October 3, 2021

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
Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! Marriage is a Sacrament. The coming together of a man and woman in Christ is a visible sign of Christ’s love for all of us. This love was expressed in the fullest possible way when Jesus gave up his life for us on the cross with a love that is forever, faithful and filled with life and grace. Thus, when a man and woman stand before the altar and exchange their consent—give themselves over to each other as Christ gave himself over for us on the Cross—they likewise are to love in a way that is forever, faithful and filled with life and grace. This is how marriage is a Sacrament. We hear in today’s Holy Gospel a clear and unambiguous teaching from Jesus about marriage. He recalls the plan of the divine Creator that marriage is between a man and woman and is an unbreakable union. Jesus lifts this human coming together to be a very sign of his divine love for us. As with all the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and passed on to us through the Church, this teaching is part of the “whole package” of the Gospel. To reject the Lord’s teaching on marriage is to reject the Lord and then everything else he teaches us for our salvation, our life with him in heaven. Today, the living out of the Sacrament of Marriage as intended by Christ is in great peril. Many baptized Christians live together without the benefit of the Sacrament of Marriage. Many marry outside of Christ and his Church. Marriage is being redefined constantly in our time to mean many things not found in the Word of God. Many married Christians do not invest in the spiritual aspects of their lives together. I encourage you to read today’s Gospel again, Mark 10: 2-16, and reflect on it. Let us be bearers of the good news about marriage, especially for our family members and friends.

Today at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass we commemorate in a special way the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. Our Sister Mary Luchia, a member of this religious community, is a great witness among us of the Consecrated Life and most generous in her service to our parish community. This year the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate conclude their centenary celebration of their founding (1920-2020) by Mother Mary Teresa Tallon. We salute the Sisters on this most significant occasion and pray the Lord will bless their community with many more vocations.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is this Thursday, October 7, 2021. I encourage all of you to pray the Holy Rosary as frequently as possible, perhaps every day. Grandparents, I encourage you to invite your grandchildren to pray the Holy Rosary with you.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the liturgical music needs 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
Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
Judy Miller, Marie Rizzi, 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.
We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parents, thank you for talking with your children about the charitable gifts your family makes to our Cathedral parish so that they too will live generously as you have taught them.

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

Have an Awesome School Year!

Your generosity on 9/25 was:

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Electronically giving for August 2021 (weekly average $2,263):

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We hope that your generosity will exceed **$9,000** this week. Thank you!

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

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please 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/](http://cathedralphila.org/donate/) or scan this QR code:

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**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**
Visit [http://archphila.org/joseph/](http://archphila.org/joseph/) often for new events and resources for the celebration of this holy year!

**LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM**
Click [Here](https://vimeo.com/event/17522), or go to: [https://vimeo.com/event/17522](https://vimeo.com/event/17522)

**Worship Aid**

**Readings for Mass for this Week**
Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

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**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...](https://zoom.us/j/494480541...)
**Full details at:** [phillyevang.org/roary](http://phillyevang.org/roary)

**View the Flyer**

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To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: [sr.mrparadis@archphila.org](mailto: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*

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**BOLETIN INFORMATIVO**

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

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**Reflexión del Rector**

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el vigésimo séptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario! El matrimonio es un sacramento. La unión de un hombre y una mujer en Cristo es un signo visible del amor de Cristo por todos nosotros. Este amor se expresó de la manera más plena posible cuando Jesús entregó su vida por nosotros en la cruz con un amor que es para siempre, fiel y lleno de vida y gracia. Así, cuando un hombre y una mujer se paran ante el altar e intercambian su consentimiento, se entregan el uno al otro como Cristo se entregó a sí mismo por nosotros en la cruz, también deben amar de una manera eterna, fiel y llena de vida. Así es como el matrimonio es un sacramento. Escuchamos en el Santo Evangelio de hoy una enseñanza clara e inequívoca de Jesús sobre el matrimonio. Recuerda el plan del Creador divino de que el matrimonio es entre un hombre y una mujer y es una unión inquebrantable. Jesús eleva esta unión humana para ser un signo de su amor divino por nosotros. Como ocurre con todas las enseñanzas de Jesús en el Nuevo Testamento y que nos fueron transmitidas a través de la Iglesia, esta enseñanza es parte del “paquete completo” del Evangelio. Rechazar la enseñanza del Señor sobre el matrimonio es rechazar al Señor y luego todo lo demás que nos enseña para nuestra salvación, nuestra vida con él en el cielo. Hoy, vivir el sacramento del matrimonio como lo pretendió Cristo está en gran peligro. Muchos cristianos bautizados viven juntos sin el beneficio del sacramento del matrimonio. Muchos se casan fuera de Cristo y su Iglesia. El matrimonio se está redefiniendo constantemente en nuestro tiempo para significar muchas cosas que no se encuentran en la Palabra de Dios. Muchos cristianos casados no invierten en los aspectos espirituales de su vida juntos. Los animo a leer nuevamente el evangelio de hoy, Marcos 10: 2 -16, y reflexionar sobre él. Seamos portadores de las buenas nuevas sobre el matrimonio, especialmente para nuestros familiares y amigos.

