

# 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*



**May 15, 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*

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica  
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel  
Sta. 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**

**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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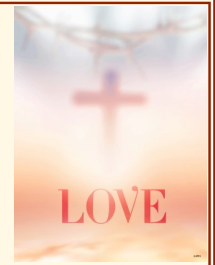
**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Sunday, May 15, 2022

*"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you."*

JN 13:34



<b>May 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>St. Matthias</b>
10:00	Ordination of Deacons
5:15	Alfonso Ranalli & Family
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More High School Alumni Association
11:00	Roberto & Family
12:30	Juan Herrera & Marta Sang
6:30	Gloria Soto de Garcia
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Monday, Easter Weekday</b>
7:15	Dr. Gerrit R. Ludwig
12:05	Luciana & Umberto Colavita
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Tuesday, Easter Weekday</b>
7:15	Intentions of Steve Jun
12:05	Michael Holiday
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Wednesday, Easter Weekday</b>
	<b>St. John I</b>
7:15	Maria Min
12:05	William Ruvo
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Thursday, Easter Weekday</b>
7:15	Dr. Lawrence McGovern
12:05	Diane Hines-Davis
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Friday, Easter Weekday</b>
	<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>
7:15	Dr. John J. Leahy
12:05	Carmen A. DiGregorio
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Saturday, Easter Weekday</b>
	<b>St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions</b>
10:00	Ordination to the Priesthood
5:15	Paula & Paschal Libonati
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Mary Magdalene Donnelly
11:00	Seymour S. Preston, III
12:30	Hermelinda Lara
6:30	Ronald R. Ravielli

Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter!* The Risen Lord manifests himself to us in a great number of ways. The most excellent manifestation of the Risen Lord takes place with the celebration of Mass, the Holy Eucharist. When the bread and wine, through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and with the Last Supper words of Christ spoken by the priest, become the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, it is Easter - Christ on the cross and risen from the dead. When we come forward to receive Holy Communion, it is the Risen Lord that we receive, the glorified Lord, the Lord in history who is the Lord at the right hand of God, the Father, in heaven. This is truly the Risen Lord, indeed. Today, the holy Gospel speaks to us of another manifestation. Jesus says, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13: 35)." When Christians give themselves over to another person, as the Lord gave his life for us, as we love another as Christ loves us, it is also a manifestation of the Risen Lord among us. As we receive Holy Communion, let us pray that the grace of our Communion will help us to love one another, to reveal the resurrection among us.

*This Saturday, May 21, 2022, Archbishop Pérez will ordain six men to the Holy Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in our Cathedral Basilica at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!* This is a grand occasion for our local church. We rejoice in the vocations of these six men and pray the Lord, the great High Priest, will bless them with rich and fruitful priestly ministries. The month May sees our archdiocesan priests observing their anniversaries of Ordination and recalling the day when they were configured to Christ, the Eternal Priest. As we pray for the newly ordained, let us remember all our priests. May the Lord grant them many more years of priestly service to the People of God in this Archdiocese. As we all know, these have been difficult times for priests because of the serious transgressions of a few. The needed renewal of the Holy Priesthood is very much the work of every priest but not alone. The faithful rightly need to expect and encourage priests to be what Christ and his Church intends, shepherds after the Lord's own heart. So, during these days especially, let us pray for our priests, seminarians, especially our parish seminarians, and all those discerning this beautiful vocation. *Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us!*

*Our Keys and Sword Event on June 24, 2022 is around the corner!* We continue to need ads for our Keys & Sword Ad Book. Please see the website to learn about this year's event and to purchase tickets, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>.

*The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the spring maintenance of the Cathedral Basilica.* If possible, please make use of the on-line possibility of making your weekly offering. Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish and to the Appeal for Catholic Charities.

Happy Easter!  
Father Dennis Gill



## PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Mary, Mother of Jesus, please give me a heart as beautiful and full of love as yours.

Mary, Queen of Peace, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and suffering of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at this Cathedral and throughout the world.

Mary, Help of Christians, bless the work of our parish as we care for the spiritual and corporal needs of our brothers and sisters. Thank you for being a blessing to the Cathedral parish!

