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

October 24, 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

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/
Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. “Master, I want to see” (Mark 10: 51).” This is the plea of the blind man to Jesus in today’s Holy Gospel. Many of us are along the roadside of life with our worries and anxieties, our fears and doubts, about a great number of things. We ask many questions in the hope of answers that will reassure us and give us some peace. We ask these questions of the Lord and of ourselves. Is there something in the question of the blind man that may help us? He wants to see. His question is much larger than asking for the return of his sight. We know this from the response of Jesus. “Go your way; your faith has saved you (Mark 10: 52).” The blind man had a confidence in Jesus. He recognized in him the power to heal him. He desired so see with eyes filled with faith in the Lord. Our questions before the Lord—and yes there are many—in order to trust the answers that come our way must be filled with the same faith in Jesus, to see with the eyes of faith. Like the blind man in the Gospel, when we see with the eyes of faith then we can more easily follow after the Lord.

Today, October 24, 2021, we observe World Mission Sunday, especially at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Sometimes it is hard for us to imagine that there are places in the world, and especially in the United States, that can be identified as the “missions.” This past week I spent two days conducting a priests’ convocation in Jackson, Mississippi. The local Bishop welcomed me to mission territory! The Diocese of Jackson includes ninety parishes in an area that covers most of the state with only 28 diocesan priests. Catholics make up less than five percent of the population. I heard firsthand about the missionary work of these priests. Our support of the missions is a response to our personal duty to make Jesus known everywhere. Yes, we are to do this in our own way in our homes and where we work. Our duty also requires us to support the missions—to pray for the missionaries and the missionary work of the Church. Our support also invites our financial assistance in whatever way possible. I would encourage you to go on line, at https://phillymissions.org/, and look at the many opportunities that exist to support the missions at home and abroad.

You should receive the Annual Parish Fall Collection letter in the mail this week. I thank you in advance for your generosity to our Cathedral Parish with this collection and all throughout the year.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to various young adult activities in 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
**PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY**

Gracious and loving Lord,
May cool mornings invigorate our souls, and the crunch of leaves and fall breezes remind us that change is a blessing. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency as the world around us is constantly changing. You are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Guide us to live with a giving heart, a generous heart and a grateful heart. St. Joseph Pray for us. And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 10/17 was:  
Regular $ 6,032  
Special 1,482 (for Fall Landscaping Needs)  
Total $ 7,514 

Average/week for 2021 (Electronic giving):  
Online $2,263  
Text-to-Give 20  
Total $2,283 

We hope that your generosity will exceed $10,500 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
- Venmo us @cathedralbasilica
- 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, or go to: [https://vimeo.com/event/17522](https://vimeo.com/event/17522)

**Worship Aid**

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**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:** Monday through Thursday at 8:00PM (Eastern)

**Link:** zoom.us/j/494480541...
Full details at: phillyevang.org/rosary

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**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)

**What’s Happening at the Parish**
Outside the Liturgical Schedule

**October 24**
White Mass for Medical Professionals, 11:00AM (Basilica)  
Observance of World Mission Sunday., 11AM

**October 28**
Perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel, following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses.  
Catechetical Session, 7PM, Neumann Room  
Pro-Life Prayer (Planned Parenthood), 8-4pm  
12th and Locust St. Philadelphia

**October 29**
Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3PM, Zoom

**November 2**
Sung Latin Mass for All Souls, 7PM, Basilica

**November 12**
Fauré Requiem, 7:30PM, Basilica

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**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 Matteo, Jim Mace Thompson, Levi Oattes, Rose McKenna, Sue Del Biondo, Paul Fischer, Valente family, Marlene Cincir, 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.taradis@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.
Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es el trigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario. "Maestro, quiero ver ((Marcos 10; 51).)” Esta es la súplica del ciego a Jesús en el Santo Evangelio de hoy. Muchos de nosotros estamos en el camino de la vida con nuestras preocupaciones y ansiedades, nuestros miedos y dudas, sobre un gran número de cosas. Hacemos muchas preguntas con la esperanza de respuestas que nos tranquilicen y nos den algo de paz. Hacemos estas preguntas al Señor y a nosotros mismos. ¿Hay algo en la pregunta del ciego que pueda ayudarnos? Él quiere ver. Su pregunta va más allá que pedir el regreso de su vista. Sabemos esto por la respuesta de Jesús. "Vete, tu fe te ha salvado (Marcos 10: 52).” El ciego tenía confianza en Jesús. Reconoció en él el poder para sanarlo. Él deseaba ver con ojos llenos de fe en el Señor. Nuestras preguntas ante el Señor —y sí, hay muchas— en orden de poder confiar en las respuestas que se presentan en nuestro camino debemos estar llenos de la misma fe en Jesús, para ver con los ojos de la fe. Como el ciego del evangelio, cuando vemos con los ojos de la fe, podemos seguir más fácilmente al Señor.

