

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

First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 1, 2024



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*

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 Basilica, 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 el 10 de agosto del 2021

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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

Mass Intentions

November 30	Saturday St. Andrew 12:05 Dolores & Robert Ryder 5:15 Margaret Winters
December 1	First Sunday of Advent 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 James Shanley 11:00 Stephen Pickard 12:30 Gregorio Gonzalez 6:30 Jamie Roman
December 2	Monday, Advent Weekday 7:15 Donald F. Ladd 12:05 Jonathan Kelly
December 3	Tuesday St. Francis Xavier 7:15 Rachael Carney 12:05 Essie Mae Rubin
December 4	Wednesday, Advent Weekday St. John Damascene 7:15 James P. Murphy Sr. 12:05 Sr. Theresa Margaret, R.A.
December 5	Thursday, Advent Weekday 7:15 Patricia Jean Dougherty 12:05 For the intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel
December 6	Friday, Advent Weekday St. Nicholas 7:15 Althea Nagai 12:05 Geraldine Hess
December 7	Saturday St. Ambrose 12:05 Essie Mae Rubin 5:15 Arilein Rosy Almonte
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Elizabeth Hughes Fong 11:00 James Shanley 12:30 Guadalupe Pina Rios 6:30 For the Living & Deceased Del Raso Family

Join us in **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY**
Every Sunday from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Parking available - *All are Welcome!*

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

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

Hearing Devices

If you or someone you know is in need of a hearing device at Mass, please ask one of the Greeters to assist you. They may be borrowed from the sacristy and returned after Mass.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus

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Reverend Peter J. Welsh
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Priest in Residence

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Priest in Residence

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Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Mark Loria
Principal Organist

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: Monday - Friday at 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**

Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

Let us prepare our hearts during this time of Advent to welcome the Messiah. His mother, Mary, the woman of the YES, made the plan of God her own without reservation. Let us ask Mary to become a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish through your will or a planned gift.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us.
And let us remember to pray for each other
always!*

For more information, visit:

www.cathedralphila.org.

Your generosity on 11/24 was:

Regular \$5,220
Special 1,095 (to liturgical music programs
Electronic* 3,577 of the Cathedral Parish)
Total \$9,892

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.

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@cathedralphila.org or call the office at 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he 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:



We can have
H·O·P·E
because God is faithful and will
keep the promises He made to us.
Our hope comes from God.
Romans 15:12-13



ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new Liturgical Year. In the Holy Gospel (see Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36) we hear on this first day of Advent that our redemption is at hand! This wonderful announcement helps us to enter this holy time with a focus on Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer. Jesus was born in Bethlehem to go to the cross in Jerusalem. Let us listen carefully to the Sacred Scriptures and prayers at the Masses for Advent with an ear for the Lord's own instruction to better prepare interiorly for him to dwell more fully in our hearts.

Sometimes, Advent appears like a very long Christmas Eve. Even if the world around us says it is Christmas, it is not yet. We need to do our part to keep a good and holy Advent. I invite you to plan now your personal participation in the Advent period. It is a time for devout preparation for the Birth of Christ with some practical spiritual measures. Consider reading the Prophet Isaiah, who instructs us how to prepare for the coming of Christ. Pray more frequently the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary to meditate with Mary on the coming of Christ. Make a good Advent Confession. Come to daily Mass! Let us not rush Christmas! We need to prepare—our hearts and lives—for the Birth of the Savior.

The Annual Forty Hours Devotion takes place this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, the first three days of Advent. Please see the insert in this edition of the Parish Bulletin for the complete schedule of the Forty Hours Devotion and the opportunity to sign up for an hour of adoration. This Devotion gives us the opportunity to pause, to reflect, and to pray. We pause from the busyness of our lives and spend time with our Lord truly present to us in his holy Body and Blood. We reflect on the gift without equal from Almighty God, the Holy Eucharist—the saving Sacrifice of his Son—that brings us the constant graces of redemption. Let us adore the Lord—praise him so to unite ourselves with him as we live our daily Christian lives. *Please join us for the Forty Hours Devotion!*

This Monday, December 2, 2024, the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather with Archbishop Perez for the annual Day of Sanctification for Priests at Mother of Divine Providence Church in King of Prussia. Pope Saint John Paul II called for this annual gathering of the Bishop with his priests to pray together and to commit to a holy way of life in the service of the Church. All the faithful are encouraged to pray for their priests with the same intention. When Pope Saint John Paul II first established the Day of Sanctification, he did so in conjunction with the June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The priest is to love with the Heart of Christ those to whom he is sent to serve.

