October 10, 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The Gospel of Mark is probably the oldest of the four Gospels and is definitely the shortest. One of the features quickly noticed in this Gospel is the way the evangelist presents a radical and clear description of what it means to be a faithful follower of the Lord. Today’s Gospel is an example of this (see Mark 10: 17-30). The man who encounters Jesus in the Gospel is rather satisfied. He has kept the commandments throughout his life and thus is entitled to the promised eternal life. The Lord responds to the satisfied man with this is not enough for him to receive the reward of heaven. Rather, he must sell all that he has, give it to the poor and follow Jesus. It is very easy for many of us to coast along the Christian way. It seems as if we are doing our part but it there is no real cost to our discipleship. The Lord wants an ever-deepening conversion to his Gospel. Yes, we are to be faithful to the commandments in all their parts. And, yes, we are to try at the same time to root out everything that in any way separates us from a complete fidelity to the Lord not only on the surface of our lives but more completely in our hearts and souls. This takes a regular examination of our Christian lives, evaluating its radicalness and pledging to do more, to follow Jesus completely.

With the celebration of the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for this Sunday, October 9, 2021, our parish welcomes several new catechumens for formation and preparation for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the 2022 Easter Vigil. Beginning with this Anticipated Mass, the catechumens will be dismissed from the Mass following the homily to reflect in a focused way on the Word of God and the Christian life. Once they are baptized, they will take their place among us to participate in the Eucharistic Prayer. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers.

Next Sunday, October 17, 2021, there are several events at our Cathedral Basilica. Following the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday, we will have the opportunity to venerate the holy relic of Saint Camilla Battista Varani (1458-1524). To learn more about Saint Camilla, please see, https://saintcamillavarani.com/about. On Sunday, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus will celebrate the 175th anniversary of their foundation as a religious community by Venerable Cornelia Connelly, a Philadelphian, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Following this Mass, the new Shrine to the Holy Child, located in the Basilica to the right of the main entrance, will be blessed by Archbishop Perez. The 6:30 PM Mass will open the Archdiocesan Phase of the 2023 Universal Synod of Bishops. The Archbishop will celebrate this Holy Mass and representation from all over the Archdiocese will assemble for this Mass. More information on this phase of the Synod will be published in future editions of the parish bulletin.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the fall landscaping 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 Cincclair, 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 envie un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.
Estimados feligreses,

¡Hoy es el vigésimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario! El evangelio de Marcos es probablemente el más antiguo de los cuatro evangelios y definitivamente es el más corto. Una de las características que se notan rápidamente en este evangelio es la forma en que el evangelista presenta una descripción clara y radical de lo que significa ser un fiel seguidor del Señor. El evangelio de hoy es un ejemplo de esto (ver Marcos 10: 17-30). El hombre que se encuentra con Jesús en el evangelio está bastante satisfecho. Ha guardado los mandamientos durante toda su vida y, por lo tanto, tiene derecho a la vida eterna prometida. El Señor responde al hombre satisfecho con esto no es suficiente para que reciba la recompensa del cielo. Más bien, debe vender todo lo que tiene, dárselo a los pobres y seguir a Jesús. Para muchos de nosotros es muy fácil seguir el camino cristiano. Parece como si estuviéramos haciendo nuestra parte, pero nuestro discipulado no tiene un costo real. El Señor quiere una conversión cada vez más profunda a su evangelio. Sí, debemos ser fieles a los mandamientos en todas sus partes. Y sí, debemos tratar al mismo tiempo de desarraigar todo lo que de alguna manera nos separe de una completa fidelidad al Señor no solo en la superficie de nuestra vida, sino más completamente en nuestra alma y corazón. Esto requiere un examen regular de nuestra vida cristiana, evaluando su radicalidad y comprometiéndonos a hacer más, para seguir a Jesús por completo.

Con la celebración de la Misa anticipada de las 5:15 PM para este domingo 9 de octubre del 2021, nuestra parroquia da la bienvenida a varios catecúmenos nuevos para la formación y preparación para los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana en la Vigilia Pascual del 2022. A partir de esta Misa anticipada, los catecúmenos serán despedidos de la Misa posterior a la homilía para reflexionar de manera enfocada sobre la Palabra de Dios y la vida cristiana. Una vez bautizados, ocuparán su lugar entre nosotros para participar en la Plegaria Eucarística. Por favor, mantenga a nuestros catecúmenos en sus oraciones.

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El próximo domingo 17 de octubre del 2021, hay varios eventos en nuestra Catedral Basílica. Después de la Misa anticipada del domingo de las 5:15 PM, tendremos la oportunidad de venerar la sagrada reliquia de Santa Camilla Battista Varani (1458-1524). Para obtener más información sobre Santa Camilla, consulte https://saintcamillavarani.com/about. El domingo, la Sociedad del Santo Niño Jesús celebrará el 175 aniversario de su fundación como comunidad religiosa por la Venerable Cornelia Connelly, de Filadelfia, en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. Después de esta Misa, el nuevo Santuario del Santo Niño, ubicada en la Basílica a la derecha de la entrada principal, será bendecido por el Arzobispo Pérez. La Misa de las 6:30 PM abrirá la fase arquidiocesana del Sínodo Universal de Obispos del 2023. El Arzobispo celebrará esta Santa Misa y representantes de toda la Arquidiócesis se reunirán para esta Misa. Se publicará más información sobre esta fase del Sínodo en futuras ediciones del boletín parroquial.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta se dirigirá a las necesidades de jardinería otonal de la parroquia de la 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 le bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-
Revelation and Tradition
The Holy Bible: The New Testament
Thursday, October 14, 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.

Caring for Friends
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!

40 Days for Life
The pro-life community of the Cathedral Basilica is praying on; October 28th at 12th and Locust Phila (Planned Parenthood). Would you be able to spare an hour or two on either day to pray at the clinic? Sometimes a loving presence is all it takes for a woman to choose life! Please reach out to Kim; kimpolife@gmail.com to sign up for hours. Currently we need someone on October 28th from 8-9am and 9-10am and 12-1pm and 1-2pm and 2-3pm and 3-4pm (12th and Locust.)

OPENING OF THE XVI SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
This Synod of Bishops will take place in three phases, the Diocesan Phase, the Continental Phase and the Universal Phase from October 2021 through October 2023. The theme of the Synod, for a special Church mission is to participate and meditate, anticipate concrete reflection and action to deepen an understanding of the role of all the members of the Church, journeying together with Christ as our Head, in living the Gospel in our time.

OPENING MASS
FOR THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 AT 6:30 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTE PETER AND PAUL
AND SHRINE OF SAINTE KATHERINE DE DEUX
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.
Philadelphia
Limited parking is available.
Archbishop Nelson Perez, Coadjutor and Hamilat
All priests are welcome to concelebrate.
Pastors, please invite representatives of all parts of your parish.
Religious Superiors, please invite members of your community.
School Administrators, please invite faculty, staff and students.
Archdiocesan agencies and organizations, please invite leaders and members.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND THE SACRIFICE OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION
IN THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
The Opening Mass is followed by period of adoration within the Local Church on the Synod theme which concludes in April 2022.

LAST CALL FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CLASSES!
This is the last call for classes for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation in English – classes start on Thursday, October 14th from 3:30 – 4:30 pm in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall!

Please give Sister Mary Raphael a call at the parish office at 215-561-1313 from Monday through Thursday; or else send her an email at sr.mrparadis@archphila.org. Spanish classes will begin on October 31, 2021. Please call Arturo Aceves at 912-224-5458 or see him after the 12:30pm Sunday Mass or send him an email at aceves28@gmail.com.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE
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.

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please contact the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes, again, please contact the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313, or email us at info@cathedralphila.org.

UPCOMING TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS for ALL SOUL’S DAY
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
It is a Missa Cantata, a Sung Mass
The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the **FIRST Sunday** of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

**Upcoming Baptisms:** Nov 7, and December 5, 2021

A **Baptism Preparation Session** takes place on the **THIRD Sunday** of each month at 12:30PM in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please contact Sister Mary Marta at the rectory by calling 215–561-1313 or email her at info@cathedralphila.org to register for the Baptism Preparation Session to provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

**Upcoming prep sessions:** October 17 and November 21, 2021.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: [cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism](http://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism)

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**Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica**

Riaan Arora  
Maeve Esther Nealis

**Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.**

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**Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica**

Tyler Jeffrey & Mackenzie Hendron Walters
Dante Cristo & Molly Lowe Cutrona
Grant Sutherland & Christine Marie Zabierowski Glosier
Derek Francis & Kimberly My Nguyen Abrams
Anthony John & Lianne Previdi Cicamore
Francis Manning & Stephanie Ann Mozzillo Adelman
Vincent Michael & Susan Lynne Brokly Scattolino
Kevin Michael & Justina Maria Gurk Wozniak
James Robert & Mary Kathleen Houston Culp
John Vincent & Emily Jo Demchyk Casey
Rajesh Kurian & Christine Sara Varghese Jose

**Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.**

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**Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica**

Margaret Mary Wodarski

**May she rest in the peace of Christ!**

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**Event: 2nd Annual “Thank You, Father” Letter Writing Campaign**

The Serra Missionaries invite you to send a letter. “THANK YOU, FATHER” is a simple way to show your love and support for our wonderful priests. Catholics of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to send a letter or email of gratitude for the remarkable priests in their lives between **Priesthood Sunday, September 26, 2021 through Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021. More info:** Please mail or email letters directly to the priests. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Slaats at serramissionaries@gmail.com

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**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](mailto: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, October 29 @ 7pm Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and outreach event)