harry Dougherty

September 3, Friday

Saint Gregory the Great

7:15 Essie Mae Rubin
12:05 Emma and George Junkerman

September 4, Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Daniella Alcaide
5:15 Phillip

September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intentions of Philip Clark
11:00 Felice DiStefano
12:30 Luz Rodríguez
6:30 Mario Cionci

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time! The Gospel for this Sunday returns to a reading from Saint Mark, (see Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23), after several Sundays of listening to Jesus teach us about the Holy Eucharist in Saint John's Gospel. The teaching of Jesus about his great gift of his Body and Blood not only made clear to us what is the Holy Eucharist and his Real Presence to us in this Sacrament but also that we must live our Christian lives from the power and strength of this Sacrament. As the great Bishop Saint Augustine taught, we become what we receive. When we receive Holy Communion worthily, without any serious sin that separates us from Communion, we become within us all that Christ gives us. We become one with Christ himself, all that he teaches and all that we are to do in the love of his Father and the service of one another. All too easily for many of us we can live divided Christian lives. We are one person interiorly and exteriorly. We are one person with our words and another person with our thoughts. We are one person before God, or at least we think, and another person before others. In today's Gospels, in rather strong language, Jesus rejects such divided lives for his followers. Who we are within ourselves must be the same person before God and others. This radical correspondence between our mind, heart and soul is the lifelong project of the Christian life. This experience of personal justice is greatly assisted by our reception of Holy Communion. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the grace of communion with Christ and within all our parts—mind, heart and soul. Let us come forward for Holy Communion with a desire and confidence for our thoughts to match our actions, for our actions to match our thoughts, as part of Christ's gift to us.

This Wednesday, September 1, 2021, marks the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis established this observance in 2015 following a similar observance in the Eastern Church. The created world points to the majesty and providence of Almighty God. And God has entrusted to us stewardship over all the earth. We do not have to look too far to see how creation in every form suffers from neglect and abuse of all types. As we pray for the care of creation, it prompts us to action and reminds us that our primary care must be directed to the crown of creation, human life, from the first moment of conception until natural death. Please join this intention to your personal prayers this coming Wednesday.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Black and Indian Mission. 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

NOTHING
COMPARES
to Being There





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	\$ 4,096
Special	832 (for Religious Education Program)
Total	\$ 4,928

Electronic giving for July 2021 (weekly average \$2,573):

Online	\$10,292
Text-to-Give	200
Total	\$10,492

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 one of them 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:



ST. JOHN HOSPICE

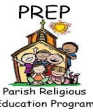


Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,

GIVE TO GROW

Together



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 in both English and Spanish! All classes will start in October. There will be a small fee for books/materials.

- *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 to sign up or call her at 215-561-1313 to sign up.

For classes in Spanish, please email **Arturo Aceves** 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 likewise welcome regular attendees to consider becoming one of our Greeters at the Mass of your choice.

Please contact Father Gill, Father Biedrzycki, Deacon Burgos or Sr. 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.

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.

***Declaración de la Misión de la
Parroquia Catedral de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo***

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, agosto 10, 2021*

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#)

[http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/
uploads/2021/08/August-Agosto-2021.pdf](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 en inglés y español! Todas las clases comenzarán en octubre. Habrá una pequeña tarifa por los libros / materiales.

- *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 no feligreses también son bienvenidos.*

**PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON LA
HERMANA MARY RAPHAEL,
COORDINADORA
DE DIVULGACIÓN,**

AT sr.mrparadis@archphila.org para inscribirse o llámela al 215-561-1313 para inscribirse.

