

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 2, 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*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

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Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
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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

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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/>

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 2, 2022

"The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you."

1 PT 1:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



October 1 Saturday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

12:05 Intentions of Su Family
5:15 Edison Giacomucci

October 2 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Felice DiStefano
11:00 Mario Cionci
12:30 Oscar J. Pérez
6:30 Henry Schneider

October 3 Monday, Weekday

7:15 Living and Deceased Members of the League of Sacred Heart
12:05 Essie Mae Rubin

October 4 Tuesday

St. Francis of Assisi

7:15 Anne Shea Cagnina
12:05 Intentions of the Chico Guzman Family

October 5 Wednesday, Weekday Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:15 Betty Lovejoy Olsen
12:05 Maria Min

October 6 Thursday, Weekday Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

7:15 Francisca Alquiza Imperial
12:05 Intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel

October 7 Friday

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15 Michael Collins
12:05 Lin Family

October 8 Saturday, Weekday

12:05 Maddalena Leone
5:15 Thomas Cretella

October 9 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Ugo Sabatini
11:00 Filippo Umile
12:30 Eduardo Sosa
6:30 Joan Lutkus Gustitis

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Increase our faith (Luke 17: 5)." The Apostles in the Gospel this Sunday beseech the Lord Jesus to increase their faith. The Twelve knew the Lord deeply and followed him closely. They heard his saving instructions and witnessed his marvelous deeds. Yet, together they pleaded with Jesus to increase their faith. What could have been lacking in their belief at this point in the Gospel story? Perhaps, nothing was lacking in their belief in Jesus, in his words and deeds. However, they knew their own weaknesses, their sinfulness, and their fears. They were aware of their struggles to follow him with the faithfulness he expected of them. Is not this our story as well as modern day Christians? We love the Lord Jesus. We believe all that he and his holy Church teaches us. We are in wonder and awe of his great signs in the Gospel and the Sacraments we celebrate today, especially the Holy Eucharist. Yet, we too know our weaknesses, our sinfulness, our fears - our struggles to follow him faithfully. Like the Apostles, we beg the Lord to increase our faith. We ask for the gift and grace to have confidence in the Lord's presence to us to do all that he asks of us. We ask for his generous assistance to carry our crosses. We pray for the help to witness to him with a holy way of life - to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. The Lord will not fail to hear our prayers for an increase in faith. It is for us to petition him for an increase in faith, to nourish it, and to protect it.

The Parish Pastoral Council serves our parish in many fine ways, especially as a group of parishioners that offers me sound advice. Council meetings cover a wide range of topics and concerns that directly impact the life and mission of the Cathedral Parish. I am extremely grateful to the Council members for their time and interest in the work of the Council and the assistance they give to me. Every year there is a turnover of one or two members. This year we are looking for candidates from among our parishioners who can represent those who carry out a liturgical ministry and who can represent the Spanish-speaking members of the Cathedral Parish. We had expected to have more nominees than we did at the end of September for both of these categories. So, we are going to extend the opportunity to nominate until Sunday, October 9, 2022. If you would like to nominate yourself or would like to nominate someone for either or both of these categories, please contact me, Father Biedrzycki, or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you!

Invite a family member, a neighbor, and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.

Please keep the intention for Peace in our City and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Let us turn to the Holy Rosary with renewed devotion for our intentions! Our Lady, Mother of us all, cannot fail to take our prayers to her Son. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is this Friday, October 7, 2022, a day not to miss the Rosary.

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the landscape needs of the Cathedral Parish. 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.

God bless you!
Father Dennis Gill



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.

Thank you for being a blessing to the Cathedral parish!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 9/25 was:

Regular \$4,337

Special 1,058 (for liturgical music programs of the

Total 5,438 Cathedral Parish)

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>

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

Johnny Garcia, Susan Fuentes, Diana and Anuar Valencia Sr. Pauline Cope, May Muldoon, Annarella, Roberto Caiaro and his family, Georgia, Trace and Silas, Brother Leo, Kay and Bill, Leal, Christine, Kelsey, Eugenia, Edzel Lorraine, Fr Charles Bonner, Justin Rounds, Candice Cooley, Brooklynne Rounds, Coleton Rounds, Denise Cooley, Danielle Cooley Hampton, Michael Deprest, Judy Andrade and her intentions, Eridania Guzman, Allison Torres, 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.

