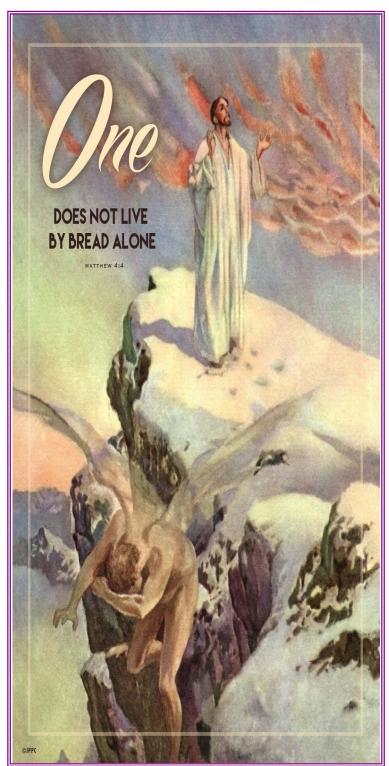
## Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia



#### February 26, 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<br>in the Cathedral Basilica                    |
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|            | 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica                            |
|            | 12:30 PM - Spanish Mass in the<br>Cathedral Chapel<br>(Misa en español, en la Capilla) |
|            | 6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica   |
| Weekdays:  | 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM - Mass in the<br>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<br>12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla |
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| Weekdays: | 11:30 AM in the Basilica  |
| Saturday: | 4:15 PM in the Basilica   |

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:

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## *First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 26, 2023*

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." MT. 4:4b



#### Dear Parishioners,

| February 2  | 25 Saturday<br>after Ash Wednesday   |
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| 12:05<br>5:15   | Kathleen Cleplinski<br>The Harvey Family   |
| <b>February</b><br>8:00<br>9:30<br>11:00<br>12:30<br>6:30 |  |
| February 2  | ,  |
| 7:15<br>12:05   | Lenten Weekday<br>St. Gregory of Narek<br>Stephen Bertrand<br>In Thanksgiving to<br>God, the Father  |
| February  |  |
| 7:15  | Lenten Weekday<br>Peter J. Hinckle   |
| 12:05   | Landa Fiorini  |
| March 1<br>7:15<br>12:05                                  | Wednesday<br>Lenten Weekday<br>Anthony Campione<br>Linda Pierce  |
| March 2<br>7:15<br>12:05                                  | <b>Thursday</b><br><b>Lenten Weekday</b><br>Essie Mae Rubin<br>For the intentions<br>entrusted to St.<br>Katharine Drexel                                |
| March 3   | Friday<br>Lenten Weekday<br>St. Katharine Drexel   |
|   | ntions of the Priest Celebrant<br>ntions of the Priest Celebrant   |
| <b>March 4</b><br>12:05                                   | Saturday<br>Lenten Weekday<br>St. Casimir<br>John J. Kolenich, III   |
| 5:15<br><b>March 5</b><br>8:00<br>9:30<br>11:00<br>12:30  | Berarducci Family<br>Second Sunday of Lent<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Carol McNamee<br>Domenico Pomponio<br>Por todos los sacerdotes<br>difuntos |
| 6.30  | Albert & Kathleen  |

6:30 Albert & Kathleen Contrucci This is the First Sunday of Lent. Everything about Lent, for every member of the Church, is the work of turning away from sin and embracing a Christian life that is even more faithful to the word and ways of Jesus. This is a year round task and not an easy one. Lent gives us the opportunity - as we are inspired by those elected for Baptism at Easter - to root out those things in our lives that are truly obstacles to living fully the Gospel. Lent is a time to be engaged seriously in a period of enlightenment by Christ's word and purification from our sins. I encourage you to make a good Lent! Traditionally, the Holy Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent describes the temptations of Jesus by the devil in the desert. Jesus, the divine Son, gives us an example in the way he confronts the devil to overcome temptation. Jesus, the divine Son, is our power and strength to fight temptation in our lives. He constantly offers us his mercy to heal and restore us as his followers. With the gift of the strength and the mercy of the Lord, we cannot help but make a good Lent.

A good Confession is part of a good Lent. Here at the Cathedral Basilica there are countless opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confessions are heard three times on Sundays at 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM in Spanish and 5:30 PM, once on Saturdays at 4:15 PM, and each weekday at 11:30 AM. Confession is a staple of the Christian life and should be a part of our year round practice of the Faith. However, a Lenten Confession gives us the opportunity to face more fully our need for deeper conversion from sin and new life in the Lord. Please encourage the members of your family to join you in making a good Lenten Confession. Also, please reach out to the elderly and homebound with the offer to bring them to Confession.

In addition to a good Confession, the Church invites all of us to look for ways to give alms, to pray and to fast in a more profound and consistent manner during Lent.. Please consider making use of the Rice Bowls found at the entrances to the church. The money we do not spend on food goes to help the poor in many parts of the world. Consider extra time in prayer in your home, especially in the morning and the evening. Pray the psalms during Lent. Consider fasting everyday of Lent. Fasting is certainly penitential but also opens the door for God and his grace to be at work in us. A personal plan of almsgiving, praying and fasting helps to make for a fruitful Lent.

The Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel is this Friday, March 3, 2023. We are in the midst of the Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel concluding on March 2. The principal celebration of her feast will be the sung Mass at 12:05 PM in the Basilica. For more information on our observance of the Feast of Saint Katharine, please see, <u>http://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/</u>. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

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 poor and needy in the neighborhood of 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

## **PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY**



#### Dear Lord,

Make this Lenten season a time for us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Thank you for your cross - the only ladder by which we may go to heaven!

Amen!

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 2/19 was:Regular\$5,436Special1,199 (for the support of outreach services of theElectronic\*2.125Cathedral Parish)Total\$8,760

\*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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## 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 Via 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)
- On Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica)

#### CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-The Sixth and Ninth Commandment Thursday, March 2, 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: Paulo Otávio, 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, 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

#### **ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**

El Via Crucis *(Estaciones de la Cruz)* se realizará todos los domingos despues de la Misa de las 12:30 pm, en la Basílica.



#### Estimados feligreses,

Este es el primer domingo de Cuaresma. Todo lo relacionado con la Cuaresma, para cada miembro de la Iglesia, es el trabajo de alejarse del pecado y abrazar una vida cristiana que es aún más fiel a la palabra y los caminos de Jesús. Esta es una tarea de todo el año y no es fácil. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad, inspirados por los elegidos para el Bautismo en Pascua, de desarraigar aquellas cosas de nuestra vida que son verdaderos obstáculos para vivir plenamente el evangelio. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para comprometerse seriamente en un período de iluminación por la palabra de Cristo y de purificación de nuestros pecados. ¡Los animo a hacer una buena Cuaresma! Tradicionalmente, el santo evangelio del primer domingo de Cuaresma describe las tentaciones de Jesús por parte del diablo en el desierto. Jesús, el Hijo divino, nos da ejemplo en su forma de enfrentarse al diablo para vencer la tentación. Jesús, el Hijo divino, es nuestro poder y fortaleza para combatir la tentación en nuestra vida. Él constantemente nos ofrece su misericordia para sanarnos y restaurarnos como sus seguidores. Con el don de la fuerza y la misericordia del Señor, no podemos dejar de hacer una buena Cuaresma.

Una buena confesión es parte de una buena Cuaresma. Aquí en la Catedral Basílica hay innumerables oportunidades para recibir el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. Las confesiones se escuchan tres veces los domingos a las 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM en español y 5:30 PM, una vez los sábados a las 4:15 PM y todos los días de la semana a las 11:30 AM. La confesión es un elemento básico de la vida cristiana y debe ser parte de nuestra práctica de la fe durante todo el año. Sin embargo, una confesión de Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de enfrentar más plenamente nuestra necesidad de una conversión más profunda del pecado y una nueva vida en el Señor. Anime a los miembros de su familia a unirse a usted para hacer una buena confesión de Cuaresma. Además, comuníquese con los ancianos y los confinados en sus hogares con la oferta de llevarlos a la confesión.

Además de una buena Confesión, la Iglesia nos invita a todos a buscar formas de dar limosna, orar y ayunar de una manera más profunda y consistente durante la Cuaresma. Considere hacer uso de los Platos de Arroz que se encuentran en las entradas de la Iglesia. El dinero que no gastamos en alimentos va a ayudar a los pobres en muchas partes del mundo. Considere tiempo adicional para orar en su hogar, especialmente en la mañana y en la noche. Reza los salmos durante la Cuaresma. Considere ayunar todos los días de Cuaresma. El ayuno es ciertamente penitencial pero también abre la puerta para que Dios y su gracia obre en nosotros. Un plan personal de limosna, oración y ayuno ayuda a que la Cuaresma sea fructífera.

La Fiesta de Santa Katharine Drexel es este viernes 3 de marzo del 2023. Estamos en medio de la Novena Solemne a Santa Katharine Drexel que concluye el 2 de marzo. La celebración principal de su fiesta será la Misa cantada a las 12:05 PM en la Basílica. Para obtener más información sobre nuestra observancia de la Fiesta de Santa Katharine, consulte, <u>http://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/</u>. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!

