Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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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
Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time! The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is a real treat (see Mark 7: 31-37). Jesus heals the deaf man and cures his speech impediment. As with all the miracles of Jesus they are wonderful to behold and lead us to praise God. In this miracle there is another level of meaning for all of us. The Lord prays, Ephphatha, which means be opened. The man’s ears were opened to hear Jesus speak to him and his mouth relieved of its impediment so that the man could speak the praise of God. During the Baptism rites of an adult and a child there is an imitation of this action of Jesus so that all the baptized likewise will have ears ready to hear God’s word and mouths to profess the faith for the glory of God. May the Gospel of this Sunday prompt all of us to renew our Christian duty, supported by the enduring grace of our Baptism, to remove all personal impediments to receiving and professing the Word of God and our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephphatha! Be opened!

This Monday, September 6, 2021 is Labor Day. For many of us, Labor Day signals the unofficial end of summer and the return to a regular routine of activities. This last of the summer holidays was instituted as a tribute to the American laborers and their contribution to the prosperity of our country. We continue to observe Labor Day this way. As Christians, this holiday gives us the opportunity to recognize the dignity of all workers and all work and to ask the Lord to bless the success of our hands. This Labor Day let us ask the heavenly help of Saint Joseph, the Worker, to intercede for all workers. Let us also pray for all those seeking employment, that soon they will find work.

This Monday, September 6, 2021, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Chapel at 9:00 AM. The Holy Rosary will follow Mass in the Chapel. The Cathedral Basilica and the Parish Office are closed on Labor Day.

On Thursday, September 9, 2021, more than twenty adult candidates for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist will gather in the Neumann Room for their first session of the new season for catechetical formation. This is a remarkable number of candidates for our small parish community at the Cathedral Parish. I mention this good news for two reasons. We are still in need of parish sponsors for these candidates. If you would like to accompany any of these adults on their journey of faith formation for the Sacraments, please contact me. Also, you are always welcome to attend the Thursday evening catechetical sessions for our candidates as announced in the Parish Bulletin if the topic is of special interest to you. Please keep our many new candidates in your prayers.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to 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
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/ or scan this QR code:

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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¡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 RAFAEL, COORDINADORA DE DIVULGACIÓN, AT sr.mrparadis@archphila.org para inscribirse o llame 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 tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario! El Santo Evangelio para este domingo es un verdadero regalo (ver Marcos 7: 31-37). Jesús sana al sordo y cura su impedimento del habla. Como todos los milagros de Jesús son maravillosos de contemplar y nos llevan a alabar a Dios. En este milagro hay otro nivel de significado para todos nosotros. El Señor ora, Effetá, que significa ábrete. Los oídos del hombre se abrieron para escuchar a Jesús hablarle y su boca liberó su impidimiento para que el hombre pudiera decir una alabanza a Dios. Durante los ritos del Bautismo de un adulto (a) y un niño (a) hay una imitación de esta acción de Jesús para que todos los bautizados también tengan los oídos listos para escuchar la palabra de Dios y la boca para profesar la fe para la gloria de Dios. Que el Evangelio de este domingo nos impulse a todos a renovar nuestro deber cristiano, apoyados por la gracia perdurable de nuestro Bautismo, de eliminar todos los impedimentos personales para recibir y profesar la Palabra de Dios y nuestra fe en el Señor Jesucristo. ¡Effetá! ¡Ábrete!

Este lunes 6 de septiembre del 2021, más de veinte candidatos adultos a los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía se reunirán en el Salón Neumann para su primera sesión de la nueva temporada de formación catequética. Este es un número notable de candidatos para nuestra pequeña comunidad parroquial en la Parroquia de la Catedral. Menciono esta buena noticia por dos razones. Todavía necesitamos padrinos/madrinas parroquiales para estos candidatos. Si desea acompañar a alguno de estos adultos en su camino de formación en la fe para los sacramentos, comuníquese conmigo. Además, siempre son bienvenidos a asistir a las sesiones de catequesis para nuestros candidatos el jueves por la noche como se anuncia en el boletín parroquial si el tema es de especial interés para usted. Por favor, mantenga a nuestros nuevos candidatos en sus oraciones.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas domingales 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 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"

"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!"

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)

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 Sr. Eleanor McCann at the parish office 215-561-1313 or send her an email at emccann@sistersofmercy.org with your name and phone number and a convenient time for her to contact you to discuss your interest. Thank you and God bless you!

Readings for Mass for this Week
Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: uscbh.org/bible/readings

LABOR DAY
Monday, September 6, 2021
Holy Mass at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel
The Holy Rosary will follow Mass.
The Cathedral Basilica and the Cathedral Parish Office are closed on Labor Day.

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

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.

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 on Sept. 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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/…

HOLY HOURS WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
September 19, 2021 @ 2pm  
Talk: St. Gregory the Great’s Reforms of the Church in Crisis  
Speaker: Fr. Dennis Gill  
Location: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Drexel Hill, PA  
View the Flyer: http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Flyer-2021-Good-

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
Saturday, October 30, 2021 9:00 AM to 3:00PM (lunch included)  
Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter | Director, Office for Divine Worship  
Register by e-mail at worship@archphila.org  
Also, please mail a check (with the name of the participant) for fifty dollars for the Institute to the Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021.  
Please bring your own copy of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with you. A certificate of completion will be awarded to all participants.

CATHEDRAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND
Would you consider making a donation to help us in our work of restoring and preserving two historic Cathedral Paintings for future generations? The two historic paintings that need restoration are located over the north and south transepts. The paintings remain from the 1915 renovation of the Cathedral. Filippo Costaggini’s “The Ascension of Our Lord” is in the north transept and Arthur Thomas’ “The Adoration of the Magi” is in the south transept. Each transept painting is approximately 16’ wide x 25’ high.

Time, humidity, and a 1980 covering over the original art have taken a toll on these historic paintings. Our pastor, Father Dennis Gill, is currently working with the Philadelphia Museum of Art to determine the cost and best approach for their restoration and preservation. Preliminary estimates for the restorations and repairs exceed $250,000.

With your help and support, all of the Cathedral’s historic art and architecture will continue to inspire and uplift all of us for generations to come. Please consider a gift in the same Spirit who leads us always.

Your donation can be made at http://cathedralphila.org/donate. (Please select the “Historic Preservation Fund”)