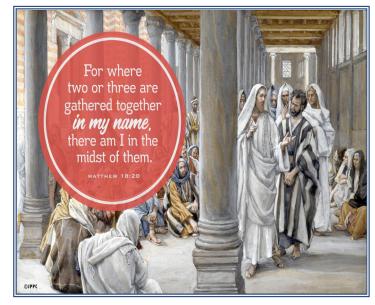
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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September 10, 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 https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 10, 2023

"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation". 2 COR. 5:19 *R. Alleluia, alleluia.*



MASSIntentions September 9 Saturday St. Peter Claver 12:05 Walter V. Rakitsky 5:15 Michael & Stephanie Smalyga September 10 Twenty-Third **Sunday in Ordinary** Time For the People of the Parish 8:00 9:30 Benedict Victor Arul 11:00 Victor Alexander Suskevich 12:30 Ronald Santiago 6:30 Patricia H. Volz September 11 Monday, Weekday 7:15 Vianney To 12:05 Francis Feler September 12 Tuesday, Weekday The Most Holy Name of Mary Michael Hacker 7:15 12:05 Intentions for all the Cathedral staff and volunteers September 13 Wednesday St. John Chrysostom 7:15 Intentions of Steven Bowen 12:05 Intentions of Alan Sri September 14 Thursday The Exaltation of the **Holv Cross** Marjorie Williams 7:15 12:05 For the intentions of the Chico - Guzman Family September 15 Friday **Our Lady of Sorrows** 7:15 Joseph Harvey 12:05 Gompers/Smith Gevvy Families September 16 Saturday St. Cornelius & Cyprian 12:05 Salvatore DellaPolla 5:15 Peppino DiFonzo September 17 Twenty-Fourth **Sunday in Ordinary** Time 8:00 For the People of the Parish Alfonzo Altobelli 9:30 11:00 Mildred Feler 12:30 Pedro & Maria Olmo 6:30 Luigi Antonio & Gemma

Stumpa Rosmini

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Lord gives us great confidence in today's Gospel in his nearness to us when we pray together. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matthew 18: 20)." The most excellent experience of Christians at prayer together is when we are assembled by the Lord himself for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. In fact, when the Church identifies the presence of Christ in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, she identifies Christ presence par excellence in His Body and Blood, in His Word, in the priest, and among the people at prayer. This presence of Christ when we are at prayer extends to so many other occasions. When we pray with our families in our homes, when we join others to pray the Holy Rosary, when we pray before a meeting or any gathering. Sometimes we are reticent to pray with others outside of Mass, even with family members. If we have the Lord's divine word that he is with us when we pray with just two or three others, why would we not do so. May the lesson of today's Holy Gospel encourage us to invite others to join us in prayer before meals, before an important conversation, with someone who is sick, whenever we can do so. This is a tremendous witness to the power of God at work among us.

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. On this Sunday throughout the United States, those who teach the Faith in a formal way are acknowledged and blessed for their most needed service. All of us, by virtue of our Baptism and reception of Holy Communion each Sunday, are called to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." We do this among our families and friends as well as at work and wherever we find ourselves. Some of us make known the message of faith in more formal settings such as schools and religious education programs. The Cathedral Parish does not have a parochial school nor a stand-alone religious education program. Yet, we have many catechists who assist with sacramental formation and preparation for infants, children, and adults. Next Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass, these catechists will be present for a blessing for their important role in passing on the Faith.

We are still in need of parish sponsors for the adults among us preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist through our Christian Initiation ministry. If you are interested in accompanying one of these adults on their journey of preparation for the Sacraments, please contact me at fr.dgill@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 the religious education programs in the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or give electronically. Please see <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</u>. Thank you so very much.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector



PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

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. And let us remember to pray for each other always!

Have the Best Summer Yet!

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

Your generosity on 9/3 was:

Regular \$3,971 1,561 (for the Black & Indian Missions) Special Electronic* 1.981 Total \$7.513

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for August. 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, email us at info@cathedrlphila.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



This is a unique experience for choristers grades 3-12 to engage with one another, to proclaim scriptural texts, advance their musical knowledge and assist at Mass at the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information go to https://cathedralphila.org/music/ choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/cantus-angelorum-cathedralchildrens-choir/

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

Click Here, or go to: https://vimeo.com/event/2470138; Worship Aid

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

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

(Meals will not be served, please bring your own lunch)

The in-person Eucharistic Congress has reached maximum capacity and is now SOLD OUT.