Hoy en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM conmemoramos de manera especial a los Visitantes Parroquiales de María Inmaculada. Nuestra Hermana Mary Luchia, miembro de esta comunidad religiosa, es una gran testigo entre nosotros de la Vida Consagrada y muy generosa en su servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Este año los Visitantes de la Parroquia de María Inmaculada concluyen la celebración del centenario de su fundación (1920 -2020) por la Madre María Teresa Tallon. Saludamos a las Hermanas en esta ocasión tan significativa y oramos para que el Señor bendiga a su comunidad con muchas más vocaciones.

Octubre es el mes del Santo Rosario. El Memorial de Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario es este jueves 7 de octubre del 2021. Los animo a rezar el Santo Rosario con la mayor frecuencia posible, quizás todos los días. Abuelos, los animo a invitar a sus nietos a rezar el Santo Rosario con ustedes.


Dios le bendiga,

Padre Dennis Gill

Rector

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**Año de San José**

Para encontrar eventos locales, oraciones y recursos para el estudio de la fe para celebrar el Año de San José, visite: [http://archphila.org/joseph/](http://archphila.org/joseph/)

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**Nada se compara con estar ahí**
CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-
Revelation and Tradition
The Holy Bible: The Old Testament

Thursday, October 7, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting in the Neumann Room

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 at 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

Legacy of Life Foundation
Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who gave generously helping to save lives and transform families! Your caring donation will help women experience the love and mercy they need to choose life! May God bless you for your contribution.

THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

~ www.legacyoflifefoundation.org ~

HOSPICE SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY

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, God bless you.

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 Fr. Dennis Gill at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

FORMED: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:
SIGN OF CONTRADICTION

Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was oftentimes left empty. It wasn’t until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion: his and ours. St. Francis, pray for us!

Watch HERE
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization
CLICK HERE,
https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/12957468

PONTIFICAL MASS
- CELEBRATING-
ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
ACCORDING TO
THE DIVINE WORSHIP MISSAL OF THE ORDINARIES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021
AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
18TH STREET & FISHTOWN FRANKLIN FREEWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130

CELEBRANT: Mont Rév. Ste Marie Raphael
VICE-PRESIDENTE: Fr. Michael Murphy
ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

Ways Couples Can Grow Closer with Christ and His Church

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

1920 - 2020
Contemplative Missionaries

With grateful hearts the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate invite you TODAY to join us in celebrating the close of the Centenary Year (2020-2021) of our Foundation during the 11am Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 3. A light luncheon will follow. All are welcome.

The Beauty of Holiness! A Women’s Day of Retreat “Come, See & Listen!”
Saturday, October 9th, 2021:
from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location:
928 Bowman Avenue, Wynnewood, PA 19096
Includes Mass, lunch and presentations by the Sisters. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 6th to phillymercy@gmail.com

We are not accepting meals for Caring for Friends for the indefinite future. Instead, we encourage persons who are interested in working for a food program to contact Sister Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator (sr.mrparadis@archphila.org or 215-561-1313, push 2 then 7) for other options. For instance, persons could volunteer at the Caring for Friends facility in Philadelphia; or at St. John Hospice. Call Sister Mary Raphael for contact information for these programs or others. Thank you!