Para las clases en español, envíe un correo electrónico a Arturo Aceves 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 el vigésimo segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario! El Evangelio de este domingo vuelve a una lectura de San Marcos, (ver Marcos 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23), después de varios domingos de escuchar a Jesús enseñarnos sobre la Sagrada Eucaristía en el Evangelio de San Juan. La enseñanza de Jesús acerca del gran regalo de su Cuerpo y Sangre no solo nos dejó en claro que es la Sagrada Eucaristía y su Presencia Real en este Sacramento, sino también que debemos vivir nuestra vida cristiana desde el poder y la fuerza de este Sacramento. Como enseñó el gran obispo San Agustín, nos convertimos en lo que recibimos. Cuando recibimos dignamente la Sagrada Comunión, sin ningún pecado grave que nos separe de la Comunión, llegamos a ser dentro de nosotros todo lo que Cristo nos da. Nos convertimos en uno con Cristo mismo, todo lo que él enseña y todo lo que debemos hacer en el amor de su Padre y en el servicio mutuo. Con gran facilidad muchos de nosotros podemos vivir nuestra vida cristiana dividida. Somos una sola persona interior y exteriormente. Somos una persona con nuestras palabras y otra con nuestros pensamientos. Somos una persona ante Dios, o al menos pensamos, y otra ante los demás. En el evangelio de hoy, en un lenguaje bastante fuerte, Jesús rechaza la vida dividida para sus seguidores. Quienes somos interiormente debe ser la misma persona ante Dios y los demás. Esta correspondencia radical entre nuestra mente, corazón y alma es el proyecto de toda la vida de la vida cristiana. Esta experiencia de justicia personal se ve enormemente asistida por nuestra recepción de la Sagrada Comunión. Cuando recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, recibimos la gracia de la comunión con Cristo y dentro de todas nuestras partes: mente, corazón y alma. Pasemos frente a la Sagrada Comunión con el deseo y la confianza de que nuestros pensamientos coincidan con nuestras acciones, de que nuestras acciones coincidan con nuestros pensamientos, como parte del regalo de Cristo para nosotros.

Este miércoles 1 de septiembre del 2021 se celebra La Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación. El Papa Francisco estableció esta observancia en 2015 después de una observancia similar en la Iglesia Oriental. El mundo creado apunta a la majestad y providencia del Dios Todopoderoso. Y Dios nos ha confiado la administración de toda la tierra. No tenemos que mirar demasiado lejos para ver cómo la creación en todas sus formas sufre negligencia y abuso de todo tipo. Cuando oramos por el cuidado de la creación, nos impulsa a la acción y nos recuerda que nuestro cuidado primario debe estar dirigido a la corona de la creación, la vida humana, desde el primer momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Únase a esta intención con sus oraciones personales el próximo miércoles.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta se dirigirá a la colecta nacional de las Misiones para los Negros y los Indígenas. 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 te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill,
Rector



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 Sts. Peter and Paul
Parking available next to Cathedral
All are Welcome



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 September 7, 1921.

For more information: www.philadelphiasenatus.org.

FORMED Webinar "Back in His Presence" Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 1:00pm

Join us for a webinar hosted by the Augustine Institute. We'll focus on how FORMED can help you invite your community back to the in person celebration of Mass and rekindle their love for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. [Click HERE](#) to register for the webinar.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Visit <http://archphila.org/joseph/> often for new events and resources for the celebration of this holy year!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP



If you are interested in the **Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish** and would like to receive the most up to-date information about our group's events, please e-mail us at: youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com. Please search for our Facebook page: [Young Adults at the Cathedral](#). Follow our Instagram page: [@YACPhilly](#). Our activities at the Cathedral are:

- ◆ Gospel Reflection: Every Thursday @ 7pm (Drexel Hall)
- ◆ Rosary on Saturday mornings @ 8AM in the Chapel followed by Gospel Reflection in the Neumann Room
- ◆ Meet and Greet: Last Friday of every month @ 7pm (Friday, August 27 will be sponsored by Philly Frassati—7pm Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and outreach event)



EVENING OF FORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, September 29, 2021,
7-9PM in the Cathedral Basilica

We will have an evening of formation and review for all Cathedral Parish Liturgical Ministers. Please join us if you are: a parish lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, parish greeter, parish cantor, and parish sacristan.



CYO Cross Country

All K-8 Cathedral parishioners are invited to run cross country with the St. Francis Xavier CYO team. Races are Sundays at Belmont Plateau.

Contact daniel.p.kilpatrick@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet **each Friday at 3:00 P.M.** Join us wherever you are.

Join Via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541?pwd=Wmo1V01XWEIQLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541

Passcode: Mercy



Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, confused, and feel they have no support. Through your generous giving, **Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul** parish has provided tremendous support over the years helping to **save nearly 3,000 babies!** Our centers provide free services ~ abortion education, counseling, advocacy, and ultrasound exams so women can receive the truth about abortion with love and mercy! Please support the Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive

Fundraiser and donate now! Envelopes are in the back of the church with the Legacy of Life Foundation display. Checks should be made payable to the *Legacy of Life Foundation* (note: parish and Baby Bottle Drive)

THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

~ www.legacyoflifefoundation.org ~

"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise" - St. Mother Teresa"

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE.](https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/12715036)

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Living the Beatitudes Young Adult Retreat September 3-5, 2021

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of God is theirs!"

This Labor Day weekend retreat will be led by Fr. Remigio Morales, SCV, a brother of the Christian Life Community at St. Agatha-St. James parish in downtown Philadelphia, and accompanied by Fr. Steven Delacy, Vicar of Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults. The retreat will include Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for Confession, small group discussion, and time to explore the beautiful grounds of Malvern and enjoy fellowship and recreation with other young adults striving to live out their Catholic faith.

