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

December 18 2022



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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 MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday

8:00 AM, 9:30 ÅM, 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 18, 2022

"The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel."

MT 1:23 R. Alleluia, alleluia.



December 17	Saturday
	Late Advent Weekday
12:05	Leone, Cuccurrullo,
	Kenny Families
5:15	Peg, Gene, Maureen
	Janda, Peggy Ann and
Sean	
December 18	Fourth Sunday of
Advent	
	the People of the Parish
	oria Quici
	ol Wenger Gibbons
12:30 Seb	oastian Rodriguez
	gilio P. Domingo
December 19 Monday	
7:15	Late Advent Weekday Jan Blackman
12:05	Chris Herner
December 20 Tuesday Late Advent Weekday	
7:15	Juan Chico
12:05	John Twomey
December 21	-
Late Advent Weekday	
	St. Peter Canisius
7:15	Thomas & Beatrice
	Sheridan
12:05	Lawrence Dietz
December 22	Thursday
	Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Bishop Maginnis
12:05	Margaret Anselmo
December 23 Friday	
	Late Advent Weekday
7.15	St. John of Kanty
7:15	Harry J. Booth, III
12:05	Intentions of Peter Jun
December 24 Saturday	
12.05	Late Advent Weekday

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
11:00 PM

Joan Lutkus Gustitis

Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass)

5:00 PM & 7:30 PM (Bilingual)

Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Christmas Day Masses

December 25

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

8:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

10:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent ends with Christmas Eve this Saturday, December 24, 2022. The Church draws our attention this Sunday to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Gospel for this Sunday recalls the words of the Prophet Isaiah that a virgin shall bear a son and that his name will be Emmanuel (see Isaiah 7:14). Saint Joseph learns from the angel that the virgin is the Virgin Mary who conceived by the Holy Spirit and will bear the Savior who will save his people from their sins (see Matthew 20: 20-21). What remarkable realities are given to us today in the Word of God. The Savior and the plan of his virgin birth had been promised for centuries. When the promise is fulfilled, God will be truly with us, the meaning of Emmanuel. This promise is realized with the Virgin Mary when the Son of God comes into our world as our Savior. The Virgin Mary is at the center of God's plan as she humbly and freely allows God's promise of salvation to pass through her to all people for all time. This Sunday and these last days of Advent we look to Mary as a woman of faith and confidence in God and his plan for her, as the one who received the Savior into her womb and gave birth to him for the salvation of all the world for all time. This Sunday, let us pray with Mary that we may be open to allow God's grace to "conceive" the Savior in our hearts and lives this Christmas. Let us pray that we may fully respond to this grace of the newborn Savior given to us to live more fully in the right relationship with God and our neighbor. Let Mary be our special companion these days as we await the Birth of the Lord Jesus among us this Christmas.

Please see the schedule for the Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas found elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. The 7:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve will be in English and Spanish. Also, during these last days of Advent, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is available in the Basilica on Monday through Friday, beginning at 11:30 AM, and on Saturday, Christmas Eve, beginning at 11:00 AM.

On December 1, 2019, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, Admirabile Signum, on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene. His letter is found easily online. The Holy Father encourages us to set up scenes of the Birth of the Lord in our home, at work, and also in public places to remind us during Christmas of the great gift of the Incarnation, to aid our prayer and thanksgiving for so great a gift and to remind others of the wonder of the Nativity. The letter is a beautiful meditation on the Nativity itself.

Plan now to bring a family member and/or a friend with you to Mass to celebrate the Holy Day of Christmas next Sunday.

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!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed to the support of the various ministries in the Cathedral Parish. If possible, please make use of the on-line opportunities for 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) and the Annual Seminary Collection taking place at this time.

Blessed Advent! Father Dennis Gill Rector

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PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Let us prepare our hearts during this time of Advent to welcome the Messiah. His mother, Mary, the woman of the YES, made the plan of God her own without reservation. Let us ask Mary to become a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish through your will or a planned gift.

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 12/11 was:

Regular \$5,173

Special 1,124 (for landscaping needs of the

Electronic* 2,454 Cathedral Parish)

Total \$8,751

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

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:

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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

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click **Here**, or go to:

https://vimeo.com/event/2470138; Worship Aid

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-

There is no Catechetical Session on Thursday, December 22 & 29, 2022, 7:00 PM



Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos: Shane, David and Joe Anderson, Lucy Parolie, Cristelene Agbayani, Denys Rawson, Scott Lawson, Joshua Storey, Colleen, Joe, Kathleen Anderson, David, Frank A. Vara, Joanne Quickle and her intentions, Casey McKee, Antonio, Edi & Fabio, Edmund Napieralski, TerriAnn DiMarcantonio, Joseph Maiellano, Alex and Paige Bednarsky, Lysiane, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org., Eridania Guzmán, 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:

<u>prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.</u> 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.

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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

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

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILACIÓN Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO Oficina para Católicos Hispanos CLICK HERE

https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/December-Diciembre-2022.pdf

HORARION DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD 2022

Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor, 25 de diciembre - Un Día de Precepto

Sábado, Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre del 2022

5:00 PM - Misa Solemne de Vigilia y 7:30 PM - Misa de Vigilia en la Basílica (Misa bilingue— inglés y español) 11:00 PM - Preludio Coral de la Misa de Noche (Misa de Medianoche): Música Sacra y Villancicos Domingo,

Día de Navidad, Domingo, 25 de diciembre del 2022

12:00 AM - Misa Solemne de Noche (Misa de Medianoche) en la Basílica La Misa de las 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM y la de las 12:00 PM en la Basílica

No hay Misa de 6:30 PM.

Lunes, diciembre 26, 2022 9:00 AM Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral

Para más información, visite: https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Spanish-Flyer-2022.pdf

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. El Adviento termina con la Nochebuena de este sábado 24 de diciembre del 2022. La Iglesia llama nuestra atención este domingo a María, la Madre de Jesús. El evangelio de este domingo recuerda las palabras del profeta Isaías de que una virgen dará a luz un hijo y su nombre será Emanuel (Isaías 7:14). San José aprende del ángel de que la virgen es la Virgen María que concibió por obra del Espíritu Santo y dará a luz al Salvador que salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados (ver Mateo 20, 20-21). Qué notables realidades nos son dadas hoy en la Palabra de Dios. El Salvador y el plan de su nacimiento virginal habían sido prometidos durante siglos. Cuando la promesa se cumpla, Dios estará verdaderamente con nosotros, el significado de Emmanuel. Esta promesa se realiza con la Virgen María cuando el Hijo de Dios viene a nuestro mundo como nuestro Salvador. La Virgen María está en el centro del plan de Dios, ya que humilde y libremente permite que la promesa de salvación de Dios pase a través de ella a todas las personas para siempre. Este domingo y estos últimos días de Adviento miramos a María como una mujer de fe y confianza en Dios y en su designio sobre ella, como la que recibió en su seno al Salvador y lo dio a luz para la salvación de todo el mundo para todo el tiempo. Este domingo, oremos con María para que podamos estar abiertos a permitir que la gracia de Dios "conciba" al Salvador en nuestros corazones y vidas esta Navidad. Oremos para que podamos responder plenamente a esta gracia del Salvador recién nacido dada a nosotros para vivir más plenamente en la relación correcta con Dios y nuestro prójimo. Que María sea nuestra compañera especial en estos días mientras esperamos el Nacimiento del Señor Jesús entre nosotros esta Navidad.

Consulte el horario de las Misas para la Solemnidad de Navidad que se encuentra en otra parte de esta edición del Boletín Parroquial. La misa de las 7:30 PM en Nochebuena será en inglés y español. Además, durante estos últimos días de Adviento, el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación está disponible en la Basílica de lunes a viernes, a partir de las 11:30 AM, y el sábado, Nochebuena, a partir de las 11:00 AM

El 1 de diciembre del 2019, el Papa Francisco emitió una Carta Apostólica, Admirabile Signum, sobre el significado y la importancia del Belén. Su carta se encuentra făcilmente en línea. El Santo Padre nos anima a montar escenas del Nacimiento del Señor en nuestra casa, en el trabajo y también en los lugares públicos para recordarnos durante la Navidad el gran don de la Encarnación, para ayudarnos en nuestra oración y acción de gracias por tan grande regalo y para recordar a otros la maravilla de la Natividad. La carta es una hermosa meditación sobre la Natividad misma.

Planee ahora traer a un miembro de su familia y/o un amigo a Misa para celebrar el Día de Precepto de Navidad el próximo domingo.

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!

La segunda colecta en la Misa del próximo domingo estará dirigida al apoyo de los diversos ministerios en la Parroquia Catedral. Si es posible, aproveche las oportunidades en línea para hacer su ofrenda semanal. Muchas gracias por toda su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente con la Colecta Parroquial Anual de Otoño (Colecta en Bloque) y la Colecta Anual del Seminario que se llevan a cabo en este momento.

¡Bendecido Adviento! Padre Dennis Gill Rector



CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sundays of Advent

9:00 AM, 12 Noon (in Spanish in the Chapel), and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

Monday through Friday, at 11:30 AM in the Basilica Saturdays of Advent at 4:15 PM in the Basilica

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Basilica

Resources for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship, http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25 A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022 5:00 PM Solemn Vigil Mass and 7:30 PM Vigil Mass in the Basilica (Bilingual Mass-English and Spanish) 11:00 PM Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass): Sacred Music and Carols

Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2022 12:00 AM – Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Basilica 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Noon – Solemn Mass

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Noon – Solemn Mass in the Basilica

There is no 6:30 PM Mass

Monday, December 26, 2022 9:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2022

Follow regular Mass schedule

When a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, this feast is celebrated on December 30 with only one reading before the Gospel.

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1 A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2022
5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica
11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most
Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica

Sunday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2023 12:00 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Basilica 8:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Mass and 11:00 AM, Solemn Mass in the Basilica.; 12:30 PM Spanish Mass in the Chapel.

There is no 6:30 PM Mass

Confessions on Saturday, December 31, 2022, beginning at 4:15 PM and Confessions on Sunday, January 1, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM



Archbishop Pérez wants to text you! Go Forth: Deepen Your Discipleship, Grow in Mission Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the Go Forth initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to text goforth to the number 84576 or (2) visit the website phillydisciples.org/goforth. You will receive the first text on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023.



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, Center Kennedy House, Penn 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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. If you prefer to switch to online giving, please let us know. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish. If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution envelops, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you

DISABILITIES & AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? The CSS Developmental Programs Help-Line is available to answer your questions 484-472-5041

IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org opdarchphilly.org • developmentalpro-

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join our Parish community as we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Each Friday at 3:00 PM for peace in Ukraine and the conversion of Russia.

Join Via Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567068541pwd=Wmo1V01XWElQLzRuZ0JnOWU2T3Rsdz09

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541 Passcode: Mercy "Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, Pray for us!



Holy Hour For Our Priests (Intercessory Prayer Support Team -IPST) Can you commit to making a holy hour once a week for a year for the holiness of one of our priests? If you can, we invite you to join the Intercessory Prayer Support Team.

The Intercessory Prayer Support Team was started by Randa Jabbour. According to the Archdiocesan website it is "a call to strengthen the Church and her priests by organizing a team of 7-10 people who commit for one year to pray for one specific priest. Together they ensure a Eucharistic Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week by one member of the team for the sole intention of the priest's own personal holiness and sanctification."



If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail us at: youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com.

Please search for our Facebook page: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

Events for Young Adults:

- Gospel Reflection: Every Thursday @ 7pm (Drexel Hall
- Meet and Greet: Last Friday of every month @

7pm (Mass followed by pizza and doughnuts in DR Hall.)

- Rosary on Saturday mornings @ 8AM in the Chapel followed by Gospel Reflection in the Neumann Room.

Come and Join us!

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Office for New the Evangelization

CLICK HERE, or go to:

https://phillvevang.flocknote.com/note/18680711

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About The Creed But Were Afraid To Ask! (Presented on Zoom) @ 7-8:30PM

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

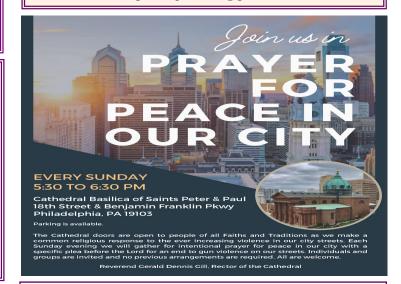
"I BELIEVE . . . " IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Reverend Kevin DePrinzio, OSA, PhD., Vice President for Ministry; Faculty, Theology Department, Villanova University

Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqfqtpj0qG9DlYhkdDd8u4-Kpf9klaMi

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com



PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

The following components can be combined to create a pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel:

- ⇒ Presentation on Saint Katharine Drexel
- ⇒ Guided Tour of the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ Mass (public or separate) and opportunity for Confessions
- ⇒ Prayer to begin or end the day of pilgrimage (suggestions for the group)

The maximum number of people for a pilgrimage is 50 total, students and adults. For lower school students, the ratio of students to adults must be 10 to 1, and for middle and upper school students, the ratio must be 15 to 1. At this time, face coverings or masks must be worn by all who enter the Cathedral Basilica and social distancing must take place wherever possible. The pilgrimage opportunity is offered on Wednesdays by appointment, but note that the order of these components is flexible as is the time of day, all subject to available resources. Please contact Martha Ortiz at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com to schedule a pilgrimage for your group.

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