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,
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AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK
AND HOMEBOUND

The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector
Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus
Reverend Brandon M. Artman
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Peter J. Welsh
Part-time Parochial Vicar (Spanish Ministry)
Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski
Priest in Residence
Reverend Philip G. Bochanski
Priest in Residence
Deacon Jesús M. Burgos
Permanent Deacon
Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.
Parish Evangelization
Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M.
Outreach Coordinator
Christian M. Thompson
Director of Religious Education
Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music
Mark Loria
Principal Organist

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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Dear Parishioners,

This is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel for this Sunday provides an ever-timely exhortation from the Lord. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid (Matthew 14:27).” Jesus is addressing the disciples who are fearful because of the stormy weather tossing about their boat. The boat of our lives - which includes so many aspects and dimensions- can be tossed about by so many storms that pass our way. These “storms” often bring about much fear for many of us. This fear leads to all kinds of upset, confusion, and disorientation. We need to allow our fear, all our fears, to be steadied by the confident embrace of the Lord for each of us. We belong to him and he belongs to us. He never abandons us. Let us take courage constantly in the Lord who makes our fear occasions of deeper faith.

This Tuesday, August 15, 2023 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This summer Holy Day fills us with the hope that what is Mary’s eternal glory may one day come to each of us in the death and resurrection of her Divine Son. As we look forward to celebrating this great Solemnity, we turn to Mary, our Mother assumed into Heaven, and bring to her the many prayers that we have for so many intentions. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Monday, August 14, with the 5:15 PM Vigil in the Chapel and on Tuesday, August 15, with the 7:15 AM in the Chapel, 12:05 PM in the Basilica, and 5:15 PM in the Chapel. There will also be a 7:00 PM Solemn Mass in the Basilica celebrated according to the 1962 Missale Romanum. Confessions on the Holy Day, August 15, will take place as usual at 11:30 AM in the Basilica.

Summer is passing quickly and soon the children in our parish will be back in school. Parents, as you make preparations for the new school year, please do not forget the obligation to provide for the religious education of your children. If your children are seven years of age, it is time to prepare them for First Penance and First Holy Communion. If they are in the later years of elementary school, it is time to prepare your children for the Sacraments, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Christian Thompson, cthompson@archphila.org.

Invite a family member, a neighbor, and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.

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 give electronically. Please see http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Thank you so very much.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill
Rector

Be safe in the summer heat!
One of the best things about summer is the Joy of time away from work and worries with your family. Remember to remain grateful through prayer for all the joy-filled opportunities. Your Cathedral parish priests shore do have a plan to pray that all of our parishioners have a happy summertime of fun, family and blessings! There are some very cool ways to help us with our ministries this summer! As always, thank you for your generosity and for sharing your joy with us. Please remember our Cathedral parish with your gift.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.

Have the Best Summer Yet!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

The offertory collection for Sunday 7/23/2023, 7/30/2023, 8/6/2023 will be posted on a future edition of the parish bulletin.

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, email us at info@cathedrphila.org or call the office at 215-561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill or Father Artman, 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.
- Donate on-line at http://cathedralphila.org/donate/ 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

2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
THE GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT: THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN UP FOR YOU
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA
Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
For registration go to https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=RcKTzn
More information can be found at https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN
LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM
https://vimeo.com/event/2470138
Worship Aid
Excellent faith formation at your fingertips!
Subscribe for free to this exciting online platform, www.FORMED.org. Parish code, 07854f.

SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:
prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

HANDYMAN NEEDED FOR THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
If you or you know someone who is a well-rounded handyman - with basic skills - interested in a part time job at the Cathedral Basilica, please contact the Rector, 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:

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

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el décimo noveno domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El evangelio de este domingo ofrece una exhortación siempre actual del Señor. “Tranquilícense y no teman. Soy yo (Mateo 14:27).” Jesús se dirige a los discípulos que están temerosos por la tormenta que sacude su barca. El barco de nuestra vida, que incluye tantos aspectos y dimensiones, puede ser sacudido por tantas tormentas que pasan por nuestro camino. Estas “tormentas” a menudo generan mucho miedo para muchos de nosotros. Este miedo conduce a todo tipo de malestar, confusión y desorientación. Necesitamos permitir que nuestro miedo, todos nuestros miedos, sean calmados por el abrazo confiado del Señor para cada uno de nosotros. Él nunca nos abandona. Cobremos ánimo constantemente en el Señor que hace de nuestro miedo ocasiones de fe más profunda.

Este martes 15 de agosto del 2023 es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, Día de Precepto. Este día de obligación de verano nos llena de la esperanza de que lo que es la gloria eterna de María llegue un día a cada uno de nosotros en la muerte y resurrección de su Divino Hijo. A la espera de celebrar esta gran solemnidad, nos dirigimos a María, nuestra Madre Asunta al Cielo, y le llevamos las muchas oraciones que tenemos por tantas intenciones. Las Misas por la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María serán el lunes 14 de agosto a las 5:15 PM en la Capilla y el martes 15 de agosto a las 7:15 AM en la Capilla, 12:05 PM en la Basílica y 5:15 PM en la Capilla. También habrá una Misa Solemne a las 7:00 PM en la Basílica celebrada según el Missale Romanum de 1962. Las confesiones del día de precepto, 15 de agosto, tendrán lugar como de costumbre a las 11:30 AM en la Basílica.