Consider participating virtually via livestream! The cost is \$20 per household.

Click here to register for virtual participation: <u>https://</u> secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Virginia Takach's intentions, Benjamin Garrett, Riya Nair, Dayami Hernández, Fred Holdsworth, Jacqueline's intentions, Mateus Gonsalves, Fidelina Rico, Jose Luis's intentions, Nicolas Pini, Tripti Ghosh, Gerardo Bolaños, Jihan Latimer, Rodolfo, Mario and Nancy, Stella del Mar, Daniel Oliveira and his intentions, Brunilda Espinal, 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: pravingforyou@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



Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El Señor nos da gran confianza en el evangelio de hoy en su cercanía a nosotros cuando oramos juntos. "Porque donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos (Mateo 18:20)". La experiencia más excelente de los cristianos en oración juntos es cuando el Señor mismo nos reúne para la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia. De hecho, cuando la Iglesia identifica la presencia de Cristo en la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia, identifica la presencia de Cristo por excelencia en Su Cuerpo y Sangre, en Su Palabra, en el sacerdote y entre el pueblo en oración. Esta presencia de Cristo cuando estamos en oración se extiende a tantas otras ocasiones. Cuando oramos con nuestras familias en nuestros hogares, cuando nos unimos a otros para rezar el Santo Rosario, cuando oramos antes de una reunión o cualquier encuentro. A veces somos reticentes a orar con otras personas fuera de la Misa, incluso con miembros de la familia. Si tenemos la palabra divina del Señor de que él está con nosotros cuando oramos con sólo dos o tres personas más, ¿por qué no íbamos a hacerlo? Que la lección del santo evangelio de hoy nos anime a invitar a otros a unirse a nosotros en oración antes de las comidas, antes de una conversación importante, con alguien que está enfermo, siempre que podamos hacerlo. Este es un tremendo testimonio del poder de Dios obrando entre nosotros.

El próximo domingo es el Domingo Catequético. En este domingo en todo Estados Unidos, aquellos que enseñan la Fe de manera formal son reconocidos y bendecidos por su servicio más necesario. Todos nosotros, en virtud de nuestro Bautismo y recepción de la Sagrada Comunión cada domingo, estamos llamados a "Ir y anunciar el evangelio del Señor". Hacemos esto entre nuestras familias y amigos, así como en el trabajo y dondequiera que nos encontremos. Algunos de nosotros damos a conocer el mensaje de fe en entornos más formales, como escuelas y programas de educación religiosa. La Parroquia de la Catedral no cuenta con una escuela parroquial ni un programa de educación religiosa independiente. Sin embargo, tenemos muchos catequistas que ayudan con la formación y preparación sacramental de bebés, niños y adultos. El próximo sábado 16 de septiembre del 2023 en la Misa anticipada de las 5:15 PM, estos catequistas estarán presentes para una bendición por su importante papel en la transmisión de la Fe.

Todavía necesitamos patrocinadores parroquiales para los adultos entre nosotros que se preparan para el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía a través de nuestro ministerio de Iniciación Cristiana. Si está interesado (a) en acompañar a uno de estos adultos en su camino de preparación para los Sacramentos, contácteme en <u>fr.dgill@archphila.org</u>.

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

Por favor mantengan 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 hacia la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta el próximo domingo estará dirigida a apoyar los programas de educación religiosa en la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o donar electrónicamente. Consulte <u>http://</u>cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias.

Dios los bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

CATHEDRAL SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023-2024

The Cathedral Parish will offer classes again this coming year for children who need to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. This is NOT a full religious education program.

Your child may attend these classes whether he or she is

- \Rightarrow attending a Catholic school in the Archdiocese
- \Rightarrow in a religious education program at another parish
- \Rightarrow not in religious education
- \Rightarrow in a home-based program

There will be a section of each class for primarily Englishspeaking children/families, and another for primarily Spanish-speaking children/families.

2023 – 2024 Schedule To register online, please scan the QR codes below:

English-Speaking Classes Tuesday afternoon's





Spanish-Speaking Classes





To view the class schedule and obtain a physical copy of the registration form, please scan this QR code:



Sacrament Solemn Mass Dates :

Confirmation - Sunday, April 7, 2024 - 11:00 AM First Holy Communion - Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Questions? Contact – Christian Thompson, Director of Religious Education <u>cthompson@archphila.org</u>

TORRESDALE READING CLUB Thursdays in 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. Use the <u>Torresdale Reading Club Form</u> to register.

DREXEL SHRINE MISSION AWARD Essays due Friday, December 1st, Via Email, DrexelShrine@ArchPhila.org

All High School Juniors in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to submit a short, 250-word essay explaining what the following quote from St. Katharine means to them: **"It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."** The prize is \$250 to help with the various expenses of applying to college!

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-The Blessed Trinity:

God the Son

Thursday, September 14, 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., 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at info@cathedralphila.org

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

Catholics with Same-Sex Attraction

Sunday, September 24, 2023 **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM** 222 N 17th Street– Room APC 1307, **Phila, PA 19103 Presenter: *Fr. Chris Rogers**

Within in the Catholic church, people who experience same-sex attraction can receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support, and fellowship. There are resources for parents, spouses, siblings, and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ.



We are inviting Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church parishioners to join us in saving lives and transforming families! The Legacy of Life Foundation

works to fund three crisis pregnancy centers, one in Bucks County, Philadelphia and Warminster. Every year more than 1000 women walk through our doors seeking an abortion. They are scared, confused, and they have no support. Because of caring supporters like you, over 300 babies got a chance at life last year! Our advocacy program empowers women, teaching life skills and job coaching throughout their pregnancy, and *for at least three years after* their babies are born.

~ Our Mission ~ To save lives and transform families by providing -Free pregnancy tests, counseling, and ultrasound exams Free life skills classes for three years! Free basic baby essentials for three years! Free ongoing counseling and support

We can't do any of this without YOUR generous support! This year's baby bottle drive will take place on **September 30th-October 1st with the collection October 7th and 8th**. Please make checks payable to the *Legacy of Life Foundation*, write your information on the envelope for tax purposes and bring it back to church the following week or just mail it in. Or you can donate online at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org

THANK YOU all for your dedication to saving lives and transforming families!

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: October 1, 2023 & November 5, 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: September 17 & October 15, 2023

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

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



Daughters of St. Paul COOPERATORI PAOLINI

Welcome a New Lay Cooperator

Agnes Su, a parishioner and active member of the Legion of Mary, will be making her Promise as a lay Pauline Cooperator in the Pauline Family on Saturday, September 23, 2023 during the 5:15pm Anticipated Mass.

Two Provincial Councilors of the Daughters of St Paul, along with other Sisters and Promised Pauline Cooperators will be here with us to welcome Agnes Su into their Family.

We rejoice with Agnes as she takes this important step in her faith journey as a lay Pauline cooperator. Let us support Agnes with our prayers and good wishes.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism at the Cathedral Basilica



Jacqueline McCoy Diezy Dylan Esprisaint Dienika Daisa Espirsaint Corvan Paul Dombrowski Raphael Alejandro Torres John Victor Gilmore

Let us keep the newly baptized in our prayers.

Recent Celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica



Joseph Albert & Lorraine Marie Falcon Keim Ryan Richard & Kathryn Joanne Uveling Doane Christian Joseph & Stephanie Cartagena Martinka Bharat & Sara Rebecca Russell Nagaswami Brian Paul & Christine Marie O'Loughlin Scheiber Kevin Carl & Christine Mingchi Shieh Lucero

Let us keep these newlyweds in our prayers.

Recent Funeral Masses at the Cathedral Basilica



Mario D'Adamo

May they rest in the peace of Christ!

ARE YOU BEING CALLED? Permanent Diaconate Information Session Thursday, September 21, 2023 7:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary -Vianney Auditorium 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096 We invite Catholic men (and wives if married) between

the ages of 29 and 55 to join us for an in-person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

Interested in attending this Permanent Diaconate Information Session? Scan this OR code to register!



Want to learn more visit https:// archphila.org/deacon or School of Diaconal Formation website https:// www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation