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



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February 19, 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 19, 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.



Dear Parishioners,

February 18 Saturday, Weekday **BVM** 12:05 Steven Masturzo Domenico Berarducci 5:15 & 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 February 20 Monday, Weekday **Presidents' Day** John Shay 7:15 In Thanksgiving to 12:05 God, the Father February 21 Tuesday St. Peter Damian 7:15 Andrea Fraga 12:05 Lawrence Iacono February 22 Wednesday Ash Wednesday 7:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 Intention of the Priest Celebrant 5:15 Intention of the Priest Celebrant February 23 Thursday after Ash Wednesday St. Policarp Philip W. Mosner 7:15 12:05 William Hicks February 24 Friday after Ash Wednesday 7:15 Intetions of Butch & Jackie Spieker 12:05 John Train February 25 **Saturday** after Ash Wednesday 12:05 Kathleen Cleplinski The Harvey Family 5:15 February 26 First Sunday of Lent 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Lorno Berarducci & Family 11:00 Josephine Smith 12:30 Raul & Blanca Guillama 6:30 Intentions of Sr. Moira Debono, RSM

This is the Seventh Sunday in Ordianary Time. Jesus continues to teach us this Sunday his way of life with another segment of his Sermon on the Mount. After instructing his followers and all of us in the Gospel to love our enemies, he then says, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). This is an astonishing commandment from the Lord. We know God is perfect. However, is perfection possible for us? Scripture scholars and commentators read these words of Christ in many different ways but generally come to the same conclusion about them. God is all holy, all perfect. It is possible with God's help and grace for us to be holy as well, to seek a sinless way of life in fidelity to Jesus. This is our journey to perfection. With Lent around the corner, let us give every effort to strive for the perfection that Jesus asks of us.

This Wednesday, February 22, 2023, is Ash Wednesday. Please see the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday elsewhere in this edition of the parish bulletin. Every year, even though we know that it is coming, Ash Wednesday seems to arrive very quickly. These few days before the beginning of Lent give us the opportunity to plan our own personal observance of this holy time. The Forty Days of Lent beckon us anew to be about the necessary work of a follower of Christ, to turn away from sin and be faithful, even more so, to his Gospel. The Lenten disciplines and practices are intended to guide and help us on this path. I encourage you to review carefully the insert in the parish bulletin listing so many Lenten opportunities and determine now your plan for Lent, including your Lenten confession.

Next Sunday, February 26, 2023, the catechumens and candidates for the Easter Sacraments here at the Cathedral Parish will participate in the 3:00 PM Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion in the Cathedral Basilica. You are most welcome to join our catechumens and candidates for this important step on their path to the Easter Sacraments. With this rite, the Archbishop 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.

The Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins on February 22 and concludes on March 2 at the Cathedral Basilica. Please see more details about the Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel elsewhere in this edition of the parish bulletin. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

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.

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 young adult ministries 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 <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</u>. Thank you so very much, especially for your attentiveness to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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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: <u>www.cathedralphila.org</u>. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us. And let us remember to always pray for each other!

Your generosity on 2/12 was:Regular\$3,907Special1,351 (for the care of aging and ill priests of theElectronic*2,125Total\$7,383

*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 <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate</u>/ or scan this QR code:



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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

- \Rightarrow 7:15 AM (Cathedral Chapel)
- \Rightarrow 12:05 PM (Cathedral Basilica)

\Rightarrow 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.



CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-*The Eighth Commandment* Thursday, February 23, 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

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. 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.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

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

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

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO Oficina para Católicos Hispanos <u>CLIC AQUI</u>, <u>https://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/02/Febrero-February-2023.pdf</u>



Estimados feligreses,

Este es el séptimo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Jesús continúa enseñándonos este domingo su forma de vida con otro segmento de su Sermón de la Montaña. Después de instruir a sus seguidores y a todos nosotros en el evangelio a amar a nuestros enemigos, luego dice: "Sean ustedes perfectos como es perfecto el Padre de ustedes que está en el Cielo (Mateo 5:48). Este es un mandamiento asombroso del Señor. Sabemos que Dios es perfecto. Sin embargo, ¿es posible para nosotros la perfección? Los estudiosos de las escrituras y los comentaristas leen estas palabras de Cristo de muchas maneras diferentes, pero generalmente llegan a la misma conclusión acerca de ellas. Dios es todo santo, todo perfecto. Es posible con la ayuda y la gracia de Dios que nosotros también seamos santos, que busquemos una forma de vida sin pecado en fidelidad a Jesús. Este es nuestro viaje a la perfección. Con la cuaresma a la vuelta de la esquina, pongamos todo nuestro empeño en alcanzar la perfección que Jesús nos pide.

