



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024



Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb

LUKE 1:42

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday

.....5:15 PM (Basilica) (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday

.....8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM (Basilica)

.....12:30 PM (Capilla) (Misa en español)

.....6:30 PM (Basilica)

WEEKDAY MASSES (Cathedral Chapel)

Monday7:15 AM & 12:05 PM

Tuesday.....7:15 AM & 12:05 PM

Wednesday.....7:15 AM & 12:05 PM

Thursday.....7:15 AM & 12:05 PM

Friday.....7:15 AM & 12:05 PM

Saturday.....12:05 PM

HOLY DAYS: See the website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SUNDAY

.....9 AM & 5:30 PM (Basilica)

.....12:00 PM (Chapel) (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

Mon - Fri11:30 AM (Basilica)

Saturday.....4:15 PM (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

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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 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 el 10 de agosto del 2021

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

Mass Intentions

December 21 Saturday, Late Advent Weekday

St. Peter Canisius

12:05 Police Officer Daniel Faulkner
5:15 Mom Letitia

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Peg, Gene & Maureen Janda; Ano
Peggy, Ann Poley & Sean Fisher
11:00 Mark Clark
12:30 Samuel Quiroz de la Vega
6:30 Zoriana Klufas

December 23 Monday, Late Advent Weekday

St. John of Kany

7:15 Albert Contrucci
12:05 Jim Sulimay

December 24 Tuesday, Late Advent Weekday

7:15 Thomas Magruder Veirs, Jr.; Harriette
O'Neill Stokes; Camilus Baker
Stokes; Harriette Genevieve O'Neill
12:05 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

5:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
7:30 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
(*Bilingual Mass*)
11:00 Choral Prelude to Mass during the
Night (*Midnight Mass*)

Christmas Day Masses

December 25

WEDNESDAY, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
8:00 For the People of the Parish
10:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant
12:00 Intention of the Priest Celebrant

December 26 Thursday

St. Stephen

7:15 For the Christmas Intentions of the
Parishioners
12:05 Joseph & Sylvia DiPhillipo

December 27 Friday

St. John

7:15 Aileen Kain
12:05 Zoraina Klufas

December 28 Saturday

Holy Innocents

12:05 Baby Joseph Zarelli
5:15 Sandra Williams

December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Richard Henzel
11:00 Stephen Skedzielewski
12:30 Sebastian Rodríguez
6:30 Mary Ann Lynch

STAFF DIRECTORY

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
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Reverend Peter J. Welsh
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Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski
Priest in Residence

Reverend Philip G. Bochanski
Priest in Residence

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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](#)

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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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!*

2025 KEYS & SWORD EVENT

Friday, June 27, 2025

6:00 PM

The Logan Philadelphia
1 Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Cocktail Reception & Dinner | Music & Entertainment
Black Tie Optional | Complimentary Parking at the Cathedral

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PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, continue his good work on earth by considering a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or a planned gift in support of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

*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 12/15 was:

Regular \$4,236
Special 1,139 (to support of outreach
Electronic* 2,639 programs of the Cathedral
Total \$8,014 Parish)

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.

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:



Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent! This Sunday is observed with Mary, the Mother of our Savior, as we spend these last days of waiting for the Birth of our Divine Savior. In Mary comes together all the longings of the people of the Old Testament for the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation in history with the sending of His Son as our Redeemer, and our personal hope that the Christ Child will arrive to our hearts anew with Christmas. To keep this Sunday with our Blessed Mother is more than reverently recalling her role in the Nativity. Rather, it is to unite with her in faith and prayer that the Word of God that took flesh in her virgin womb will do so within us and among us this Christmas Time. Turn to Mary this Sunday in your prayers and ask her to pray for you, for all of us, for an openness to the power of Jesus, Light of the World, will be the Light for each of us—the Light of justice, truth and peace—in the Church and in the World.

Please see the schedule for the Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Wednesday, December 25, 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation, found on the insert in this edition of the parish bulletin. During these last few days of Advent, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is available in the Basilica, Monday and Tuesday, beginning at 11:30 AM. Plan today to make a good Confession for Christmas!

I encourage all of you to display the Nativity Scene in your home—in some cases it may only be a Christmas card with the picture of the Birth of the Lord—and let it be an occasion to reflect on the great gift of Christmas. Reflect on how the Infant Savior brings to each of us the light of the Father's immense love and the promise of our redemption and salvation. God comes to us so that we can come to God. When you are in the Basilica, please take some time to stop and pray at our parish Nativity Scene and trust in the nearness of the Savior to you and to all those you remember in prayer.

Keep Christmas alive! Christmas Day, this Wednesday, December 25, 2024, has a special octave or eight-day celebration which concludes on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Christmas Time lasts through to Sunday, January 12, 2025, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, with the great Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrated in the United States on Sunday, January 5, 2025. The world around us shuts down Christmas in some instances on December 26th. As Christians, we are encouraged to keep the whole of Christmas Time alive with all its festive character—including the decorations and carols. This is so that we may keep in our prayers and minds the great Mystery of Christmas. Jesus, the Son of God, takes on our humanity and shares with us his divinity. This Mystery will never be understood fully by us. However, if we allow ourselves the whole of Christmas Time to ponder it and celebrate it, the more fully we will live from it.

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 support special maintenance projects 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 <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

I wish all of you, our parishioners and visitors, a happy and holy Christmas. May the newborn Savior fill you with his grace! Count on my prayers and those of all our priests, especially at Christmas Mass.

God Bless you! Father Dennis Gill, Rector



REFLEXIÓN DEL RECTOR

Queridos feligreses,

¡Hoy es el cuarto domingo de Adviento! Este domingo se celebra con María, la Madre de nuestro Salvador, mientras pasamos estos últimos días de espera por el nacimiento de nuestro Divino Salvador. En María se unen todos los anhelos del pueblo del Antiguo Testamento por el Mesías prometido, el cumplimiento del plan de salvación de Dios en la historia con el envío de Su Hijo como nuestro Redentor, y nuestra esperanza personal de que el Niño Jesús llegará nuevamente a nuestros corazones con la Navidad. Celebrar este domingo con nuestra Santísima Madre es más que recordar con reverencia su papel en la Natividad. Es más bien unirse a ella en la fe y la oración para que la Palabra de Dios que se hizo carne en su vientre virginal lo haga dentro de nosotros y entre nosotros en este tiempo de Navidad. Este domingo, acudan a María en sus oraciones y pídanle que ore por ustedes, por todos nosotros, para que la apertura al poder de Jesús, Luz del Mundo, sea la Luz para cada uno de nosotros —la Luz de la justicia, la verdad y la paz— en la Iglesia y en el Mundo.

Por favor, consulten el programa de las Misas de la Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor, miércoles 25 de diciembre del 2024, un Día de Precepto, que se encuentra en el inserto de esta edición del boletín parroquial. Durante estos últimos días de Adviento, el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación está disponible en la Basílica, lunes y martes, a partir de las 11:30 AM. ¡Planifiquen hoy hacer una buena Confesión para Navidad!

Los animo a todos a exhibir el Nacimiento en su hogar —en algunos casos puede ser solo una tarjeta navideña con la imagen del Nacimiento del Señor— y que sea una ocasión para reflexionar sobre el gran regalo de la Navidad. Reflexione sobre cómo el Niño Salvador trae a cada uno de nosotros la luz del inmenso amor del Padre y la promesa de nuestra redención y salvación. Dios viene a nosotros para que podamos venir a Dios. Cuando esté en la Basílica, tómese un tiempo para detenerse y orar en el pesebre de nuestra parroquia y confíe en la cercanía del Salvador a usted y a todos aquellos que recuerda en oración.

¡Mantenga viva la Navidad! El día de Navidad, este miércoles 25 de diciembre del 2024, tiene una octava especial u ocho días de celebración que concluye el miércoles 1 de enero del 2025, la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios. El tiempo de Navidad dura hasta el domingo 12 de enero del 2025, la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, con la gran Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor celebrada en los Estados Unidos el domingo 5 de enero del 2025. El mundo que nos rodea suspende la Navidad en algunos casos el 26 de diciembre. Como cristianos, se nos anima a mantener viva toda la Navidad con todo su carácter festivo, incluidas las decoraciones y los villancicos. Esto es para que podamos mantener en nuestras oraciones y mentes el gran Misterio de la Navidad. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, asume nuestra humanidad y comparte con nosotros su divinidad. Este Misterio nunca será comprendido completamente por nosotros. Sin embargo, si nos permitimos todo el tiempo de Navidad para meditarlo y celebrarlo, más plenamente lo viviremos.

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 apoyar proyectos especiales de mantenimiento de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la parroquia de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Por favor, consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

Les deseo a todos ustedes, nuestros feligreses y visitantes, una feliz y santa Navidad. ¡Que el Salvador recién nacido los llene de su gracia! Cuenten con mis oraciones y las de todos nuestros sacerdotes, especialmente en la Misa de Navidad.

¡Dios los Bendiga!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector



LA INAUGURACIÓN DEL AÑO JUBILAR DE LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS SERÁ EL 29 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2024,

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José en la Basílica Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, en la Misa Solemne de las **11:00 AM**

Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrante y Homilista

Todos los sacerdotes son bienvenidos a concelebrar.

Por favor, vístanse en la Capilla de la Catedral antes de las 10:45 AM con la vestimenta arquidiocesana.

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

LA IGLESIA DE SAN WILLIAM

6200 Raising Sung Philadelphia PA. 19111

VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA

NOVENA

Fecha: Del 12 al 20 de Enero
Hora: 7:00 PM Iglesia de abajo.

MARTES 21 DE ENERO

MISA: A las 6:30 PM

*Después habrá un compartir en el Salon parroquial.
Mas informació: Ángela 215-207-5574


SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Classroom Supplies Drive!

JANUARY 10TH - 13TH 2025

in honor of Ven. Cornelia Connelly's Birthday!

ITEMS REQUESTED:

- Providence Center Wish List 
- English & Spanish Prayer cards for children
- Stationery, Crafting Supplies, Stickers

PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS WITH SACRISTAN OR AMBASSADOR



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!! 

MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST A JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH FR. DENNIS GILL

September 7-16, 2025


*Walk through four Holy Doors
to receive a Plenary Indulgence*

More Information

1-800-842-4842 | M-F 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM ET |
rebecca@select-intl.com

NO CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS Thursday, December 26, 2024, 7:00 PM

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Barítono Abalo's intentions, Beltrán Pérez's intentions, Paula's intentions, Fernando, Anthony Iannarelli, Janice's intentions, Judy Andrade, Deacon Pete Dolan, Sam Whitehouse, Korleen and Nelson Dominguez, Ignacio Ramos, Riolinda Lyngdoh, Oscar Anibal, 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.**



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

IUBILAEUM A. D. MMXXV
PEREGRINANTES
IN SPERM

Archdiocesan Opening of the Jubilee Year

December 29, 2024 - 11:00 AM Solemn Mass
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrant and Homilist

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Representatives of every parish, institution and religious community are invited to come as pilgrims of hope and then return with the message of the Jubilee year to spread throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

All will gather for this Mass in Sister Cities Park across the street from the main entrance to the Cathedral Basilica. A ceremonial cross will lead the "Pilgrims of Hope" to the main entrance of the Cathedral Basilica at which point the Archbishop will invite all to venerate it. This is followed by a commemoration of Baptism. The ceremonial cross will be placed in the Cathedral Basilica all throughout the Jubilee Year.

All priests are welcome to concelebrate. Please vest in the Cathedral Chapel by 10:45 AM in the archdiocesan vestment.

archphila.org/hollyear

Missionary Servants Of The Most Blessed Trinity is looking for a Part Time Dietary Aide to help with our day shift. For more information call 215-335-7576. WWW.MSBT.Org

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

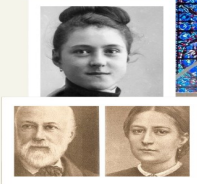
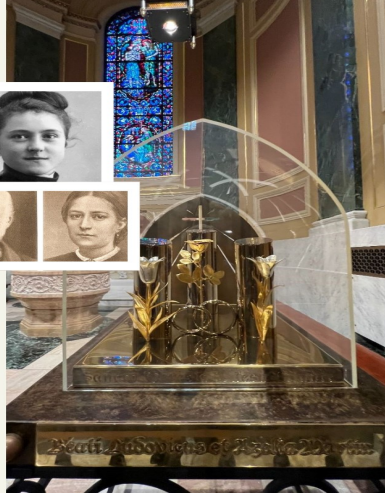
First time volunteers must attend a training beforehand.

Sign UP
HERE!





Relics of St. Therese and Her Parents



We invite you to the Cathedral Basilica to experience the beautiful relics of **St. Therese of Lisieux** and her parents, **St. Louis and St. Zelle Martin**. These sacred treasures are a powerful reminder of faith and family.

Come and be inspired by their extraordinary witness of love and faith!

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
P.A.T.H. RETREAT
 PRAY, ACT, TRUST, HOPE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.
NEUMANN ROOM OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
18TH & RACE, PHILA., PA 19103

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, & DISCERNMENT

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 1191 La Rabida Council would like to invite the men of our parish to join our fraternal brotherhood. Check us out at www.kofc.org and email us at kofc1191@gmail.com.

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Saturday, January 11, 2025 (11:00AM)
 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez is the celebrant for the annual Mass. The presentation of anniversary awards which recognizes the ministry of Directors/Coordinators and Catechists of Parish Religious Education immediately follows the Mass.

Saint Paul VI Award recipient:
 Loyola Press
 Joelle Cicciarelli, President

Priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass. Please wear your Archdiocesan vestments and vest in the Neumann Room

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Service of the Sacred Liturgy: An Intensive Liturgical Music Program

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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
 PARKING AVAILABLE

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.