# 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

# **September 26, 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



Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill - Rector Reverend Monsignor Arthur Rodgers - Rector Emeritus Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki - Parochial Vicar Reverend Monsignor Louis D'Addezio - Priest in Residence Deacon Jesús M. Burgos - Permanent Deacon Sr. Eleanor McCann, R.S.M. - Pastoral Associate Sr. Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I - Parish Evangelization Sr. 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

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Sunday:	5:15 PM Anticipated Mass 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
SACR	AMENT 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

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313 www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 26, 2021

"Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth." R. Alleluia, alleluia." JN 17:17b, 17a



#### Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The Lord is rather strong in his language about sin in this Sunday's Gospel (see Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48). We live in a time where sin—the choice not to love God and follow his saving Word-enjoys a comfort level among many Christians. In fact, many Christians do not see sin for what it really is. It is no different than the first sin, that is, the willful placing of ourselves above what God expects of us, loving him in return with a complete fidelity to his commandments. This is the way to peace in this life and eternal peace in the next. Sin not only separates us from God but also, as Jesus instructs, leads others away from God. It would be better for us to lose our life or parts of our body than lead someone into sin or sin ourselves. This begs a serious question for all of us. Do I have a hatred for sin? As at our baptism, every Easter we reject Satan and all his evil ways. Yet often we allow sin to creep into our lives and at times, it even goes unnoticed by us. With the clarity of the Lord's teaching in today's Gospel, let us examine our consciences with a sincere desire to turn away from all sin and be even more faithful to Jesus and all he commands of us. The practice of regular Confession is real antidote to any casualness with regard to sin for the Christian. This coming Friday, October 1, 2021, begins the Month of the Holy

Rosary. The Holy Rosary, with its mysteries and prayers, reminds us of the Gospel and the promises of our salvation. It also reminds us that our Blessed Mother Mary—with her vocation as the Mother of God and her life as a disciple of the Lord-are inseparable from the saving events of her Divine Son. As Christians, we pray the Holy Rosary for many different reasons. We have confidence that Our Lady will bring our many needs to her Son. We delight in the company of Our Lady as we pray. We join ourselves to the actions of Our Lady and her Only-Begotten Son for our salvation. Most of all, we are united with Our Lady in offering our daily lives with our Savior to the glory of our Father in heaven. I encourage you to pray the Rosary especially during this Month of the Holy Rosary. Perhaps consider inviting your spouse, your children or neighbors to join you.

Panhandlers are often attracted to gatherings at our Cathedral Basilica. I assure you that we have services available to assist the poor and homeless that frequent the Cathedral Basilica. Please do not give any money to the panhandlers inside or outside the Cathedral Basilica. If you are approached by a panhandler, please alert one of the parish priests or sacristans or greeters.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood 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



nti September 25, Saturday, Weekday 12:05 Anne Gairo 5:15 Joseph Carey September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Felicia Umile & Family Rita Loughery 11:00 12:30 Otilia Torres 6:30 Abramo Tascione September 27, Monday St. Vincent de Paul 7:15 Lt. Joseph A. Silva Eugene J. Carroll, Jr. 12:05 September 28, Tuesday, Weekday St. Wenceslaus. Lawrence Ruiz & **Companions** 7:15 Intentions of Thomas Chandy & Family 12:05 Cynthia Lyles September 29, Wednesday Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Intentions of Mathai & 7:15 Mariamma Thomas 12:05 Intentions of Richard Pacitti September 30, Thursday St. Jerome 7:15 Intentions of Melissa Thomas 12:05 **October 1. Friday** St. Thérése of the Child Jesus 7:15 Intentions of Susan & Michael Zima 12:05 Patrick Hart **October 2, Saturday** The Holy Guardian Angels 12:05 Intentions of Steve Jun 5:15 Matthew M. Tierney October 3 **Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time** For the People of the Parish 8:00 9:30 Anna Burns Essie Mae Rubin 11:00 12:30 Otilia Torres 6:30 Lucy & Theodor (Teddy)

# Jean Francois Shahade

Flowers



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!

**PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY** 

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	was:	
Regular	\$ 5,651	
Special	1,342 (for Autumn Maintenance N	veeds)
Total	\$ 6,993	

We hope that your generosity will exceed **\$8,000** 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/ or scan this QR code:



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH** Visit <u>http://archphila.org/joseph/</u> often for new events and resources for the celebration of this holy year!

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM Click <u>Here</u>, or go to: <u>https://vimeo.com/event/17522</u> Worship Aid

**<u>CLICK HERE</u> TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN</u>** 



#### 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.

# The Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet <u>each Friday at 3:00 PM</u> Join us wherever you are.

Join Via Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541?pwd=Wmo1V01XWElQLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541 Passcode: Mercy

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.