For more information, visit: [www.cathedralphila.org](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.*

*And let us remember to always pray for each other!*

Your generosity on 5/8 was:

Regular \$4,815

Special 1,462 (for national collection for Catholic Home

Electronic 3,454\* Missions)

Total \$9,731

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for April.

Thank you!

**We hope that your generosity will exceed  
\$13,000 this week.**

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 Deacon Burgos or Sr. Eleanor McCann after any Sunday Mass or make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Biedrzycki, and one of them can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- **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/> or scan this QR code:



**LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM**

Click **Here**, or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/17522>

## PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill

**Rector**

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers

**Rector Emeritus**

Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki

**Parochial Vicar**

Deacon Jesús M. Burgos

**Permanent Deacon**

Sister Eleanor McCann, R.S.M.

**Pastoral Associate**

Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.

**Parish Evangelization**

Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.

**Outreach Coordinator**

Charlene Angelini

**Director of Cathedral Parish Music**

Mark Loria

**Principal Organist**



## The Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet

Following the **12:05 PM** daily Mass the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be offered in the Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica in order to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the protection of refugees from the conflict.

Please join our Parish community as we pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world.

**Also Each Friday at 3:00 PM** we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy **for peace in Ukraine and the conversion of Russia.**

**Join Via Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541pwd=Wmo1V0lXWEIQLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09>

**Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541**

**Passcode: Mercy**

**"Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, Pray for us!**

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

### -Adult faith formation-

### Human Life Issues

**Thursday, May 19, 2022, 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](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org)

**Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:**

Teresa Chesler and her intentions, Paige Bednarsky, Helen Holland, Friar Marcello, George and his intentions, Emelia Fernandes Marshall, For Ukraine, Calvin Awah and his intentions, Anthony Evangelista and Joshua White, Nancy Bialon and her intentions, Delia and Diane, Judy Miller, Allison Torres, Fr. Kevin Thompson, 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](mailto: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*

### Misa Televisada en Español

En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las  
6:30 AM

[La Santa Misa Grabada en línea](#)

### SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

### BOLETIN INFORMATIVO

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

[CLICK HERE](#)

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/May-Mayo-2022.pdf>

## CANTATE DOMINO

CAMPAMENTO DE CORO INFANTIL



Abierto para todos los niños y niñas  
de 7 a 15 años.

27 de junio - 30 de junio de 2022  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Catedral Basílica de SS. Peter y Paul  
Filadelfia, PA

Para más información:

[cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica](http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica)

## CINCO CLAVES PARA LA LIBERTAD

ACTIVANDO EL PODER LIBERADOR DEL EVANGELIO EN TU VIDA

SABADO, JUNIO 18, 2022

8:30AM-4:00PM

Parroquia de la Natividad de  
Nuestro Señor  
605 West Street Rd  
Warminster, PA 18974

- Misa en español, Confesiones, Hora Santa
- Charlas sobre las cinco claves de liberación

Costo \$20, incluye desayuno y almuerzo



**PRESENTADOR**

Padre Thomas Viviano

### ESTAS INVITADO A

Este retiro es para todos. Puede ser especialmente útil para situaciones como:

- Discordia matrimonial/familiar.
- Pecado recurrente.
- Dificultad para perdonar.
- Relaciones problemáticas.
- Visión persistentemente negativa de Dios o de uno mismo.
- Miedo, tristeza o ira crónica.
- Vida espiritual estancada.

...cualquier área en la que se sienta atascado o sienta la necesidad de una mayor libertad.

Registación requerida. Para registrar: <https://secure.aception.com/catejpa2Z>.  
Por la sensibilidad de los temas que se van a discutir la asistencia de menores no es permitida.  
No se aceptarán registraciones en la puerta. Para preguntas 215-720-8065

## REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

*¡Hoy es el Quinto Domingo de Pascua!* El Señor Resucitado se nos manifiesta de muchas maneras. La manifestación más excelente del Señor Resucitado tiene lugar con la celebración de la Misa, la Sagrada Eucaristía. Cuando el pan y el vino, por la invocación del Espíritu Santo y con las palabras de la Última Cena de Cristo pronunciadas por el sacerdote, se convierten en el Santo Cuerpo y Sangre del Señor, es Pascua: Cristo en la cruz y resucitado de entre los muertos. Cuando nos acercamos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión, es al Señor Resucitado que recibimos, al Señor glorificado, al Señor en la historia que es el Señor a la diestra de Dios, el Padre, en el cielo. Este es verdaderamente el Señor Resucitado, en verdad. Hoy, el santo evangelio nos habla de otra manifestación. Jesús dice: “Y por este amor reconocerán todos que ustedes son mis discípulos (Juan 13:35)”. Cuando los cristianos se entregan a otra persona, como el Señor dio su vida por nosotros, como amamos a los demás como Cristo nos ama a nosotros, es también una manifestación del Señor Resucitado entre nosotros. Mientras recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, oremos para que la gracia de nuestra comunión nos ayude a amarnos los unos por los otros, para revelar la resurrección entre nosotros.

*Este sábado 21 de mayo del 2022, el Arzobispo Pérez ordenará a seis hombres al Santo Sacerdocio para la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia en nuestra Catedral Basílica a las 10:00 AM. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!* Esta es una gran ocasión para nuestra iglesia local. Nos regocijamos en las vocaciones de estos seis hombres y oramos al Señor, el gran Sumo Sacerdote, los bendiga con ministerios sacerdotales ricos y fructíferos. En el mes de mayo se ve a nuestros sacerdotes arquidiocesanos celebrar sus aniversarios de Ordenación y recordar el día en que fueron configurados con Cristo, el Eterno Sacerdote. Mientras oramos por los recién ordenados, recordemos a todos nuestros sacerdotes. Que el Señor les conceda muchos años más de servicio sacerdotal al pueblo de Dios en esta Arquidiócesis. Como todos sabemos, han sido tiempos difíciles para los sacerdotes por las graves transgresiones de unos pocos. La necesaria renovación del Santo Sacerdocio es en gran medida obra de cada sacerdote, pero no solo. Con razón, los fieles deben esperar y animar a los sacerdotes a ser lo que Cristo y su Iglesia pretenden, pastores según el corazón del Señor. Entonces, durante estos días especialmente, oremos por nuestros sacerdotes, seminaristas, especialmente por nuestros seminaristas parroquiales, y por todos aquellos que disciernen esta hermosa vocación. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina del Clero, ruega por nosotros!

*¡Nuestro Evento de Llaves y Espadas «Keys and Sword por sus siglas en inglés» del 24 de junio del 2022 está a la vuelta de la esquina!* Seguimos necesitando anuncios para nuestro Libro de Anuncios de Llaves y Espadas. Visite el sitio web para obtener información sobre el evento de este año y comprar boletos, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>.

*La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida al mantenimiento primaveral de la Catedral Basílica.* Si es posible, aproveche la posibilidad en línea de hacer su oferta semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia de la Catedral y a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

¡Felices Pascuas!

Padre Dennis Gill



**"He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand  
of the Father"**



## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

5:15 PM Vigil Mass in the Chapel,  
with Liturgical Music

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**

7:15 AM in the Cathedral Chapel  
12:05 PM in the Cathedral Basilica,  
with Liturgical Music

5:15 PM in the Cathedral Chapel, with  
Liturgical Music

**Confessions in the Basilica at 11:30 AM**

## *Solemnity of Pentecost*

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

⇒ **5:15 pm** Extended Vigil Mass in Cathedral Basilica  
The Extended Vigil mirrors the Easter Vigil with additional readings  
to await the promised gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

⇒ **8:00 pm** in the Cathedral Basilica  
Charismatic Prayer and Praise. Followed by an Act of Consecration  
of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the Holy Spirit. Followed by  
prayer teams praying over those individuals who may want to receive  
prayers.

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

⇒ **8:00 am** in Cathedral Basilica  
⇒ **9:30 am** in Cathedral Basilica  
⇒ **11:00 am** in Cathedral Basilica  
⇒ **12:30 pm** Spanish Mass in Cathedral Chapel  
⇒ **6:30 pm** in Cathedral Basilica  
Mass with the Conferral of Confirmation for Baptized Catholic

## *2022 Keys & Sword*

*Save the Date*

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA:  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## *2022 Keys & Sword*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022**

**6:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

HORS D'OEUVRES & DINNER

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

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CATHEDRAL

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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

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KSPHILA@THECFGP.ORG | 215.587.5650



## **Webinar: Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022 - 10 AM-11 AM**

Join us for an introductory webinar about how we will  
participate in the National Eucharistic Revival here in the  
local Church of Philadelphia.

**Register for the webinar at:** [us02web.zoom.us/webinar...](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar...)

More information can be found on our Archdiocesan  
Eucharistic Revival website, [phillyeucharisticreviv...](https://phillyeucharisticreviv...)

## **CANTATE DOMINO CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP**



**June 27th - 30th, 2022**  
**9:00am-3:00pm**

Closing with Evening Prayer June 30, 2022 7:00pm

Staff:  
Charlene Angelini, Director, Cathedral Basilica Music Program  
Danielle Molan, Director, Cantus Angelorum Cathedral Children's Choir  
Mark Loria, Principal Organist, Cathedral Basilica

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA**



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**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

**1723 Race Street**

**Philadelphia**

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## EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE.](#)

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/16110400>

### THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO:

#### ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10 AM**

Location: Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome



For Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Chapel.

Following the 9:00 AM Mass on Memorial Day, everyone is invited to join in praying the Holy Rosary for all those who died in the service of our country.

**The Basilica and the Parish Office are closed on Memorial Day.**



### *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.

### WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 7 to 9 PM

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have a mandate letter from the Archbishop to carry out this ministry in their parish or institution in the Archdiocese. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to be publicly commissioned for this ministry by their pastor, parochial administrator or priest chaplain. Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

**Location:** Saint Mary Magdalene Church -Media, PA

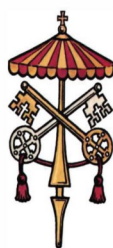
**More information:** Please register at <https://www.odwphiladelphia.org/workshops/>

## ABORTION IS THE GREATEST AND GRAVEST MORAL -PASTORAL ISSUE FACING THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

We must be very passionate about this life and death issue for the precious unborn as Christ wants us to be. Now more than ever working together as co-workers in the life vineyard of the Lord, we have the means guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit to overcome the ever-increasing magnitude of abortions at a worldwide level and right in our own country. We bishops and priests must take a more forceful leadership in this regard and follow the lead of dear Pope Francis who is constantly calling us to have a new respect for human life at all levels, beginning with the precious unborn and he reminds us that this is the preeminent life issue. We keep in mind the inspired words of Elizabeth in her Visitation with Mary, who after proclaiming to Mary, "most blessed are you among women" then proclaimed, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb". Mary our model and Mother, wants to teach and guide mothers and us how to protect each and every precious unborn. Our heavenly Father, the giver of all life, extends the same blessing over the womb of every mother who is bringing, supported by the father of the infant, into our world a precious new child, destined to live forever in peace and love with all of us in the heavenly kingdom. Our constant pro-life motto then is "choose life for both the mother and the child".

Bishop Michael Pfeiffer, O.M.I.

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas

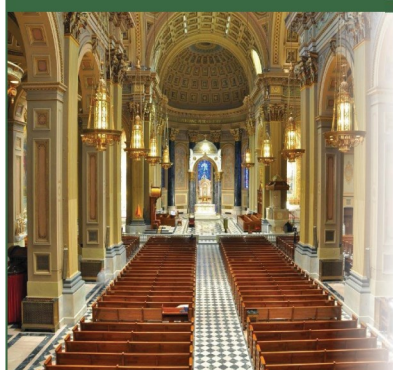


## Happy Month of Mary and Greetings

from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and  
the home of the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

a Historic Landmark available to 4 million people in the Greater Delaware Valley



### YOUR CATHEDRAL BASILICA NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!

The historic Cathedral was built in 1846 with the support of the friends of Bishop John Neumann – now is another opportunity for everyone to participate.

We need to prep, plaster, and repaint the interior of the Cathedral.

The last time this was done was 1958.

This is a big project with a projected cost of \$3,000,000.

### SO MANY WAYS TO HELP –

Check out our website: <https://cathedralphila.org/donate>

Make check payable to "Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul" and send to: 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Text to give: "Cathedral" to 215-709-9955

Venmo: @cathedralbasilica

Please select the "Historic Preservation Fund"

Please consider a gift so  
that we can meet our goal!



Thank you and God bless  
you and your families