February 27, 2022

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

The Cathedral Shop will be closed for the next few weeks due to store renovations.
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sunday before Lent. Over the last few Sundays, the Lord has instructed us through the Gospel of Luke on what it means to be his intentional disciple—following him today in a committed and consistent manner. This Sunday continues this instruction. Such faithfulness to the way of Lord, a life oriented to the love of God and neighbor, brings about a truly converted heart. “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Luke 6: 45). A converted heart is the everyday work of conversion supported by the grace of Christ. Lent offers us the opportunity to commit more fully to this Christian duty of conversion—turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel. Prompted by this Sunday’s Gospel and with Lent days away, take some time to reflect on practical and real ways to provide for a converted heart, a heart that produces good.

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, a universal day of fasting and abstinence. This Ash Wednesday, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks us to include the intention of peace in Ukraine as one of our personal intentions as we pray and fast. Please see the schedule for Mass and the distribution of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. Commit now to a good Lent. A personal plan for the observance of Lent moves beyond the minimal obligations of fasting and abstinence. Our plan should also include occasions for more prayer, additional fasting, and taking care of the poor. Let us pray for one another for a good Lent. Let us also pray for our parish catechumens who will be elected for the Easter Sacraments next Sunday and spend this Lent preparing for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

We are in the midst of the Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel lasting through Ash Wednesday. We celebrate the Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel this Thursday, March 3, 2022. The principal celebration of her feast will be the sung Mass at 12:05 PM in the Basilica. For more information on our observance of the Feast of Saint Katharine, please see, http://www.saintkatharineredxelshrine.com/. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

The Cathedral Parish over the last several years has been blessed with several young men and women discerning vocations to the holy priesthood and to the consecrated life. This past week, our parishioner, Francis Gestiada, was accepted to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Presently, we have two young women who are in serious discernment for the consecrated life. Let us keep Francis and these young women in our prayers. We thank Almighty God for their openness to his Holy Will and their acceptance of his call.

This Monday, February 28, 2022, the Parish Mass Book will open to arrange for announced Masses for 2023.

Please help to promote our annual Keys and Sword Event—Friday, June 24, 2022. Please see, https://ksphila.org/, for more information on tickets, sponsors and ads for the Ad Book.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. The second collection next Sunday 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.

God bless you! Father Dennis Gill, Rector
**Lent 2022**

**Abstinence from meat and fasting during Lent**
The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
The description and schedule of the Lenten Rites for the Elect (catechumens) and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments will be announced in the Parish Bulletin all throughout Lent. These rites will take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday.

**Ash Wednesday, March 2**
Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at: 7:15 AM (Chapel, 12:05 PM (Basilica), and 5:15 PM (Basilica).

In addition to the celebration of Mass with the distribution of Ashes, there will be Celebrations of the Word of God and the distribution of Ashes in the hospitals and nursing facilities within the parish boundaries on Ash Wednesday.

**The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available:**
- On Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel), and 5:30 PM (Basilica).
- On Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica).

**The Way of the Cross**
Each Friday of Lent immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel. The Way of the Cross in Spanish, will also take place each Sunday of Lent in the Basilica following the 12:30 PM Mass.
Via Crucis (Estaciones de la Cruz) todos los domingos después de la Misa de las 12:30 pm, en la Basilica.

**Operation Rice Bowl**
By eating one simple meal weekly and placing your savings into the Rice Bowl, you will be joining yourself in solidarity with all who have so little to live on and helping to reach out to assist them throughout the world and here in the Archdiocese. Rice bowls are available in the vestibules. Your donations can be dropped off during Holy Week and the first weeks of Easter in the collection basket at Mass.

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**Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:**
Phil Hartley, Isaiah Rosario, Catherine Kamler, Eileen Hammel, Carey Cogino, Andrew Arczyński, Maria García, David Hoefer, Marian and her intentions, Phil Chavez and his intentions, Charles Gilbert, Eva Hernandez and her intentions, Mark Perry, Richard Miller, Aunt Cass, Patricia Disney, Nancy Rice, Edward McCarty, 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:** prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. 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,

Este es el Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El domingo anterior a la Cuaresma. En los últimos domingos, el Señor nos ha instruido a través del evangelio de Lucas sobre lo que significa ser su discípulo intencional, siguiéndolo hoy de manera comprometida y constante. Este domingo continúa esta instrucción. Tal fidelidad al camino del Señor, una vida orientada al amor de Dios y al prójimo, produce un corazón verdaderamente convertido. “El hombre bueno dice cosas buenas, porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas, porque el mal está en su corazón, pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón” (Lucas 6:45). Un corazón convertido es el trabajo cotidiano de conversión sostenido por la gracia de Cristo. La Cuaresma nos ofrece la oportunidad de comprometernos más plenamente con este deber cristiano de conversión: alejarnos del pecado y creer en el evangelio. Impulsado por el evangelio de este domingo y con los días de cuaresma por delante, tómese un tiempo para reflexionar sobre formas prácticas y reales de proveer para un corazón convertido, un corazón que produce el bien.

La cuaresma comienza este miércoles, Miércoles de Ceniza, 2 de marzo del 2022, día universal de ayuno y abstinencia. Este Miércoles de Ceniza, nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, nos pide que incluyamos la intención de paz en Ucrania como una de nuestras intenciones personales mientras oramos y ayunamos. Consulte el horario de Misa y la distribución de cenizas benditas el Miércoles de Ceniza en otra parte de esta edición del Boletín Parroquial. Comprométanse ahora a una buena cuaresma. Un plan personal para la observancia de la cuaresma va más allá de las obligaciones mínimas de ayuno y abstinencia. Nuestro plan también debe incluir ocasiones para más oración, ayuno adicional y cuidado de los pobres. Oremos los unos por los otros por una buena cuaresma. Oremos también por los catecúmenos de nuestra parroquia que serán elegidos para los sacramentos de pascua el próximo domingo y pasarán esta cuaresma preparándose para su bautismo en la vigilia pascual.


La Parroquia Catedral en los últimos años ha sido bendecida con varios hombres y mujeres jóvenes discerniendo vocaciones al santo sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada. La semana pasada, nuestro feligrés, Francis Gestiada, fue aceptado en el Seminario San Carlos Borromeo. Actualmente tenemos dos jóvenes que están en serio discernimiento para la vida consagrada. Mantengamos a Francis y a estas jóvenes en nuestras oraciones. Agradecemos a Dios Todopoderoso por su apertura a Su santa voluntad y su aceptación de Su llamado.


Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral. La primera colecta del próximo domingo estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominciales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios te bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector
CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
MARCH 3, 2022

SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
February 22 through March 2, 2022
The Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel will be prayed at every Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/

⇒ To learn more about our Philadelphia Saint
⇒ For a copy of the Solemn Novena to pray at home
⇒ To have your prayer intentions remembered during Holy Mass all year round
⇒ To light a votive candle for your intentions at the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel during the Solemn Novena and on her Feast Day

FEAST DAY OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
March 3, 2022
The Cathedral Basilica is open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for visits and prayer at the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel. The Cathedral Shop will be open.
⇒ 7:15 AM Feast Day Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
⇒ 11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica
⇒ 12:05 PM Sung Feast Day Mass in the Basilica

This 12:05 PM Celebration of Holy Mass will be live-streamed on the website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, https://archphila.org/

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!

NEW WAY TO SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO US!
Starting on February 20, 2022, the Cathedral Parish will do our prayer intention list differently. Instead of calling the Parish Office, we encourage you to send a request to us using this link: https://cathedralphila.org/cathedral-prayer-request/

Your intention will be acknowledged to your personal email; you may express any questions or concerns you have about it in that email. Your name or the name of the person you would like us to pray for, will be printed in the bulletin unless you tell us otherwise. WE WILL REMOVE THE NAME FROM THE LIST AFTER ONE MONTH; if you still want prayers for your intention after that, just send us another email.
We believe this will end the problem of intentions occasionally being lost after being called in, and of names staying on the list long after your intention has been answered! You will be assured of prayers because you will receive a reply.
Thank you for helping us to share your intentions for your loved ones in a timely way with our parish.
May Our Lord give you His grace and peace!

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!

2022 KEYS & SWORD
Save the Date
Friday, June 24, 2022
6:00pm - 9:30pm
More information can be found at: https://ksphila.org/

The “Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission" is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning in 2021 and concluding in 2023. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia understands the synodal process as a crucial moment in the life of the Church of Philadelphia, it perceives it as a learning process, as well as an opportunity for conversion and renewal of ecclesial life under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is why it has made a massive call to all parishes through the five-counties to participate in two initiatives that will take place simultaneously: The Synod and Call for More. The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! More information will follow regarding these two initiatives.

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez asked the Office for the New Evangelization to launch a Commission for Missionary Disciples. The task he gave us: create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To know more about it go to: https://www.phillydisciples.org/

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-  
The Ninth Commandment
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 7:00 PM
Meeting in the Neumann Room

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
The Beginning of the End of Abortion
40 days for life starts on Ash Wednesday. Would you consider signing up to pray for the unborn and women in need during this Campaign? We'd be happy to pair you with someone if you'd be more comfortable, just let us know! We need people on:
March 8th at The Women's Center (777 Appletree, Phila) from 11-12 and 12-1pm and April 6th at Planned Parenthood (12th and Locust Street, Phila) from 12-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4pm
Please reach out to Kim at kimpeopleoflife@gmail.com or call/text (215) 554-4675 or Pat Stanton at pjsanton9@gmail.com or call (267) 718-4851.

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM
Click Here, or go to: https://vimeo.com/event/17522 Worship Aid
Man-Up Philly Men’s Spirituality Conference
March 19, 2022
Location: Immaculata University, Exton
Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Coach Pat Chambers, Keith Nester and more.
The theme this year is COME BACK TO ME. Our hope is that the conference will draw men back to a vibrant life of faith after this pandemic. We thank you for your help in promoting this wonderful archdiocesan wide event.

View the flyer

2022 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
March 5 @ 11AM Delaware & Montgomery
March 5 @ 3PM Bucks & Chester
March 6 @ 3PM Philadelphia North & South

You are most welcome to join our catechumens and candidates for this important step in their pathway to the Easter Sacraments. With this rite, the Archbishop, with the local church, elects the catechumens to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and to make a good Lent. The candidates are encouraged, as already baptized Christians, to persevere during Lent with prayer and penance to prepare for the completion of their Christian Initiation with Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

Let us pray for all the catechumens and candidates for the Easter Sacraments throughout the Archdiocese.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP (B.B.V.C.)
Calling all young men in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! Join the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and Philadelphia Seminarians for B.B.V.C. on Saturday, April 9, 2022! With the theme, To the Heights, spend the day at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary with great activities, games, prayer, and the opportunity for confession. A registration fee of $25 includes a t-shirt and lunch/snacks. The registration deadline is March 25, 2022. For more information or to register please call 610-667-5778 or go to: HeedTheCall.org/BBVC

Following Mary to Calvary
Lenten Reflection on the Discipleship of Mary
Virtual Speaker Series
Dates: Sundays March 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m. (ET)

To register go to: https://miraculousmed-al.org/beyond-sunday/following-

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 Shepherd 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.

2022 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

April 1st at 5pm to April 3rd at 12pm
Malvern Retreat House
222 S. Woman Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355
$165 per person

Young adults in their 20s and 30s of any race in life — single, married college students — all are welcome.

Please register at: www.malvernretreat.com/events/young-adult-retreat-5/

JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FOR A SPECIAL MASS CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ
MONDAY MARCH 21
2022 | 7:00 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
1723 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving as an expression of gratitude for your commitment to the Appeal and to our faith.

Fish Friday
Remember you are Dust and to Dust you shall return

To register go to: https://miraculousmed-al.org/beyond-sunday/following-