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!

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad a la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo estará dirigida a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de 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



### Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul FREE PARKING!

#### 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 WEDNESDAY.

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

Come to lunch to find out more! You can contact Christ in the City at: <u>emma@christinthecity.org</u> 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please consider praying outside one of the abortion centers in our city.

Our parish will be outside of Planned Parenthood on Locust St on Friday, March 3, from 8 AM until 5 PM, and at the Philadelphia Women's Center at 777 Appletree on Tuesday, March 28, from 8AM until 3PM.

We would like to have at least two people sign up for each time slot. If you are interested in signing up, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

# **EVANGELIZATION**

## *"Go Forth!" Make Disciples of All Nations (Part 1)*

Friends, this past Wednesday we began the holy season of Lent. Lent is that time during the Church's Liturgical year where we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Church describes Lent this way, she teaches that it "...is a time to hear the Word of God, to convert, to prepare for and remember Baptism, to be reconciled with God and one's neighbor, and of more frequent recourse to the 'arms of Christian penance': prayer, fasting and good works."<sup>1</sup>

That last part makes it sound like Lent is equipping us for a mission! This Lent, Archbishop Pérez is encouraging the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to join him in creating a culture of missionary disciples by more intentionally using this time in order to grow in love for God and neighbor. Over the next few weeks, we are going to look at what this mission entails and how it may lead us to the peace our hearts long for in Christ, our Lord. Our guide each week will be one of the four dismissal formulas for sending God's people forth from Mass. This week, let's look at the mission God gives us through Jesus to "make disciples of all nations," the foundation of every other mission we undertake in his name.

Forty Days after Easter, Jesus ascends to the Father's right hand and beforehand promises to send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his apostles:

> "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:18b-20)

Some commentators refer to this as the "Great Commission." It is with these words that Jesus gives his disciples their mission to make disciples of all nations and know the love of God in Jesus Christ. That mission was not intended for the apostles alone. We too share that mission.

While our own personal prayer makes up only one of the privileged places where God prepares us to carry out this task, the primary place we are equipped to "make disciples of all nations" is the Holy Mass. In each Mass we come together not only to be fed by God's Word in the Holy Scriptures but especially in the Eucharist. In the Eucharist we come into contact with Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead. It is from our encounter with the crucified and risen Jesus that we are called to "Go Forth!" Next week we will look more closely at the Mass and how it prepares us to carry out the great commission.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki

<sup>1.</sup> Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 124.



#### **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/

- $\Rightarrow$  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  $\Rightarrow$ Holy Mass all year round
- To light a votive candle for your intentions at the  $\Rightarrow$ Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel during the Solemn Novena and on her Feast Day

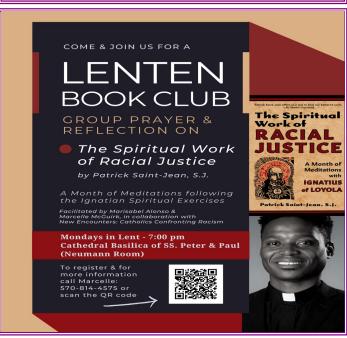
#### FEAST DAY OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL **MARCH 3, 2023**

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  $\Rightarrow$
- 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> cathedralphila.org/feast-of-saint-katharine-drexel-march-3-2022/

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!





MEN'S CONFERENCE

Man Up Philly 2023 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 15th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held on Saturday, March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater

We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us On the Road to Emmaus, for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship.

# Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL **Book Study: What Happens at Mass** y Jeremy Driscoll, OSB Join Fr. Dennis Gill in the Neumann Room Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 7 - 8:30 PM

#### **CATECHETICAL CONVOCATION**

The catechist is a "witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God ... .a teacher and a mystagogue ... an accompanier and educator." -DC 113

We appreciate your kind attention to "reach out" and invite others to join us on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Archbishop **Carroll High School.** 

PRAY. LEARN. REFLECT. on The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

The opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Pérez

followed by a keynote presentation and a series of workshops. Please see the attached flyer which includes information

regarding the electronic registration. Cost is \$45 per person and by credit card only. Email kpfeffer@archphila.org to receive a discount code if you have more than 4 people to register. Group rate: 4 or more people:

\$35/person. Registration is limited, on a first come basis, and will close when capacity is reached.

\*\*Also can be found at https://phillyocf.org/d-cres/ Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