Este miércoles 22 de febrero del 2023 es Miércoles de Ceniza. Consulte el horario de Misas para el Miércoles de Ceniza en otra parte de esta edición del boletín parroquial. Todos los años, aunque sabemos que se acerca, el Miércoles de Ceniza parece llegar muy rápido. Estos pocos días antes del comienzo de la cuaresma nos dan la oportunidad de planificar nuestra propia observancia personal de este tiempo sagrado. Los cuarenta días de cuaresma nos llaman nuevamente a emprender la obra necesaria de un seguidor de Cristo, a alejarnos del pecado y ser fieles, aún más, a su evangelio. Las disciplinas y prácticas de cuaresma están destinadas a guiarnos y ayudarnos en este camino. Los animo a revisar cuidadosamente el inserto en el boletín parroquial que enumera tantas oportunidades de Cuaresma y determinar ahora su plan para la cuaresma, incluida su confesión de cuaresma.

El próximo domingo 26 de febrero del 2023, los catecúmenos y candidatos a los Sacramentos de Pascua aquí en la Parroquia Catedral participarán en el Rito de Elección y el Llamado a la Conversión Continua a las 3:00 p.m. en la Basílica Catedral. Le invitamos a unirse a nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos en este importante paso en su camino hacia los Sacramentos de Pascua. Con este rito, el Arzobispo elige a los catecúmenos para ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual y hacer una buena cuaresma. Se anima a los candidatos, como cristianos ya bautizados, a perseverar durante la cuaresma con la oración y la penitencia para prepararse para completar su Iniciación Cristiana con la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía. Oremos por todos los catecúmenos y candidatos a los Sacramentos de Pascua en toda la Arquidiócesis.

La Novena Solemne a Santa Katharine Drexel comienza el 22 de febrero y concluye el 2 de marzo en la Catedral Basílica. Consulte más detalles sobre la Fiesta de Santa Katharine Drexel en otra parte de esta edición del boletín parroquial. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!

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.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta el próximo domingo estará dirigida a los ministerios de jóvenes adultos 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 <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</u>. 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

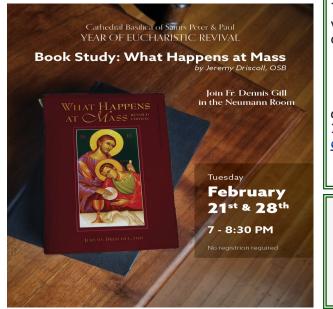
February 25 @ 11AM Philadelphia North & Bucks county February 25 @ 3PM

Delaware county & Philadelphia South

February 26 @ 3PM Montgomery & Chester counties

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





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.

Texts begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023.

To receive the Archbishop's texts in English:

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- use your phone to text goforth to the number 84576 or ٠
 - visit the website https://www.phillydisciples.org/goforth Please help us spread the word!

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.

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 for more information.

Thank you for your interest!

EUCHARISTIC 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

St. Augustine Parish, Phila. What is an **Presents:** How do we know Jesus rose again?" apostolic Is there more than one baptisn hurch **Everything you** tism 2 always wanted to WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED? know about 🔀 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 The Creed from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below! But were afraid to ask 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/meeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfIYWDOHDUfMxw For more information, <u>CLICK HERE</u>. For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838 Parish Website: 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 <u>Click Here to download the Solemn Novena prayers</u>

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

<u>https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/</u>

- \Rightarrow To learn more about our Philadelphia Saint
- \Rightarrow 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.

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

More information can be found at <u>https://</u> <u>cathedralphila.org/feast-of-saint-katharine-drexel-march</u> <u>-3-2022/</u>

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!



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.

Lent 2023

Abstinence from meat and fasting during Lent

The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on **Ash Wednesday**, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

The Way of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass in the Chapel. El Vía Crucis, the Way of the Cross in Spanish, will also take place each Sunday following the 12:30 PM in the Basilica.

Operation Rice Bowl

By eating one simple meal weekly and placing your savings into the Rice Bowl, you will be joining yourself in solidarity with all who have so little to live on and helping to reach out to assist them throughout the world and here in the Archdiocese. Rice bowls are available in the vestibules. Your donations can be dropped off during Holy Week and the first weeks of Easter in the collection basket at Mass.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available:

• On Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel) and 5:30 PM (Basilica)

- On Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and
- On Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica)



Lenten Book Club for Racial Healing

During Lent, we'll read/ journal/ pray our way through the wonderful book by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.,

The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice:

A Month of Meditations with St. Ignatius Loyola.

We will have a peer-guided weekly in-person gathering to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, as Fr. Patrick shares it with us, and how it sheds piercing light on the sin of racism and how to begin to heal its effects on all of us. The meditations follow the framework of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises as laid out by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

In-person will take place on **Monday evenings at 7pm ET**, beginning on February 27th. The final meeting will take place during Easter Week (there will be no meeting during Holy Week).

The meetings will be co-facilitated by Marisabel Alonso and Marcelle McGuirk, and will be in collaboration with New Encounters: Catholics Confronting Racism.

For more information and to register, call Marcelle at (570) 814-4575 or visit <u>www.newencounters.org/events</u>