Hoy, 24 de octubre del 2021, observamos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, especialmente en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. A veces nos cuesta imaginar que haya lugares en el mundo, y especialmente en los Estados Unidos, que puedan identificarse como las "misiones". La semana pasada pasé dos días dirigiendo una convocación de sacerdotes en Jackson, Mississippi. ¡El obispo local me dio la bienvenida al territorio de la misión! La Diócesis de Jackson incluye noventa parroquias en un área que cubre la mayor parte del estado con solo 28 sacerdotes diocesanos. Los católicos constituyen menos del cinco por ciento de la población. Escuché de primera mano sobre el trabajo misionero de estos sacerdotes. Nuestro apoyo a las misiones es una respuesta a nuestro deber personal de dar a conocer a Jesús en todas partes. Sí, debemos hacer esto a nuestra manera en nuestros hogares y donde trabajamos. Nuestro deber también requiere que apoyemos las misiones, oremos por los misioneros y la obra misionera de la Iglesia. Nuestro apoyo también invita a nuestra asistencia financiera de cualquier manera posible. Los animo a que se conecten a https://phillymissions.org/ y vean las muchas oportunidades que existen para apoyar las misiones en el país y en el extranjero.

Debería haber recibido la carta de la Colecta Anual de Otoño de la Parroquia por correo esta semana. Les agradezco de antemano su generosidad a nuestra Parroquia Catedral con esta colecta y durante todo el año.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta estará dirigida a diversas actividades juveniles en la Parroquia Catedral. 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
CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

Thursday, October 28, 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

Young Catholic Professionals recently launched its 24th Chapter in Philadelphia and invites adults of all ages to get involved in our ministry focused on Working in Witness for Christ.

20s & 30s: Enjoy some drinks and appetizers, find new friends, and hear faith and career advice from local Catholic business leaders at our events!

40+: Serve the young adults in your community as a mentor, board member, or financial supporter of YCP!

Join us for our Executive Speaker Series featuring Archbishop Nelson Pérez on Tuesday, October 26th at 7 PM at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. All young professionals in their 20's and 30's are invited to this FREE event!

RSVP Today at Bit.ly/ArchbishopPerez.

Additionally, save the date for our next Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 16th, and St. Joseph Saturday on Saturday, December 4th.

Visit www.ycpphiladelphia.org or email info@ycpphiladelphia.org to learn more.

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY
OCT 28 at 11:00 AM
East Parlor

We welcome Bryan Miller from Heading God’s Call to End Gun Violence for a session on education and advocacy.

POLITICAL LEADERS ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE
NOV 3 at 7:00 PM
East Parlor

Gather to hear from our elected officials about gun violence in Philadelphia.

End gun violence.
One month. Five events. Share stories & make change.
October is a month of nonviolence, remembrance, and advocacy.

SUNG LATIN MASS FOR ALL SOULS
WITH THE TIMELESS GREGORIAN CHANTS OF THE REQUIEM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 | 7:00 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SS. PETER & PAUL
18TH ST AND BEN FRANKLIN PKWY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

FAURÉ REQUIEM
NOVEMBER 12, 2021
7:30PM
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
The Cathedral Basilica Choir and Archibosanican Choir of Philadelphia will be collaborating with the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and the Villanova Pastoral Singers to perform the Fauré Requiem, as well as works by Bainton, Tavener, Walker and Elgar.

Please join us for this opportunity of communal remembrance as we commemorate the faithful departed. All are welcome!

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

Join Via Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541?pwd=Wmo1V01XWEIQLUrZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09
Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541
Passcode: Mercy

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 until 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

A Catholic Youth Conference in the spirit of NCYC 2021 at home in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia | Una Conferencia para Jóvenes Adolescentes Católicos en el espíritu de NCYC 2021 en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia
Saturday, November 20, 2021 @ 9:45 AM
Location: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901.
More details at: https://phillyomy.org/event/ncyc-ablaze-enciende-el-fuego-youth-day-