

# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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**February 12, 2023**

## **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 in the Cathedral Basilica  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica  
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the Cathedral Chapel (Misa en español, en la Capilla)  
6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica  
**Weekdays:** 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel  
**Saturdays:** 12:05 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel  
**Holy Days:** See website

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica  
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla  
**Weekdays:** 11:30 AM in the Basilica  
**Saturday:** 4:15 PM in the 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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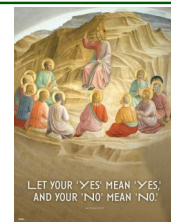


Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/>

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, February 12, 2023

*“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.” MT. 11:25*  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



**February 11 Saturday, Weekday**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes;**  
**BVM**

12:05 Mary Ellen Blaney  
 5:15 Michelina Berarducci & Family

**February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 Filomena Berarducci & Family  
 11:00 George N. Ruhland  
 12:30 Fernando Seferino Castro  
 6:30 Alessandro Iavarone

**February 13 Monday, Weekday**

7:15 Ralph Berarducci  
 12:05 In Thanksgiving to God, the Father

**February 14 Tuesday**  
**Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

7:15 Maryellen Harding  
 12:05 Intentions of the Chico Guzman Family

**February 15 Wednesday, Weekday**

7:15 Daniel Aquilino  
 12:05 Angeline R. Bennie

**February 16 Thursday, Weekday**

7:15 William Felinski  
 12:05 Umberto Colavita

**February 17 Friday, Weekday**  
**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

7:15 Intentions of Agatha Jun  
 12:05 Rose McCormick

**February 18 Saturday, Weekday**  
**BVM**

12:05 Steven Masturzo  
 5:15 Domenico Berarducci & Family

**February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 Nicola Berarducci & Family  
 11:00 Intentions of Francis Gestiada  
 12:30 Sonia Lopatynsky  
 6:30 Kathleen Contrucci

Dear Parishioners,

*This is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* The Holy Gospel for this Sunday provides a wonderful preparation for Lent. The Lord gives a fuller explanation to observing the commandments along with some excellent examples. It is insufficient only to know the commandments as a follower of the Lord or even to observe them only in an overarching way. Rather, as the Lord instructs, we are to obey them completely and teach others to do the same. In the days ahead as we anticipate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, let us spend some time, with the Ten Commandments in mind, looking for the ways we need to address our failure or omission to be true to the ways of the Lord. Let us commit with the nearness of Lent to seek more sincerely to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

*Today, the second Sunday of February is World Marriage Day.* Our American Bishops encourage us to observe this day with prayer for the dignity and protection of Marriage, especially Christian Marriage. Of all the Christian vocations, Marriage suffers the most from a near collapse in our time. The incredible disregard among Christians of the Gospel and Church teaching against cohabitation before Marriage, openness to and respect for natural conception, and, more recently, an unambiguous understanding of Marriage as the faithful and permanent union between a man and a woman, definitely compels us to pray for Marriage. Our prayer needs to be united to a reception in our hearts and minds of the Gospel and Church teaching on the institution and Sacrament of Marriage. Today, World Marriage Day, invites all of us to do our part, especially with engaged couples to support them in their fidelity to the Lord's plan for Marriage. Let us remember today in our prayers all married couples. May the Lord keep them safe in their married lives and may they be a reminder to all of us of the love Christ has for his holy Church.

*Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, is just ten days away.* Baskets will again be the entrances to the Basilica next Sunday for your old blessed palm. This palm from last year's Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will be burned for this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you do not bring your palm to church, please dispose of it carefully by burning it or burying it. *Please take note of the insert in today's Parish Bulletin which lists the many ways to observe Lent 2023 here at the Cathedral Parish.*

*The 2009 Archdiocesan Heritage of Faith Campaign case statement, that projected for much needed financial resources for the Cathedral Basilica, did not include the renovation of lightning.* I draw your attention to the fact that we are petitioning for the inclusion of this project so that the Cathedral Basilica can benefit from the remaining funds of this campaign.

*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!*

*Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.* The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the support of the outreach services in the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much, especially for your attentiveness to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you,  
 Father Dennis Gill, Rector

## PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Make a gift that continues the God-given gifts you receive and give during your lifetime. A gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or other planned gift creates a perpetual legacy of support. Consider supporting the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in this very special way. Your support makes a difference in the life of our Church. Consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to provide for the future of our 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 2/5 was:

<b>Regular</b>	\$4,275
<b>Special</b>	1,351 (for the poor and needy in vicinity of the
<b>Electronic*</b>	2,125 Cathedral Parish)
<b>Total</b>	\$7,751

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for January.  
Thank you!

**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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## COLLECTION OF OLD BLESSED PALM

*Ash Wednesday is around the corner, February 22, 2023.*

Baskets will be at the entrances to the Basilica on **Sunday, February 19** for your old blessed palm. This palm from last year's Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will be burned for this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

If you do not bring your palm to church, please dispose of it carefully by burning it or burying it at home.