To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: <u>sr.mrparadis@archphila.org</u>, 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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>

https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/ uploads/2021/09/September-septiembre-2021.pdf

**RETIRO Y MISA** 



#### **REFLEXIÓN DEL RECTOR**

Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el vigésimo sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario! El Señor es bastante fuerte en su lenguaje sobre el pecado en el evangelio de este domingo (ver Marcos 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48). Vivimos en una época en la que el pecado, la elección de no amar a Dios ni seguir su Palabra salvadora, goza de un nivel de consuelo entre muchos cristianos. De hecho, muchos cristianos no ven el pecado como lo que realmente es. No es diferente del primer pecado, es decir, ponernos voluntariamente por encima de lo que Dios espera de nosotros, amándolo a cambio con total fidelidad a sus mandamientos. Este es el camino hacia la paz en esta vida y la paz eterna en la próxima. El pecado no solo nos separa de Dios, sino que también, como instruye Jesús, aleja a otros de Dios. Sería mejor para nosotros perder nuestra vida o partes de nuestro cuerpo que llevar a alguien a pecar o pecar nosotros mismos. Esto plantea una pregunta seria para todos nosotros. ¿Tengo odio por el pecado? Como en nuestro bautismo, en cada Pascua rechazamos a Satanás y todos sus malos caminos. Sin embargo, a menudo permitimos que el pecado se infiltre en nuestras vidas y, a veces, incluso pasa desapercibido para nosotros. Con la claridad de la enseñanza del Señor en el evangelio de hoy, examinemos nuestra conciencia con un deseo sincero de apartarnos de todo pecado y ser aún más fieles a Jesús y a todo lo que nos manda. La práctica de la confesión regular es un verdadero antídoto contra cualquier casualidad con respecto al pecado para el cristiano.

El próximo viernes, 1<sup>ro</sup> de octubre del 2021, comienza el Mes del Santo Rosario. El Santo Rosario, con sus misterios y oraciones, nos recuerda el Evangelio y las promesas de nuestra salvación. También nos recuerda que nuestra Santísima Madre María, con su vocación de Madre de Dios y su vida de discípula del Señor, son inseparables de los acontecimientos salvadores de su Hijo divino. Como cristianos, rezamos el Santo Rosario por muchas razones diferentes. Tenemos confianza en que Nuestra Señora traerá nuestras muchas necesidades a su Hijo. Nos deleitamos en la compañía de Nuestra Señora mientras rezamos. Nos unimos a las acciones de Nuestra Señora y su Hijo Unigénito para nuestra salvación. Sobre todo, estamos unidos a Nuestra Señora al ofrecer nuestra vida diaria con nuestro Salvador para la gloria de nuestro Padre celestial. Los animo a rezar el Rosario especialmente durante este Mes del Santo Rosario. Quizás considere invitar a su cónyuge, sus hijos o vecinos a que lo acompañen.

Los (as) mendigos (as) a menudo se sienten atraídos por las reuniones en nuestra Catedral Basílica. Les aseguro que tenemos servicios disponibles para ayudar a los pobres y desamparados que frecuentan la Basílica Catedral. Por favor, no le dé dinero a los mendigos dentro o fuera de la Catedral Basílica. Si un (a) mendigo (a) se le acerca, por favor avise a uno de los sacerdotes, sacristanes o anfitriones.

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

Dios te bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



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

## The Blessed Trinity: God the Holy Spirit

#### Thursday, September 30, 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 <u>info@cathedralphila.org</u>



### Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser At all Sunday Masses Sept. 25-26

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.

Checks should be made payable to the *Legacy of Life* Foundation.

**THANK YOU** for your prayerful and generous support!  $\sim$ <u>www.legacyoflifefoundation.org</u>  $\sim$ 

The Legacy of Life Foundation funds two crisis pregnancy centers, one in Bristol and one in Philadelphia, serving over 500 families in Pennsylvania and New Jersey struggling to provide simple baby supplies for their children. *But our support does not stop there!* Our programs empower women during their pregnancy, and for at least three years after their babies are born. In 2020, 268 babies were spared from abortion and your donation helped make that happen!



# 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.



#### **ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE**



Saint John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neill, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, and The Little Brothers of The Good Shepherd, Saint Johns was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. Saint John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. Saint John's Hospice is an independent 501c3 agency associated with the charitable work of Catholic Social Services.

**Programs:** Residence for over 250 homeless men each year in St. John's Hospice & Good Shepperd programs; Case management, medical and counseling for all residents and day service guests; Mail Room for over 900 homeless men; 160 showers with clean clothing, underwear & shoes every week; Over 3,000 meals each week to homeless & needy men; Emergency shelter for 27 homeless men where they can receive a meal & bed every night.

**Donate:** Monetary donations://saintjohnshospice.org/ Contact information 1221 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107 adicesare@chs-adphila.org (215) 563-7763.



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