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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March 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313 <u>www.cathedralphila.org</u> • <u>info@cathedralphila.org</u> Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <u>https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/</u>

Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 19, 2023

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." JN. 8:12



March 18	Saturday
	Lenten Weekday
	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
12:05	Stephen John Ross &
	James Gillilard
5:15	Eduardo Cionci
March 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Elizabeth Masi
11:00	Gildo Cioci & Family
12:30	Sebastian E. Rodríguez
6:30	Frank & Irene Lux
March 20	
	St. Joseph, Spouse of the
7 1 5	Blessed Virgin Mary
7:15	Catherine McDermond
12:05	In Thanksgiving to
	God, the Father
March 21	Tuesday
7 1 5	Lenten Weekday
7:15	Ronald Ferguson
12:05	Harold Scriber Sr.
March 22	Wednesday
7 1 5	Lenten Weekday
7:15	Charles Williams
12:05	Helen Haigerty
March 23	Thursday
	Lenten Weekday
	St. Turibius of
7:15	Mogrovejo Ann Padova
12:05	Janet Williamson
March 24	Friday Lonton Weekdey
7:15	Lenten Weekday Ann Padova
12:05	Thomas Lin
March 25	Saturday
	The Annunciation of the Lord
12:05	Robert G. Flamer
5:15	The Harvey Family
March 26	
8:00 9:30	For the People of the Parish
11:00	Luigi Ranalli & Family Intentions of Bishop David
11.00	Toups
12:30	Maria Miranda
6:30	Tressa Marie Ercole
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This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is often referred to as Laetare Sunday, its Latin title. Laetare is the first word of the Introit (Entrance Chant) for this Sunday and means "rejoice". We rejoice this Sunday not because Lent has passed the half way mark, rather, more importantly, the joy of celebrating Easter is so much nearer. As we rejoice that soon our Lenten journey will come to an end with the great celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, let us also resolve to keep even more vigilantly the discipline of Lent until Easter. If you have not taken the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation this Lent, plan now when that will take place over these next three weeks. Perhaps, you might consider - if you are not doing so already - coming to Mass during the Week, spending some time in adoration of the Cross, during these remaining weeks of Lent. Yes, Easter is near. However, let us not coast through these valuable days of Lent that remain to prepare us for Easter.

The transferred Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is observed tomorrow, Monday, March 20, 2023. The Fourth Sunday of Lent displaces the observance of Saint Joseph today, March 19, 2023. Saint Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church and our intercessor for a happy death. On Monday, consider attending Holy Mass at 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel.

You are reminded that it is our Christian duty to provide for the Sacraments for those in danger of death, especially with the reception of the last Holy Communion, Holy Viaticum. In fact, it is a Precept of the Church to receive Holy Viaticum. Please call on the priests to minister to anyone who is seriously ill, especially nearing the end of life. It is best to make this contact with the parish priests while someone is still conscious and able to participate in the celebration of the Sacraments. Let us pray, with the help of Saint Joseph, intercessor for a happy death, that each of us will have the blessing of a sacramental death when the Lord calls us to our heavenly homeland.

In a short time an invitation to the Keys and Sword Event 2023 will be sent to all of our registered parishioners. A similar invitation also will be sent to friends of the Cathedral Parish all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The event is the principal fund raiser for the Cathedral Parish. It includes opportunities to support the Parish through the purchase of ads for the Ad Book, sponsoring the event through a financial contribution, and/or the purchase of tickets for the event itself. The Keys and Sword Event 2023 will take place on Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Logan Hotel. As always, it promises to be a great evening. You can find more information on the Keys and Sword Event 2023 at http://cathedralphila.org/keys/.

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 liturgical music programs 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

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 3/12 was:				
Regular	\$3,717			
Special	967	(for the Church in Latin America)		
Electronic*	2,614			
Total	\$7,298			

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for February. 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.
- Venmo us @cathedralbasilica
- Donate on-line at <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate</u>/ or scan this QR code:



Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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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.

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-The Call to Holiness

Thursday, March 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: Connie Jo Pearson, Bruno, Ddel, Bridgette Sturdivant, Nicholas, Ralph Fisher, Millie Helt, Joan Jurowicz's intentions, Kate's intentions, Clementine Arnold, Rev. Paul A. Jaroszeski's intentions, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, OCD, Mavisgl, Margaret Ross, Antonio and Adriana Salvucci, George Chester and his intentions, Dianna Boyd, Peggy Welch, James Connolly, 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.

<u>Reserve las fechas</u> <u>2023</u>

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD Cursillo de hombres – 13 al 16 de abril Información – Doni Montano – 267-971-7173

Cursillo de mujeres -18 al 21 de mayo Información – Damaris Montano - 484-680-0363

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/2023/03/Marzo-March-</u> 2023.pdf

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Este es el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma. Este domingo a menudo se conoce como Laetare Sunday, su título en latín. Laetare es la primera palabra del Introito (Canto de Entrada) de este domingo y significa "alégrate". Nos regocijamos este domingo no porque la Cuaresma haya pasado la mitad del camino, sino, lo que es más importante, porque la alegría de celebrar la Pascua está mucho más cerca. Mientras nos regocijamos de que pronto nuestro camino cuaresmal llegará a su fin con la gran celebración de la Resurrección del Señor, resolvámonos también a mantener aún más vigilantes la disciplina de la Cuaresma hasta la Pascua. Si no ha aprovechado la oportunidad de celebrar el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación esta Cuaresma, planifique ahora cuándo tendrá lugar durante las próximas tres semanas. Tal vez, podría considerar - si no lo está haciendo ya - venir a Misa durante la semana, pasar algún tiempo en adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, leer las sagradas escrituras, hacer las estaciones de la cruz, durante estas semanas restantes de la Cuaresma. Sí, la Pascua está cerca. Sin embargo, no nos dejemos llevar por estos valiosos días de Cuaresma que nos quedan para prepararnos para la Pascua.

La Solemnidad transferida de San José, Esposo de la Santísima Virgen María, se observa mañana, lunes 20 de marzo del 2023. El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma desplaza la observancia de San José hoy, 19 de marzo del 2023. San José es el patrón de la Iglesia Universal e intercesor nuestro por una muerte feliz. El lunes, considere asistir a la Santa Misa a las 7:15 AM o a las 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral.

Se les recuerda que es nuestro deber cristiano proporcionar los Sacramentos a aquellos en peligro de muerte, especialmente con la recepción de la última Comunión, el Santo Viático. De hecho, es un Precepto de la Iglesia recibir el Santo Viático. Pida a los sacerdotes que ayuden a cualquier persona que esté gravemente enferma, especialmente cuando se acerca al final de su vida. Es mejor hacer este contacto con los párrocos mientras alguien todavía está consciente y puede participar en la celebración de los Sacramentos. Oremos, con la ayuda de San José, intercesor por una muerte feliz, para que cada uno de nosotros tenga la bendición de una muerte sacramental cuando el Señor nos llame a nuestra patria celestial.

En poco tiempo se enviará una invitación al Evento de Llaves y Espadas 2023 «Keys and Sword por sus siglas en inglés» a todos nuestros feligreses registrados. También se enviará una invitación similar a los amigos de la Parroquia de la Catedral en toda la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. El evento es el principal evento para recaudar fondos para la Parroquia de la Catedral. Incluye oportunidades para apoyar a la Parroquia a través de la compra de anuncios para el Libro de Anuncios, el patrocinio del evento a través de una contribución financiera y/o la compra de boletos para el evento mismo. El Evento de Llaves y Espadas 2023 tendrá lugar el viernes 23 de junio del 2023 en el Hotel Logan. Como siempre, promete ser una gran velada. Puede encontrar más información sobre el evento de Llaves y Espadas 2023 en <u>http://</u>cathedralphila.org/kevs/.

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 programas de música litúrgica 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



THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

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

Our parish will be outside of 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. Thank you!

The Patricians Meeting sponsored by the Legion of Mary

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

HOLY HOUR Sunday, March 26, 2023 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Presenter: Deacon James Mahoney Location: Room 1307, Archdiocesan Pastoral

Center, 222 N. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 All are welcome, free parking available. Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided

during the Tea Break.

The term "Holy Hour" comes from the Latin phrase "hora sancta," which refers to the Roman Catholic devotional practice of adoring the Eucharist for a whole hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



EVANGELIZATION "Go Forth!" Go in Peace, glorifying the Lord by your life (Part 4)

Friends, last Sunday we considered the second of the formulas of dismissal heard at the conclusion of Holy Mass: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." From it we realize that we are sent forth from Mass with a message to proclaim in Jesus' name. Today, we want to examine what is vital for that message being received with an open heart, that is, our own personal witness to the truth of that saving word.

The third of the formulas goes as follows: "*Ite in pace, glorificando vita vestra Dominum*" or "*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*" As we noted previously, the word "*Ite*" is an imperative, that is, a command. It is a command from Jesus to "Go." We go forth from the Mass not only to proclaim the good news of salvation by words but also by the manner of our life.

In the Sermon on the Mount, (Chapters 5-7 of the Gospel according to St. Matthew) Jesus outlines for his disciples the manner of life they are to adopt as his followers. Their adoption of the various habits of the heart which mark men and women as his own will make them *"salt of the earth"* and *"the light of the world."* (cf. Mt 5:13-16) It is worth noting that salt and light are not ordinarily things we praise in their own right but for what they do. Salt, preserves and purifies food; when it no longer is capable of doing this it is not good for anything more than providing traction underfoot. Light, illumines and makes sight possible. Jesus' disciples are not only meant to possess goodness themselves but preserve, purify and illumine the world around them with what they receive from him.

From experience, we know that one's own example can help or hinder a message's reception. We will more often listen willingly to those who not only "talk the talk" but "walk the walk". Pope St. Paul VI saw this reality as being especially true for those persons desirous of spreading the Gospel. He writes:

> "...for the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy and at the same time given to one's neighbor with limitless zeal. As we said recently to a group of lay people, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." (EN 41)

For those who would aspire to share Jesus' message, it is indispensable to consider honestly, whether or not we really live according to the word they have heard. Do we truly make God and his kingdom our top priority? Do we really try to imitate Jesus' own teaching and example, holding fast to the faith and keeping the commandments? Next week we will look at the end which living such a life enables us to enjoy – peace.

Fr. Matthew Biedrzycki



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 **<u>FIRST Sunday</u>** 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: April 2; May 7, 2023.

Most of the *Baptism Preparation Sessions* take place on the <u>THIRD Sunday</u> 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: April 16; May 21, 2023.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website:

cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism



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.

Upcoming Vocation Office Events

<u>B.B.V.C 2023:</u> April 22, 2023 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA Registration Deadline: March 30, 2023

For more information on upcoming events, visit <u>heedthecall.org/summer</u> or contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 610-667-5778



CATECHETICAL CONVOCATION SOLD OUT

The catechist is a "witness of faith and keeper of the memory of Goda 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 25th, 2023 at Archbishop Carroll High School.

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

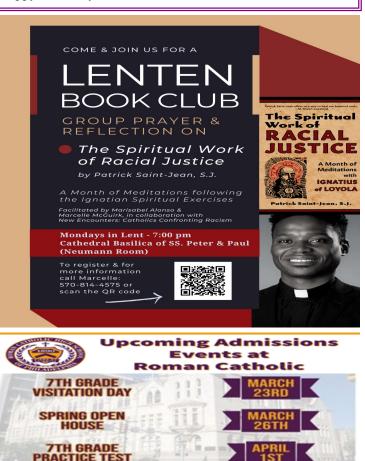
The opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Pérez followed by a keynote presentation and a series of workshops.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM <u>Click Here</u>, or go to: <u>https://vimeo.com/event/2470138</u>; <u>Worship Aid</u>

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM is available after the 9:30 AM Mass and before and after the 11:00 AM Mass to register anyone for the Parish who wishes to become a member. Sister is usually in the pew area opposite the Sacristy doors and will meet with you there. Any one of the Greeters will be happy to assist you.



To register, please contact admissions@romancatholichs.com