Young Adults (20s & 30s) are invited to Malvern Retreat House for a weekend retreat on the joy of living the Beatitudes, while deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Where: Malvern Retreat House – St. Joseph's Hall
When: 5pm, Friday Sept. 3rd to 12pm, Sunday Sept. 5th
Cost: \$175 Financial assistance is available!



FR. REMIGIO MORALES, SCV
Born in Lima City, capital of Peru, I love the rich nature and folklore of my country. I love the ocean, the arts and science. I did four years of humanistic studies which opened my quest for deep existential questions. After finding Christ in the Catholic Church in 1995, I joined the Sodality Christianae Vitae (SCV). My ministry has been dedicated to the youth, families and teaching Theology.



FR. STEVEN DELACY
Fr. Steve Delacy, a Philadelphia native, graduated from West Chester University in 1997, entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the fall of 1998 and was ordained in 2004. Father Delacy is well known in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond as a popular retreat director, Theology on Tap speaker, and Young Adult ministry leader. Archbishop Perez has recently appointed Fr. Delacy Vicar for the Office of Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults.



For more information or to register, please visit
MalvernRetreat.com/calendar or call 610-644-0400

315 S. Warren Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355



EVANGELIZATION

The Holy Mass

– Making a Holy Communion – Part 4 of 4

On, 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.

Over the past few weeks we considered from where the obligation to attend Holy Mass each Sunday comes. We then considered the way by which we might fruitfully “assist” or actively participate at Mass on Sunday. One of the central pieces we often associate with Mass is Holy Communion. Something we need to keep in mind is that Holy Communion is one part of the greater whole of the Mass.

Why do we participate in Mass however? Jesus’ total self-sacrifice on our behalf to the Father on the Cross happened once for all. The Mass perpetuates the sacrifice of the Cross. We who live several hundred years removed from that initial sacrifice may share in its fruits now. Whether or not we receive Jesus in the Eucharist at each Mass, we are called to be present for that sacrifice which defines us, which makes us who we are in Jesus Christ.

Receiving the Eucharist, we are offered an even more intimate share in that one sacrifice; receiving Jesus into our very bodies. Like anything else we can do that better or worse. **Holy** Communion means to receive Jesus in the Eucharist in a state of grace. A state of grace means to be free from mortal sin. Why is this so important?

The Eucharist, is Jesus. Jesus makes himself really and truly present to us body, blood, soul and divinity. Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is a sign of our belief that Jesus present there in the Eucharist and also, of our actual and moral communion with Jesus. This means that first, we have faith Jesus is there in the Eucharist. Secondly, we are initiated into Jesus’ body on earth, the Church. Finally, it means that being a member of the Church, my life is in moral communion with Jesus and his way of life: his teachings, his law, and those promulgated by his representatives in the Church.

If we cannot say with a clear conscience that our life is both in actual and moral communion with Jesus in the Church, we ought to refrain from making an act of Holy Communion as we would be receiving Jesus unworthily. St. Paul noticed this disconnect among the Corinthians and reminded them:

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.”¹

The best way we can prepare to receive Jesus worthily is to make a good confession. There we may be forgiven any and all sins committed since our Baptism. Having been reconciled to Christ and to his Church in confession we may be confident of being in a state of grace. We may be confident of making a worthy, a holy communion glorifying God, and growing in the life of grace which prepares the way for heaven.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ 1 Cor 11:27-29




CHORAL EVENSONG

VESPERS IN THE ORDINariate OFFICE
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AT ST. AGATHA-ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
3728 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104



SCAN TO RSVP

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8 - 6:30 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Featuring William Byrd's *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis*, Anglican chant psalmody, and other works of the English choral tradition.
Director: William Gates, Director of Music at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (Ordinariate)
Organist: Nathan Knutson, Director of Music at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

"Would you like to get involved with Pro-Life Work?"

There are many opportunities including; Praying at a clinic during 40 Days for Life, Cycling for Life, or assisting in upcoming Pro-life Fundraisers! For more info contact Kim via email; kimpeopleoflife@gmail.com or call (215) 554-4675. Please indicate what area of interest you have!"



Faith, Family and Music Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Join us for the area's largest Catholic music festival! Families, individuals, young adults, youth groups and more are all welcome. We look forward to welcoming His Excellency Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez!

Musicians: Matt Maher, Firehill Worship, The Scally Brothers and more

Location: Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA

More info: theabbeyfest.com/...