2023 Keys & Sword Save the Date

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

2023 Keys & Sword Event

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

HORS D'OEUVRES & DINNER |
MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING AT THE CATHEDRAL

THE LOGAN PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
ONE LOGAN SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
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KSPHILA@THECFGOP.ORG | 215.587.5650



Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

**-Adult faith formation-
Revelation and Tradition**

The Holy Bible: The Old Testament

Thursday, October 6, 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

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**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
CLICK HERE

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Newsletter-September-2022-1.pdf>

Misa Televisada en Español
En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a
las **6:30 AM**
La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

RCC DE FILADELPHIA TE INVITA A UNA TARDE DE AGRADECIMIENTO
EN ADORACION Y ALABANZA CON EL ESPIRITU SANTO
THE RCC OF PHILADELPHIA INVITES YOU TO AN AFTERNOON
OF GRATITUDE THROUGH PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Alegrate Pueblo!
Rejoice!**

**"Y ALABA AL SEÑOR PORQUE EL ES BUENO"
"AND PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD"**

16 DE OCTUBRE 2022
DOMINGO/SUNDAY

**VEN, PUERTAS ABIERTA PARA TODOS!
COME, OPEN DOORS TO ALL!**

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

PARROQUIA SANTO INNOCENTE/HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH
1337 E. HUNTING PARK AVE. PHILA. PA 19124
EN EL SALON /IN THE HALL

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. "Aumentanos la fe (Lucas 17:5)." Los Apóstoles en el evangelio de este domingo suplican al Señor Jesús que les aumente la fe. Los Doce conocían profundamente al Señor y lo seguían de cerca. Escucharon sus instrucciones salvadoras y fueron testigos de sus obras maravillosas. Sin embargo, juntos suplicaron a Jesús que aumentara su fe. ¿Qué podría haber faltado en su creencia en este punto de la historia del evangelio? Tal vez, nada le faltó a su creencia en Jesús, en sus palabras y obras. Sin embargo, conocían sus propias debilidades, su pecaminosidad y sus miedos. Eran conscientes de sus luchas para seguirlo con la fidelidad que Él esperaba de ellos. ¿No es ésta nuestra historia, así como la de los cristianos de hoy en día? Amamos al Señor Jesús. Creemos todo lo que Él y su santa Iglesia nos enseñan. Estamos maravillados y asombrados por sus grandes signos en el evangelio y los Sacramentos que celebramos hoy, especialmente la Sagrada Eucaristía. Sin embargo, nosotros también conocemos nuestras debilidades, nuestra pecaminosidad, nuestros miedos, nuestras luchas para seguirlo fielmente. Como los Apóstoles, suplicamos al Señor que aumente nuestra fe. Pedimos el don y la gracia de tener confianza en la presencia del Señor para hacer todo lo que nos pide. Pedimos su generosa ayuda para llevar nuestras cruces. Oramos por la ayuda para testificar de Él con una forma de vida santa, para alejarnos del pecado y ser fieles al evangelio. El Señor no dejará de escuchar nuestra oración por un aumento en la fe. A nosotros nos corresponde pedirle un aumento en la fe, que la nutra y la proteja.

El Consejo Pastoral Parroquial sirve a nuestra parroquia de muchas maneras excelentes, especialmente como un grupo de feligreses que me ofrece buenos consejos. Las reuniones del consejo cubren una amplia gama de temas y preocupaciones que impactan directamente la vida y misión de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Estoy sumamente agradecido a los miembros del Consejo por su tiempo e interés en el trabajo del Consejo y la asistencia que me brindan. Cada año hay una rotación de uno o dos miembros. Este año estamos buscando candidatos de entre nuestros feligreses que puedan representar a aquellos que llevan a cabo un ministerio litúrgico y que puedan representar a los miembros de habla hispana de la Parroquia Catedral. Esperábamos tener más nominados de los que tuvimos a fines de septiembre para ambas categorías. Por lo tanto, vamos a extender la oportunidad de nominar hasta el domingo 9 de octubre del 2022. Si desea nominarse a sí mismo o si desea nominar a alguien para una o ambas categorías, comuníquese conmigo, el Padre Biedrzycki o un miembro del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial. ¡Gracias!

Invita a un familiar, vecino y/o amigo (a) a acompañarte a la Santa Misa del próximo domingo en la Catedral Basílica.

Mantenga en sus oraciones la intención de paz en nuestra ciudad y el fin de la violencia armada en nuestros vecindarios. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

Octubre es el Mes del Santo Rosario. ¡Recurramos al Santo Rosario con renovada devoción por nuestras intenciones! Nuestra Señora, Madre de todos nosotros, no puede dejar de llevar nuestras oraciones a su Hijo. La Memoria de Nuestra Señora del Rosario es este viernes 7 de octubre del 2022, día para no perderse el Rosario.

La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida a las necesidades jardinería de la Parroquia Catedral. Si es posible, aproveche la posibilidad en línea de hacer su oferta semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral.

¡Dios te bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New the Evangelization

[CLICK HERE](#), or

<https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/note/17532776>

"The Legion of Mary, Queen of Apostles Praesidium of the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, meets **each Sunday at 1pm in the Newman Room**. The Legion of Mary is a Catholic organization of men and women under the patronage of Mary Immaculate who strive to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ through prayer and service, especially through evangelization and care for the sick and marginalized.

The contact person is Jeannette Garcia jeannettelegionofmary@gmail.com.



ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE

Six-day candles are available now and throughout all the month of November as we join with the Church and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are invited to remember especially your beloved deceased with an All Souls Memorial Candle.

These candles burn at the All Souls Altar on the Race Street side of the Basilica, starting Nov. 2, and remind us of our prayers for those who have died.

A **fifteen-dollar** donation is requested for **each** candle. Your request for prayers for your loved one will be placed on the candle. You can complete the information below and place it along with your donation in the collection basket, or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information and mail in a check to:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Attn: Memorial for All Souls
1723 Race Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1204

Name of the deceased:

(Please Print) This name will be placed on the candle

At the request of:

Tel.#: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



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, God bless you.

Join us in
**PRAYER
FOR
PEACE IN
OUR CITY**

**EVERY SUNDAY
5:30 TO 6:30 PM**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking is available.

The Cathedral doors are open to people of all Faiths and Traditions as we make a common religious response to the ever increasing violence in our city streets. Each Sunday evening we will gather for intentional prayer for peace in our city with a specific plea before the Lord for an end to gun violence on our streets. Individuals and groups are invited and no previous arrangements are required. All are welcome.

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday, October 9 @ 3 pm: Living Rosary

Join us in prayer for all our families' intentions in the Basilica. Light refreshments to follow in Drexel Hall.

PONTIFICAL MASS

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 7PM

AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SS. PETER & PAUL
18TH STREET & BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND - PARKING AVAILABLE

CELEBRANT: GERHARD CARDINAL MÜLLER
PREFECT EMERITUS OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH



2022 ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

in honor of

**OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022**

The program begins with our 11:00 A.M. arrival

- ⇒ 11:15 am - *Welcome*
- ⇒ 1:00 pm - *Procession and Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
- ⇒ 2:30 pm - *Solemn Mass*
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Principal Celebrant and Homilist
- ⇒ 4:30 pm - *Departure*
Confessions and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

[View the Flyer](#)

SOLEMN MASS

-CELEBRATING-
ST. JOHN HENRY
NEWMAN

ACCORDING TO THE
DIVINE WORSHIP MISSAL
OF THE ORDINARIATES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
-6:30 PM-
AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SS. PETER & PAUL

18TH STREET & BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

ALL ARE WELCOME
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM

HOMILIST:
FR. FRANCIS FOLEY
Pastor, St. Gabriel's Church,
Grays Ferry

Getting Ready for Winter!

BUT IT'S ONLY OCTOBER! Yes, but it's never too early to start getting ready for Winter for our homeless friends who come to the Cathedral.

We cannot "stockpile" winter clothing because we don't have the space; but some of our friends ask for warm winter gloves/mittens, socks and hats/scarves. WE DO NOT NEED MANY but it would be wonderful to have a small number of GENTLY USED, CLEAN items to give on those cold days that we know will come.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU CAN SHARE, please drop them off at the Cathedral Rectory entrance to give to Sister Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please feel free to call her at 215-561-1313, press 2 then 7, or email her at sr.mrparadis@archphila.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES!



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact Fr. Dennis Gill at: fr.dgill@archphila.org

EVANGELIZATION

"This is the will of God, your Holiness..."
Growing in Prayer (Part 1)

Friends, the month of October is dedicated to one of the most important prayer practices we know, the Rosary. Prayer, especially daily prayer, is an essential part habit of every follower of Jesus Christ. I am excited to offer you this first installment of several about growing in prayer. It is prayer that enables us to accomplish God's will. Let's start there.

St. Paul writes to the Christians in Thessalonica:

"Finally, brothers we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God [...] This is the will of God, your holiness..." (1 Thes 4:1a, 3a)

Holiness is the end of the Christian Life. It is God's will for us. Why? First, let's consider Sacred Scripture. In the Book of Leviticus, God instructs Moses to admonish the people: *"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God am holy." (Lev 19:2).* Jesus uses another word to describe holiness saying in the Sermon on the Mount: *"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48).* Some of us may see these lines and think: "I know myself – that is impossible! Only Jesus is perfect!" So true. And yet, what happened to us Baptism? St. Paul helps us: *"...all you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." (Gal 3:27)*

Paul's words are not metaphorical. The spiritual life is all about living out what begins with faith and effected in Baptism. One holy bishop observed, *"Christian life is the reproduction of Jesus in souls; and perfection, the most faithful and perfect reproduction, consists in the transformation of souls into Jesus."*¹ This is the end for which we strive. To be transformed into Jesus. This is perfect charity; a foretaste of heaven.

Friends, the way we get there is prayer. As we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the mystery of faith, *"requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer." (CCC 2558)* Over the next several weeks, let's consider how we can cultivate that personal and vital relationship with the God and become holy as he is holy, Amen!

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

¹ Luis M. Martinez, *The Sanctifier* (Pauline Books and Media: Boston, 2003), p.5

"OPERA IN THE CHURCH"

A selection of favorite arias, neopolitan songs and show tunes sung by students from the academy of vocal arts.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 6:30 pm in Saint Monica upper church.
17th and Ritners streets – Philadelphia, PA

This is a performance comparable to any that you would see at the Kimmel Center!

Following the concert there will be an opportunity to meet the artists at a reception that will include wine and finger foods (suitable for dinner).

Tickets are \$25.00

For more information contact:

St. Monica rectory: 215-334-4170 or
Maria Buonadonna: 215-833-1664