

# 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 16, 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*

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**Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM**  
**Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032**

## **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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday, October 16, 2022

*"The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart."*

HEB 4:12

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*



**October 15 Saturday**  
**St. Teresa of Jesus**  
 12:05 Edward Silvio Sabatini  
 5:15 Joseph Carey

**October 16 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 James & Rose Bressi  
 11:00 Marcello & Elizabeth Contrucci  
 12:30 Sebastian Rodriguez  
 6:30 John Raymond Hunt

**October 17 Monday**  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
 7:15 Joseph A. Kane  
 12:05 Linda Lee Thomson

**October 18 Tuesday**  
**St. Luke**  
 7:15 Joseph Mariano  
 12:05 Intentions of Barry Su

**October 19 Wednesday**  
**Sts. John de Brébeuf & Issac Jogues, & Companions**  
 7:15 Joy Robinson  
 12:05 Ramon L. Serrano

**October 20 Thursday, Weekday**  
**St. Paul of the Cross**  
 7:15 Edmond Costantini  
 12:05 George Ruhland

**October 21 Friday, Weekday**  
 7:15 Genovaite Maciunas  
 12:05 Cecilia Mary Duke

**October 22 Saturday**  
**St. John Paul II**  
 12:05 Robert Boyer  
 5:15 Felicia Umile & Family

**October 23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 Abramo Tascione  
 11:00 Angelo Ranalli  
 12:30 Silda de Rodriguez  
 6:30 Philomena Kurcik

Dear Parishioners,

*This is the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* In the Gospel this Sunday, we meet the persistent widow. Jesus makes the point with this widow of the necessity of his disciples - you and me - "to pray always without becoming weary (Luke 18: 1)." All throughout the Sacred Scriptures, the people of the Old Testament and the followers of Christ in the New Testament are exhorted to pray, to bring to the Lord their praise and thanksgiving, their petitions and sorrows, their need for mercy and grace. This exhortation to pray comes to us today as well. The lifeline of our relationship with God is our daily communion with Him in our prayer, our heart to heart communion with the Lord, when we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy and in our daily prayer. Yet, we can become frustrated and even bored in our prayers. Does God hear me? Does my prayer make a difference? It seems that I ask the Lord for the same thing over and over again and experience no response from Him. Our questions can be many. These are fair questions. However, before the questions, there is the Father of us all, Jesus, His divine Son, and the Holy Spirit. What we know of God, even more so than about the dishonest judge in the Gospel, is that he is constant in his love and providence for us, his desire for us to be united with him now and in heaven, and his promise never to abandon us. He does hear our prayers - even if we grow weary - and responds according to his will for us and all our needs. To begin with our loving God when we consider the fruitfulness of our prayer removes the doubts and frustrations with our prayer when we are tempted to begin with ourselves. *Pray always and do not become weary!*

*Next Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday, we will have the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.* This will be the first public expression of these unbaptized adults of their desire to be baptized and to become members of the Church. During their catechumenate, they will be with us each Saturday evening for Mass until the conclusion of the Homily. After the Homily, they are dismissed for further reflection on the Word of the Lord and will join us again for the Liturgy of the Eucharist when they are baptized, confirmed, and receive Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Pray for our new catechumens.

*The presence of the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel in our Cathedral Basilica continues to bring many blessings, especially to the countless pilgrims who visit her tomb for her heavenly help.* At the tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel, there are envelopes for our parishioners and visitors to list their intentions and make a donation to the Shrine. These intentions are especially remembered every Thursday in our perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses in the Cathedral Chapel. I am also grateful for the offerings that accompany these prayer requests. They contribute to the promotion and development of the Shrine. I invite our parishioners to remember all those requests made at the Tomb of our Philadelphia Saint in their prayers as well, especially at Mass. *Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!*

*The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the Missions and Catholic Missionaries around the world.* 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, especially with the annual Parish Fall Collection (Block Collection) taking place at this time.

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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

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

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

Your generosity on 10/9 was:

Regular \$5,238

Special 1,045 (for landscape needs of the Cathedral Parish)

Electronic\* 2,740

Total \$9,023

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for September.  
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:



## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

### Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

- ⇒ 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass, in the Cathedral Chapel (on Monday, October 31)
- ⇒ 7:15 AM Mass, in the Cathedral Chapel
- ⇒ 11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance, in the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ 12:05 PM Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica, with liturgical music
- ⇒ 5:15 PM Mass, in the Cathedral Basilica

*The Parish Office will be closed.*

*More information can be found at <https://cathedralphila.org/solemnity-of-all-saints-holy-day-of-obligation/>*

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

**-Adult faith formation-**

*Living a Sacramental Life*

*The Paschal Mystery*

**Thursday, October 20, 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)

## ANNUAL ST. LUKE'S WHITE MASS

**October 23, 2022 at 11 AM**

Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul

## 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)

## LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

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

Dr. Furlong and his daughter Elana, Regina Long, Johnny Garcia, Susan Fuentes, Diana and Anuar Valencia Sr. Pauline Cope, May Muldoon, Annarella, Roberto Caiaro and his family, Giorgia, Trace and Silas, Brother Leo, Kay and Bill, Leal, Christine, Kelsey, Eugenia, Edzel Lorraine, Fr Charles Bonner, Justin Rounds, Candice Cooley, 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](mailto: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.



***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/2022/09/Octubre-October-2022.pdf>



**Vela Conmemorativa  
para los fieles difuntos**

Las velas de seis días están disponibles ahora y durante todo el mes de noviembre mientras nos unimos a la Iglesia y oramos por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio. Se le invita a recordar especialmente a su amado (a) difunto (a) con una vela conmemorativa para los fieles difuntos.

Estas velas arden en el Altar de los fieles difuntos en el lado de Race Street de la Basílica, **a partir del 2 de noviembre**, y nos recuerdan nuestras oraciones por aquellos que han muerto.

Se solicita una donación de **quince dólares** por **cada vela**. Su solicitud de oraciones para su ser querido se colocará en la vela. Puede completar la información a continuación y colocarla junto con su donación en la canasta de colecta o dejarla en la oficina. También puede enviar la información por correo electrónico y enviar un cheque a: Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

A la atención de: Memorial for All Souls  
1723 Race Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1204

**Nombre del fallecido (a):**

**(Escriba con letra de imprenta)** Este nombre se colocará en la vela.

A petición de:

Cantidad adjunta: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*Este es el Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario.* En el evangelio de este domingo nos encontramos con la viuda persistente. Jesús destaca con esta viuda la necesidad de sus discípulos, tú y yo, de “orar siempre sin desanimarse jamás (Lucas 18:1)”. A lo largo de las Sagradas Escrituras, el pueblo del Antiguo Testamento y los seguidores de Cristo en el Nuevo Testamento son exhortados a orar, a llevar al Señor su alabanza y acción de gracias, sus peticiones y dolores, su necesidad de misericordia y gracia. Esta exhortación a orar nos llega también hoy. La línea de vida de nuestra relación con Dios es nuestra comunión diaria con Él en nuestra oración, nuestra comunión de corazón a corazón con el Señor, cuando celebramos la Sagrada Liturgia y en nuestra oración diaria. Sin embargo, podemos frustrarnos e incluso aburrirnos en nuestra oración. ¿Dios me escucha? ¿Mi oración hace una diferencia? Parece que le pido al Señor lo mismo una y otra vez y no recibo respuesta de Él. Nuestras preguntas pueden ser muchas. Estas son preguntas justas. Sin embargo, antes de las preguntas está el Padre de todos nosotros, Jesús, su divino Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Lo que sabemos de Dios, incluso más que del juez deshonesto del evangelio, es que Él es constante en su amor y providencia para con nosotros, su deseo de que estemos unidos a él ahora y en el cielo, y su promesa de nunca abandonarnos. Él escucha nuestras oraciones, incluso si nos cansamos, y responde de acuerdo con su voluntad para nosotros y todas nuestras necesidades. Comenzar con nuestro Dios amoroso cuando consideramos la fecundidad de nuestra oración quita las dudas y frustraciones con nuestra oración cuando somos tentados a comenzar con nosotros mismos. ¡orar siempre sin desanimarse jamás!

*El próximo sábado 22 de octubre del 2022 en la Misa Anticipada del Domingo a las 5:15 PM, tendremos el Rito de Aceptación en la Orden de los Catecúmenos.* Esta será la primera expresión pública de estos adultos no bautizados de su deseo de bautizarse y convertirse en miembros de la Iglesia. Durante su catecumenado estarán con nosotros todos los sábados por la noche para la Misa hasta la conclusión de la homilía. Después de la homilía, son despedidos para una mayor reflexión sobre la Palabra del Señor y se unirán a nosotros nuevamente para la Liturgia de la Eucaristía cuando sean bautizados, confirmados y reciban la Sagrada Comunión en la Vigilia Pascual. Oren por nuestros nuevos catecúmenos.

*La presencia de los restos sagrados de Santa Katharine Drexel en nuestra Catedral Basílica continúa trayendo muchas bendiciones, especialmente a los innumerables peregrinos que visitan su tumba por su ayuda celestial.* En la tumba de Santa Katharine Drexel hay sobres para que nuestros feligreses y visitantes enumeren sus intenciones y hagan una donación al Santuario. Estas intenciones se recuerdan especialmente todos los jueves en nuestra Novena perpetua a Santa Katharine Drexel después de las Misas de 7:15 AM y 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral. También estoy agradecido por las ofrendas que acompañan a estas peticiones de oración. Contribuyen al desarrollo y a la promoción del Santuario. Invito a nuestros feligreses a recordar todas esas peticiones hechas en la Tumba de nuestra Santa de Filadelfia también en sus oraciones, especialmente en la Misa. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!

*La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida a las Misiones y Misioneros Católicos alrededor del mundo.* Si es posible, aproveche la posibilidad en línea de hacer su oferta semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente con la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (Colecta de Bloques) que se lleva a cabo en este momento.

¡Dios te bendiga!

Padre Dennis Gill



## ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE

Six day candles are available now and all throughout 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.#: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – "ALL SOULS DAY" WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

### Holy Mass Schedule on this Feast:

7:15 AM Holy Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

12:05 PM Holy Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

7:00 PM Holy Mass for All Souls in the Cathedral Basilica  
(Mass according to the Missal of 1962)

**11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance, in the Cathedral Basilica**

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



*Leroy Axel Herndandez  
Henry Nahum Nolasco Portillo  
Jacob Nolasco Portillo  
Maria Magdalena Trueax*

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

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



*Gregory Francis & Daniela Ortiz Coppola  
John Anthony & Yolande Marlene Cerrato Falcone  
Shawn William & Mikayla Carol Doane Moffitt  
Robert Truman & Bridget Anne Higgins Tatum  
Matthew Joseph & Ashley Erin Morgan Krol  
Matthew Steven & Paige Neill Bustamante  
Jason Patrick & Alexandra Rose Hovatter Wilkins  
Dillon Garth & Jianna Rae Kalouche Reinert  
Robert Joseph & Natalie Victoria DeLuca Mirable  
Angelo & Clara Carabotto DiCarlo  
Sean Patrick & Mayra Alejandra Marquez Farkas*

*Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.*

## Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica



*Most Reverend Robert Patrick Maginnis  
Dominick Pulcinello  
May they rest in the peace of Christ!*

## ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2022 | 7:00 PM



*Mass according to the Missal of 1962*

Join us in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) in which we will pray for the happy repose of all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL  
AND THE SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL  
15TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY  
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Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia Pa



Christmas Concert  
Dec. 4, 2022 3pm

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## EVANGELIZATION

### Prayer in the Old Testament - Pt. 1 Growing in Prayer (Part III)

Friends, last week we considered an important question when trying to grow in prayer. The primary question we considered was: "What is prayer?" Christian Prayer is marked by an interpersonal exchange between man and God; an intimate sharing between friends. (CCC 2709) This can sound very different from what we might think of when we talk about "prayer." It is critical to consider what God teaches us about prayer in his Word (in the Bible) and through His Church.

The revelation of prayer begins in the Old Testament with God's sorrowful call to his first children. (CCC 2568) God calls out to Adam: "Where are you?... What is this you that you have done?" (Gen 3:9, 13). Man's desire to be like God, to share in God's nature is not possible on his own. God must take the initiative; and so he does. This initiative will climax in the Incarnation when Jesus, the Son of God become the Son of Man. Still much happens in between that helps us to understand how we are to relate to God as men and women seeking Him.

We see figures like Abel and Noah offering prayers and sacrifices to God. We see others like Enoch who "walks with God" and Abraham who begins to follow God's call to leave all and walk in faith into a foreign land. With Noah and Abraham, God makes covenants. Covenants are sacred contracts wherein a family bond is founded. These covenants teach us how intimately God desires to be with his beloved.

God will continue to affirm his desire for his people through the ages most especially in the premier act of liberation he undertakes for his people Israel when he delivers them from Pharaoh through Moses. He will reveal to Moses his name and speak with him on intimate terms, face to face as one man speaks to another (cf. Ex 33:11).

Through Moses, God will make clear his desire for mankind in the way they are to live as creatures made in his image and likeness, a people peculiarly God's own. He will offer them (and us) the commandments which make clear the way we are to be holy as he is holy (Lev 19:2). The intimate relationship of prayer will become intertwined with the life he desires for us.

So what have we learned? Man's desire for God, is preceded by God's desire for Man. God's initiative is at work all along the way, in a word, God labors to bring about man's salvation. Man is capable of relating to God in a personal way. Like other relationships the bond, a true lasting bond is deepened through words and deeds that express love being exchanged at regular intervals. Finally, relationship has its expectations, contours in which we live (the commandments). Next week we will follow the revelation of prayer as the people of Israel enter the promised land and beyond.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki


### Holy Martyrs Respect Life Forum

Living in a Post-Roe World:  
Dispelling the Myths


Speakers: **Wednesday October 19, 2022**  
7:00 pm



**Ms. Marlene Downing**  
PA Deputy State Director, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America



**Mr. Michael J. McMonagle**  
President, Pro-Life Coalition of PA




**Dr. Lester Ruppertsberger**  
Medical director for two crisis pregnancy centers in Philadelphia area

**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church**  
Father Szal Conference Room  
120 Allison Road, Oreland PA 19075  
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**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION**  
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**Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter**