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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time! We have heard the question in today’s Gospel many times. “Who do people say that I am? (Mark 8:27).” Several different responses follow. Jesus presses his disciples further. “But who do you say that I am? (Mark 8:29).” He wanted his disciples to know that he was the Christ as Peter declared. At this point in Mark’s Gospel the Lord is beginning to reveal the Mystery of salvation to his followers. As the Christ, the Savior of the world, he was to die and be raised up. This is why Jesus was sent into the world. Through this Mystery, we are indeed saved and redeemed. This is the Mystery of Faith - the death and resurrection of the Lord - we celebrate in the Eucharist and in all the Sacraments. If this Mystery saves and redeems us, then this same Mystery is to give shape to our Christian lives. Thus, the Lord, after he reveals to his disciples his own death for our salvation, insists that these same disciples take up their cross and follow him. A remarkable connection is made here for us. The celebration of the Christ event especially in the Eucharist is the indispensable source of living this same event with our Christian lives. We profess Jesus is the Christ, we celebrate his Mystery - truly present to us in the Eucharist above all, so that we can live what we profess in our everyday life.

Next Sunday, September 19, 2021, is Catechetical Sunday. This year’s theme for our catechists is Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed. Our parish catechists have a unique responsibility to assist the priests and parents to pass on our Catholic Faith. We have catechists who teach the faith to the parents of newly born children in preparation for Baptism, for school age children in preparation for First Penance, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, for adults in preparation for the Easter Sacraments. In addition to passing on the Faith, these same catechists encourage those they instruct to come to know Jesus in the deepest levels of the heart where he truly heals and restores to his life of grace. In fact, all of us have this same obligation regardless of our Christian state in life. Next Saturday evening at the 5:15pm Anticipated Mass, we will bless our parish catechists for another year of service to our parishioners. Please keep our parish catechists in your prayers. If anyone has a desire to be a parish catechist, please contact the Parish Office.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the autumn maintenance needs of the Cathedral Basilica. 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
As our children begin a new school year, may they be joy-filled and confident! May they learn to love and turn to you, dear God, for help and guidance in their lives. Grant our students the courage to find their purposes, to seek your will in everything that they do, and to love others as you love us. Give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, dear God!
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!

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

**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](mailto:daniel.p.kilpatrick@gmail.com) for more information. All are welcome.

**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) for Worship Aid.

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

**To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: sr.mpapadis@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 están enfermas.
Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el vigésimo cuarto domingo del tiempo ordinario! Hemos escuchado la pregunta en el Evangelio de hoy muchas veces. “¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo? (Marcos 8:27)”. A continuación se presentan varias respuestas diferentes. Jesús presiona más a sus discípulos más adelante. “¿y ustedes ¿quién dicen que soy yo? (Marcos 8:29)”. Quería que sus discípulos supieran que él era el Cristo, como declaró Pedro. En este punto del Evangelio de Marcos, el Señor comienza a revelar el Misterio de la salvación a sus seguidores. Como Cristo, el Salvador del mundo, él moriría y resucitaria. Para eso Jesús fue enviado al mundo. A través de este Misterio, de hecho somos salvos y redimidos. Este es el misterio de la fe - la muerte y resurrección del Señor - que celebramos en la Eucaristía y en todos los sacramentos. Si este misterio nos salva y nos redime, entonces este mismo misterio ha de dar forma a nuestra vida cristiana. Así, el Señor, después de revelar su propia muerte por nuestra salvación a sus discípulos, insiste en que estos mismos discípulos tomen su cruz y lo sigan. Aquí se establece una conexión notable para nosotros. La celebración del acontecimiento de Cristo, especialmente en la Eucaristía, es la fuente indispensable para vivir este mismo acontecimiento con nuestra vida cristiana. Profesamos que Jesús es el Cristo, celebramos su misterio - realmente presente ante todo en la Eucaristía, para que podamos vivir lo que profesamos en nuestra vida diaria.

El próximo domingo 19 de septiembre del 2021 es el Domingo de Catequesis. El tema de este año para nuestros catequistas es Una palabra bastará para sanarme. Nuestros catequistas parroquiales tienen la única responsabilidad de ayudar a los sacerdotes y padres a transmitir nuestra fe católica. Tenemos catequistas que enseñan la fe a los padres de niños recién nacidos en preparación para el Bautismo, para niños en edad escolar en preparación para la Primera Penitencia, Confirmación y Primera Comunión, para adultos en preparación para los Sacramentos de Pascua. Además de transmitir la fe, estos mismos catequistas animan a quienes instruyen a conocer a Jesús en los niveles más profundos del corazón, donde verdaderamente sana y restaura su vida de gracia. De hecho, todos tenemos esta misma obligación independientemente de nuestro estado cristiano en la vida. En la Misa anticipada del próximo sábado por la noche a las 5:15pm, bendeciremos a nuestros catequistas parroquiales por otro año de servicio a nuestros feligreses. Por favor, mantenga a nuestros catequistas parroquiales en sus oraciones. Si alguien desea ser catequista parroquial, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a las necesidades de mantenimiento de otoño de la Catedral Basílica. 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
Legacy of Life Foundation
Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Many of the women in crisis pregnancies who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. In crisis, men are shying away from their responsibility to answer the call to fatherhood, leaving these women scared, confused, and without 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! But our work does not stop there! Our advocacy programs empower women with coaching, mentoring and hands-on life skills programs for at least three years after their babies are born. We welcome the fathers to join us in family-style events helping to build a solid family foundation. Please join us in saving lives and transforming families by supporting 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.

Make your check payable to the Legacy of Life Foundation. Note Baby Bottle Drive and your parish name so we can report back about the success of the Baby Bottle Drive. Mail to: 25 S. Main Street, #217, Yardley, PA 19067 OR Go to www.legacyoflifefoundation.org
THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

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

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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 12:30 pm in the Chapel.

New Parishioners
Welcome to the Cathedral Parish! The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners - If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes, please call 215-361-1313 to insure that your address is registered correctly.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica

Ophena Elizabeth Crichlow
Elena Aurora Tores
Fernanda Aria Tores

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica

Nicholas James & Jenna Michele Showers Lanzetta
Zachary Martin & Kathryn Jennifer Addy Rome
Anthony & Christine Ann Anderson Viola III
Stephen Thomas & Lindsey Marie Hilton Pugh Jr.
Christopher Glen & Erin Lee Neilan Ilacqua
James David & Amy Elise Farris Wolfe
Robert Leonard & Deanna Marie Checchio Aquilino
Robert Michael & Kayla Elizabeth Lawler Vitale
Ryan William & Alison Mae Burns DeBiase

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica

Michael Welsh
Thomas Smith
Carlos Maldonado
Dominic Esposito

May they rest in the peace of Christ!
Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

The Ukrainian Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 N. Franklin St. presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday, September 19 at 12 noon. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Do not miss it. And please spread the word.