El verano está pasando rápidamente y pronto los niños de nuestra parroquia volverán a la escuela. Padres, al hacer los preparativos para el nuevo año escolar, no olviden la obligación de proveer para la educación religiosa de sus hijos. Si tus hijos tienen siete años de edad, es hora de prepararlos para la Primera Penitencia y la Primera Comunión. Si están en los últimos años de la escuela primaria, es hora de prepararlos para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Si es hora de preparar a sus hijos para los Sacramentos, comuníquese con nuestro Director de Educación Religiosa, Christian Thompson, cthompson@archphila.org.

Invita a un familiar, vecino y/o amigo a acompañarte a la Santa Misa del próximo domingo en la Catedral Basílica.

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!


Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector
TORRESDALE READING CLUB
Thursdays in August and September
7 – 8 p.m., ET, via Zoom

Every Thursday evening in August and September, we will be meeting via Zoom to talk about the book Saint Katharine: The Life of Katharine Drexel and tackling questions about her legacy and how it can guide our faith journey. Participants will be provided recordings every week to help keep you in the loop if you need to miss a week! On any given week participants can expect each session to include

- Opening Prayer
- Brief Presentation Summarizing the Week’s Material
- Guided Discussion, Open Discussion, Questions, and Sharing
- Closing Prayer

Use the Torressdale Reading Club Form to register. Contact DrexelShrine@archphila.org directly if you have any questions or run into any difficulties registering.

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: September 3, 2023 & October 1, 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: August 20 & September 17, 2023.

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

SUMMER BOOK CLUB FOR RACIAL HEALING

This Summer, we’ll read and pray our way through a book by Maureen H. O’Connell, Undoing the Knots: Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness. Maureen is a parishioner in Philadelphia and a professor at La Salle University, and her book explores the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s history through the lens of her Irish Catholic ancestors.

We will have peer-guided gatherings to reflect on how the sin of racism has affected not only our historical past, but also continues into our present. Understanding the historical legacy we’ve inherited is the first step towards learning how to begin to heal the effects that racism has on all of us.

The final meeting will take place on Thursday, August 17th at 7pm ET.

All sessions will take place in the Neumann Room. For the final meeting, the author, Maureen O’Connell, will join us to speak about her journey in writing the book, as well as to answer our questions.

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

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION 2023
OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 AM to 12 NOON

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking available

Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter
Director, Office for Divine Worship

All priests, deacons, D/CRE’s, Christian Initiation coordinators and teams, catechists and liturgical musicians are welcome!

PREPARE FOR THE RECEPTION AND USE OF THE ANTICIPATED REVISED ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The workshop will look at what is new and different with the revised ritual book, parish plans for implementation and best practices, discussion of pastoral and canonical concerns and norms for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Register by e-mail to worship@archphila.org

Please mail a check (with the name of the participant(s) for $25.00 per person to the Office for Divine Worship.
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Registration deadline is October 2, 2023.

There is Holy Mass at 12:05 PM in the Cathedral Chapel following the workshop.

ARE YOU GOING ON VACATION?
Find a catholic church online

If you go on vacation this summer it doesn’t mean you have to stop attending Mass. Find Catholic Churches, Mass and confession times by city, state, zip code, or country at www.masstimes.org.
**Cathedral Ambassadors**
The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica throughout the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. Cathedral Ambassadors are assigned 4 hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry.

For more information and to become a Cathedral Ambassador, please contact Martha Ortiz, the coordinator of the Cathedral Ambassadors, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

**Parish Greeters Needed**
Dear Parish Members, we invite you to consider a liturgical ministry for our Parish at the week-end Masses. It is significant that the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Greet and Welcome all who come to worship God each week-end. If you are a regular attendee at one of our Masses and would be able to come 15 minutes early and stay a few minutes after Mass, we would truly welcome your service. The simple tasks which are involved include:

- Greeting each person, handing them the worship aid & book, answering simple questions of visitors, distributing bulletins after Mass.

If you are interested please call the parish office at: 215-561-1313.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation

**Holy Mass Schedule:**
- ♦ 7:15 AM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- ♦ 12:05 PM Mass, with music, in the Cathedral Basilica
- ♦ 5:15 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- ♦ 7:00 PM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica according to the 1962 Missale Romanum

Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica at 11:30 AM

**The Legion of Mary**, of the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, meets each Sunday at 1pm in the Newman Room. The Legion of Mary is a Catholic organization of men and women under the patronage of Mary Immaculate who strive to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ through prayer and service especially through evangelization and care for the sick and marginalized.

Contact person Jeannette Garcia at jeanettelegionofmary@gmail.com

New members are always welcome.