The Giving Tree is well underway. This Advent practice brings great joy to so many of the needy in our area at Christmas Time. It is also possible to participate virtually in the Giving Tree by sending gift cards for various stores and shops directly to the Cathedral Rectory.

Look for the Schedule of Confessions and Masses for Christmas and New Year's Day in the mail.

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 national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

God Bless you!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

REFLEXIÓN DEL RECTOR

Queridos feligreses,

Hoy es el primer domingo de Adviento, el primer día del nuevo Año Litúrgico. En el santo evangelio (ver Lucas 21: 25-28, 34-36) escuchamos en este primer día de Adviento que nuestra redención está cerca. Este maravilloso anuncio nos ayuda a entrar en este tiempo santo con un enfoque en Jesús como nuestro Salvador y Redentor. Jesús nació en Belén para ir a la cruz en Jerusalén. Escuchemos atentamente las Sagradas Escrituras y las oraciones en las Misas de Adviento con un oído atento a la instrucción del Señor para prepararnos mejor interiormente para que Él habite más plenamente en nuestros corazones.

A veces, el Adviento parece una Nochebuena muy larga. Aunque el mundo que nos rodea dice que es Navidad, todavía no lo es. Necesitamos hacer nuestra parte para mantener un Adviento bueno y santo. Los invito a planificar ahora su participación personal en el período de Adviento. Es un tiempo para una preparación devota para el Nacimiento de Cristo con algunas medidas espirituales prácticas. Considere leer al profeta Isaías, quien nos instruye sobre cómo prepararnos para la venida de Cristo. Recé con más frecuencia los Misterios Gozosos del Santo Rosario para meditar con María sobre la venida de Cristo. Haga una buena Confesión de Adviento. ¡Venga a Misa todos los días! ¡No apuremos la Navidad! Necesitamos preparar, nuestros corazones y vidas, para el Nacimiento del Salvador.

La Devoción Anual de las Cuarenta Horas se lleva a cabo este domingo, lunes, y martes, los primeros tres días de Adviento. Por favor, vea el inserto en esta edición del boletín parroquial para el programa completo de la Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas y la oportunidad de inscribirse para una hora de adoración. Esta Devoción nos da la oportunidad de hacer una pausa, reflexionar y orar. Hacemos una pausa del ajetreo de nuestras vidas y pasamos tiempo con nuestro Señor verdaderamente presente para nosotros en su Santo Cuerpo y Sangre. Reflexionamos sobre el don sin igual de Dios Todopoderoso, la Santa Eucaristía, el Sacrificio salvador de su Hijo, que nos trae las gracias constantes de la redención. Adoremos al Señor, alabémoslo de tal manera que nos unamos a él mientras vivimos nuestra vida cristiana diaria. *¡Únase a nosotros para la Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas!*

Este lunes 2 de diciembre del 2024, los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia se reunirán con el Arzobispo Pérez para el Día anual de Santificación para Sacerdotes en la Iglesia Mother of Divine Providence en King of Prussia. El Papa San Juan Pablo II convocó a esta reunión anual del Obispo con sus sacerdotes para orar juntos y comprometerse con un estilo de vida santo al servicio de la Iglesia. Se anima a todos los fieles a orar por sus sacerdotes con la misma intención. Cuando el Papa San Juan Pablo II estableció por primera vez el Día de la Santificación, lo hizo en conjunción con la Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en junio. El sacerdote debe amar con el Corazón de Cristo a aquellos a quienes son enviados a servir.

El Árbol de Donaciones «The Giving Tree por su nombre en inglés» está en marcha. Esta práctica de Adviento trae gran alegría a muchos de los necesitados de nuestra área en la época navideña. También es posible participar virtualmente en el Árbol de Donaciones enviando tarjetas de regalo para varias tiendas y comercios directamente a la Rectoría de la Catedral.

Consulta en el correo el Horario de Confesiones y Misas para Navidad y Año Nuevo.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a la colecta nacional para el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Puede enviar por correo sus ofrendas dominicales a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Dios los Bendiga!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector



IOBILAEUM A. D. MMXXV
PEREGRINANTES
IN SPEM

Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia

Jubilación 2025

Peregrinos de la Esperanza

archphila.org/holyyear

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN
Todos los domingos a las 12:00 PM
en la Capilla de la Catedral

PARROQUIA SAN AMBROSIO

RETIRO MUSICAL

• Marzo 22 del 2025 •

El retiro comienza a las 10 am

Donación - \$30 incluido almuerzo

\$35.00 en la puerta

Para información y boletos de entrada

215-329-7900

Retiro

Orador y músico

Tony Melendez

Misa de vigilia a las 4 pm

Celebrante

Obispo Keith Chylinski



The BASILICA SHRINE
of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
500 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144

Invitamos a todos los que quieran participar en la Novena Perpetua de la Medalla Milagrosa, en español, todos los primeros martes de cada mes. Tenemos dos celebraciones en estos primeros martes del mes:
10:00 a.m. - Rosario, Novena a la Medalla Milagrosa y Misa
6:30 p.m. - Rosario, Novena a la Medalla Milagrosa y Misa
(En ambas celebraciones, después de la Santa Misa, habrá un pequeño compartir comunitario).

Diciembre 3

Todos están cordialmente invitados a la
Novena de la Medalla Milagrosa.

Traigan sus intenciones personales para ofrecerlas
a nuestra Madre María bajo el título de
Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa.

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Holy Child

Advent Reflection Series

*"You must not hide the gifts God has given you, but use them in His service."
-Venerable Cornelia Connelly*

**SATURDAYS IN ADVENT 6:15 - 6:45 P.M.
VEN. CORNELIA CONNELLY MEMORIAL**

Reflection and Prayer for Advent
inspired by Ven. Cornelia Connelly,
foundress of the
Society of the Holy Child Jesus



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

ADVENT Retreat Day

NOW WE DARE TO HOPE:
THE PROMISE AND GIFT OF
EVERY ADVENT

• REVEREND GERALD DENNIS GILL, PRESENTER
RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA AND
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP


CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

18TH STREET AND BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
19103

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TO REGISTER, CONTACT SISTER MARIE FAUSTINA, RSM,
DELEGATE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE,
at sr.mfaustina@archphila.org





FORTY HOURS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2, AND 3, 2024


The complete schedule of the Forty Hours can be found on the
Cathedral website, [https://cathedralphila.org/annual-
eucharistic-devotion-forty-hours/](https://cathedralphila.org/annual-eucharistic-devotion-forty-hours/)

You are invited to sign up for a period of Adoration
(or more than one!) here:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0A4BA9AE2CA4F9C52-53299425-forty](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AE2CA4F9C52-53299425-forty)

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Mater

December 8, 2024 3pm
Christmas Concert

Tickets 



GIVING TREE 2024!

Get Ready to Share the Spirit of Giving!

As we prepare for Advent, our Advent Giving Tree will be on display on the **November 24, 2024, the Solemnity of Christ the King, King of the Universe.** This is a wonderful opportunity to bless those in need within our community!

Choose an Ornament:

Each ornament will represent a gift request from charitable organizations and families in need. For charitable organizations, **please return your gifts in gift bags along with the ornament before the Second Sunday of Advent (December 8).** For families, you can bring gift cards to Mass or contribute through our online giving platform (**via the Donate button on our website**).

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation- Thursday, December 5, 2024, 7:00 PM

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Holy Viaticum

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 fr.dgill@archphila.org

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Deacon Pete Dolan, Sam Whitehouse, Korleen and Nelson Dominguez, Ignacio Ramos, Riolinda Lyngdoh, Oscar Anibal, Fr. Joseph's intentions, Jean & Frank J Molloy Jr; Jorgelina, Miltza's intentions, Brandon Arrington, Irina's intentions, Sr. Vincent, Baby Bill, Flia. Torres Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org., 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.

Service of the Sacred Liturgy: An Intensive Liturgical Music Program

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

This program is designed to provide over six weeks a focused presentation on the many aspects of liturgical music in a parish program. It is for parish directors of liturgical music, choir directors, choir members, leaders of song and cantors. Liturgical musicians in non-parochial settings, priests and deacons are also welcome to participate. This first round of presentations is specifically for parishes in the City of Philadelphia.

CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
18TH STREET AND THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
PARKWAY, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
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SATURDAY, 9:00 TO 10:30 AM
FATHER JORDAN KELLY, OP, INSTRUCTOR

January 11	Introduction to Liturgical Music
January 18	Liturgical Music and the Mystery of Christ
January 25	Liturgical Music Planning and Progressive Solemnity
February 1	Directing, Leading Song and the Role of the Cantor
February 8	Resources and Practical Matters of All Kinds
February 15	Deepening the Spirituality of the Pastoral Musician

Register by e-mail at worship@archphila.org.
Please mail a check (with the name of the participant(s)) for \$75.00 per person
to the Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
Registration deadline is Monday, January 6, 2025.

Excellent faith formation at your fingertips!

Subscribe for free to this exciting online platform,
www.FORMED.org. Parish code, **07854f**.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024**

7:15 AM in the Cathedral Chapel
12:05 PM in the Cathedral Basilica,
with Liturgical Music ([livestreamed](#))
5:15 PM in the Cathedral Chapel, with Liturgical Music

11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica

*Free parking available for our visitors in the parking lot
adjacent to the Cathedral
GPS address: 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103*


**Archbishop Nelson Pérez, upon consultation on the
matter and in accord with Canon 87 §1, dispenses from
the obligation to assist at Holy Mass on Monday,
December 9th, 2024.**

This dispensation is not to minimize the importance of this Solemnity in the life of the clergy and faithful. Rather, the Archbishop grants this dispensation due to the shortness of time to instruct on this change in observance, with the recognition that most calendars are in place without the possibility to properly observe the obligation and, most of all, to ease the consciences of the faithful.

To read the complete letter [CLICK HERE](#)

WINTER Coat Drive

Do you have any WINTER COATS you don't need?
Consider giving them to us at the Cathedral!
We will give them to someone
who needs a warm coat!
Bring them to church with you
and give them to one of the priests,
sacristans, or greeters, or leave them at
the Cathedral Parish Office on Race Street.
Questions? Call Sister Mary Raphael in Outreach: 215-561-1313.
Leave a message and she will call you back.
Thank you and God bless you!!



Volunteer with 

at **LUNCH IN THE PARK**

What: Serving lunch for the homeless of Philadelphia

Who: Parishioners of the Cathedral

When: Christmas Day (12-1pm)

Where: Cathedral Lawn

How: Sign up with QR code below



If you are interested in volunteering,
please sign up using the QR code. Contact Sophia
with any questions at sophia@christinthecity.org

SIGN UP
HERE!



First time volunteers must attend a training
beforehand.

"Anticon's Not Words" -- Ven. Cornelia Connelly



Adult Faith Formation
Conversion & Calling Retreat

Inspired by the life and spirituality of
Ven. Cornelia Connelly,
foundress of the Society of the Holy Child
Jesus

Designed with catechumens and
candidates in mind, all are welcome!

Saturday, December 7th
1:30 - 3 p.m.

Deepen your faith; strengthen your commitment.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ConversionRetreat>
or via QR Code

Presented by the Ven. Cornelia Connelly Memorial