## Keys & Sword

### 2023 BUSINESS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The Keys and Sword Initiative is an effort of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. What began as an annual event has transformed into an impactful, year-round initiative of the Mother Church. This breakfast will unite the Greater Philadelphia business community as we build connections and generate support for this meaningful initiative and the Mother Church.

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2023**

**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

**The Logan Philadelphia  
1 Logan Square,  
Philadelphia, PA 19103**



Please join us for breakfast and an encouraging messages from local business leaders.

Click below to register.  
Registration Fee: \$25/person

## 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)

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

**-Adult faith formation-**

***The Seventh Commandment***

**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 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/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:**

Tony Palermo and his intentions, Mark Reynolds Farrington, Rev. James Casey, Cyndi Hylton, Denisa Tenea's intentions, Judy Andrade's intentions, Valety Nicolas, Shane, David and Joe Anderson, Lucy Parolie, Cristelene Agbayani, Denys Rawson, Scott Lawson, Joshua Storey, Colleen, Joe, Kathleen Anderson, David, Joanne Quickle and her intentions, 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:**

[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*



### **COLECCIÓN DE PALMA BENDITA VIEJA**

**El miércoles de ceniza está a la  
vuelta de la esquina, 22 de  
febrero del 2023**

Las canastas estarán en las entradas a la Basílica el **domingo 19 de febrero** para tu vieja palma bendita. Esta palma del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor del año pasado será quemada para las cenizas de este año para el Miércoles de Ceniza.

Si no trae su palma a la iglesia, deséchela con cuidado quemándola o enterrándola en su casa.

### **SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

### **RETIRO: Un Camino de Esperanza: De la Cruz a la Resurrección**

**Sábado, Febrero 18, 2023 from 1-6:00 pm**  
**Lugar: Parroquia Holy Innocents**

Para familias con niños con discapacidades en: cualquier niño que tenga un IEP o un Plan 504 calificaría para este retiro, incluidos los niños con síndrome de Down, autismo, sordera/discapacidad auditiva, ceguera/deficiencia visual, discapacidades intelectuales, discapacidades de aprendizaje, discapacidades del comportamiento, impedimentos ortopédicos, impedimentos del habla o ADHD.

Visite <https://opdarchphilly.org/> para obtener más detalles.

### **BOLETIN INFORMATIVO**

Oficina para Católicos Hispanos

**CLIC AQUI,**

<https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Febrero-February-2023.pdf>

### **REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*Este es el sexto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario.* El santo evangelio de este domingo ofrece una maravillosa preparación para la Cuaresma. El Señor da una explicación más completa sobre la observancia de los mandamientos junto con algunos ejemplos excelentes. Es insuficiente solo conocer los mandamientos como un seguidor del Señor o incluso observarlos solo de manera general. Más bien, como el Señor instruye, debemos obedecerlos completamente y enseñar a otros a hacer lo mismo. En los días venideros, mientras anticipamos el Miércoles de Ceniza y el comienzo de la Cuaresma, pasemos un tiempo, con los Diez Mandamientos en mente, buscando las formas en que debemos abordar nuestro fracaso u omisión para ser fieles a los caminos del Señor. Comprometámonos con la cercanía de la Cuaresma a buscar más sinceramente apartarnos del pecado y ser fieles al evangelio.

*Hoy, segundo domingo de febrero, es el Día Mundial del Matrimonio.* Nuestros obispos estadounidenses nos animan a observar este día con oración por la dignidad y protección del matrimonio, especialmente el matrimonio cristiano. De todas las vocaciones cristianas, el matrimonio es el que más sufre de un colapso cercano en nuestro tiempo. El increíble desprecio entre los cristianos por el evangelio y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia en contra de la convivencia antes del matrimonio, la apertura y el respeto por la concepción natural y, más recientemente, una comprensión inequívoca del matrimonio como la unión fiel y permanente entre un hombre y una mujer, definitivamente nos obliga a para orar por el matrimonio. Nuestra oración necesita estar unida a una recepción en nuestros corazones y mentes del evangelio y la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la institución y el Sacramento del Matrimonio. Hoy, Día Mundial del Matrimonio, nos invita a todos a hacer nuestra parte, especialmente con las parejas de novios para apoyarlos en su fidelidad al plan del Señor para el matrimonio. Recordemos hoy en nuestras oraciones a todos los matrimonios. Que el Señor los mantenga a salvo en su vida matrimonial y que sean un recordatorio para todos nosotros del amor que Cristo tiene por su santa Iglesia.

*El Miércoles de Ceniza, 22 de febrero del 2023, está a sólo diez días. Las cestas volverán a estar en las entradas de la Basílica el próximo domingo para su vieja palma bendita.* Esta palma del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor del año pasado será quemada para las cenizas de este año para el Miércoles de Ceniza. Si no lleva su palma a la iglesia, deséchela con cuidado quemándola o enterrándola. *Tome nota del inserto en el boletín parroquial de hoy que enumera las muchas maneras de observar la Cuaresma del 2023 aquí en la Parroquia de la Catedral.*

*La declaración del caso de la Campaña Arquidiocesana del Patrimonio de la Fe del 2009, que proyectó recursos financieros muy necesarios para la Catedral Basílica, no incluyó la renovación de la iluminación.* Llamo su atención sobre el hecho de que estamos solicitando la inclusión de este proyecto para que la Catedral Basílica se beneficie de los fondos restantes en esta campaña.

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

*Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral.* La segunda colecta el próximo domingo estará destinada al apoyo de los servicios de extensión en la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias, especialmente por su atención a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

Dios te bendiga,  
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

## 2023 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

**February 25 @ 11AM**

Philadelphia North & Bucks county

**February 25 @ 3PM**

Delaware county & Philadelphia South

**February 26 @ 3PM**

Montgomery & Chester counties

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

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



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at:

- ⇒ **7:15 AM (Cathedral Chapel)**
- ⇒ **12:05 PM (Cathedral Basilica)**
- ⇒ **5:15 PM (Cathedral Basilica)**

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

## Finding GOD in LOSS

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia

1166 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

Have you recently suffered death of a loved one, a diagnosis, or another loss? With God there is hope and healing. Join us for a half-day retreat to reflect on the presence and healing power of God in the midst of grief.

**\$25**

(Lunch included)

Register at  
[www.SaintRitaShrine.org](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: PRAISE & WORSHIP

**March 31, 2023 from 8:00 -9:15 pm**

Cathedral Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

All are welcome to participate  
in the worship of our Lord in the Eucharist

*Confession will be available | Parking available in the Cathedral lot*

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul  
YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Book Study: What Happens at Mass**  
by Jeremy Driscoll, OSB

Join Fr. Dennis Gill  
in the Neumann Room

**WHAT HAPPENS AT MASS**  
REVISED EDITION  
JEREMY DRISCOLL, OSB

**Tuesday  
February  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
7 - 8:30 PM**  
No registration required

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.  
Presents:

**Everything you  
always wanted to  
know about ~~the~~  
The Creed**

\* But were afraid to ask

How do we  
know Jesus  
rose again?"

What is an  
"apostolic"  
Church?

Is there more  
than one baptism?

### WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED?

Submit your questions and join us this Lent for Part II of our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

**February 28 - "For our sake he was crucified . . ."**

Speaker: Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Pastoral Services, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

Register at the link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfYWD0HDUfMxw>

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#). For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call (215) 627-1838 Parish Website: [www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)





## CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL MARCH 3, 2023

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL February 22 through March 2, 2023

*The Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel  
will be prayed at every Mass in the Cathedral Basilica*  
[Click Here to download the Solemn Novena prayers](#)

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

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

### FEAST DAY OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL MARCH 3, 2023

*The Cathedral Basilica is open from 7:00 AM to  
9:00 PM for visits and prayer at the Tomb of  
Saint Katharine Drexel.*

- ⇒ 7:15 AM Feast Day Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- ⇒ 11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ 12:05 PM Sung Feast Day Mass in the Basilica

*This 12:05 PM Celebration of Holy Mass will be  
live-streamed on the website of the Archdiocese of  
Philadelphia, <https://archphila.org/>, or [click HERE](#) to  
have access directly.*

**SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!**

## PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

### *New Parishioners*

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

### *Parishioners*

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please contact the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please contact the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313, or email us at [info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org)

## Christ in the City will start having WEEKLY LUNCHES IN THE PARK! (On the Cathedral Lawn!)

After a beautiful beginning to their "Lunch in the Park" in December and January, our friends in Christ in the City will now be having Lunches EVERY WEEK, starting on:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
NOON TO 1:00 PM  
ON THE CATHEDRAL LAWN!

Training sessions to become a Christ in the City volunteer with homeless persons in our neighborhood will be offered at the Cathedral starting on:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
(ASH WEDNESDAY - LUNCH WILL BE MEATLESS!)  
before lunch from 11 to 11:45 am

and on subsequent Wednesdays. Come to lunch on February 15 to find out more! You can contact Christ in the City at: [emma@christinthecity.org](mailto:emma@christinthecity.org) for more information.

Thank you for your interest!



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the **FIRST Sunday** of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

**Upcoming Baptisms: March 5; April 9; May 7, 2023**

Most of the *Baptism Preparation Sessions* take place on the **THIRD Sunday** of each month at 12:30 PM in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the parish office **to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.**

**Upcoming prep sessions: February 12; March 19; April 16; May 21, 2023**

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website:  
[cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism](https://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism)