

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

February 2, 2025

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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
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The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2025

"A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel".
LK. 2:32 R. Alleluia, alleluia.



a sign of
salvation

MASS Intentions

February 1	Saturday, Weekday
12:05	Benjamin James Petransky
5:15	Peter Miller
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord
	<i>World Day for the Consecrated Life</i>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00	World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
12:30	Victor Torres
6:30	Michael Olmo
February 3	Monday, Weekday
	<i>(Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)</i>
	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
7:15	Essie Mae Rubin
12:05	John M. Coyle
February 4	Tuesday, Weekday
7:15	Eleanor M. Gillis
12:05	Velma E. Knight
February 5	Wednesday
	St. Agatha
7:15	Carlo, Laura, & Alessandro Costa
12:05	Dr. Modesta De Guzman
February 6	Thursday
	St. Paul Miki & Companions
7:15	Intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel
12:05	Jim Borio
February 7	Friday, Weekday
7:15	Clare D'Agostino
12:05	Martin Case
February 8	Saturday
	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
12:05	Kathleen Fanning
5:15	Pietro Conosciani
February 9	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	<i>World Marriage Day</i>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Marino Ong
11:00	Gerard Rush
12:30	Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, February 2, 2025, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Collect for Mass this Sunday helps us to understand the meaning of this Feast.

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
may we be presented to you
with minds made pure.

Mary and Joseph, obedient to Jewish law, present their new-born Son in the Temple. This is the final Christmas revelation of our Savior and Redeemer, the Light of the World. More than a presentation in the Temple, the Lord is presented to all of us, to receive the grace of his Birth so that we might be transformed—enlightened—by him and be his witnesses in the world. This is the reason we bless candles today—for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for our homes. These candles remind us of Christ our Light, leading us by the Light of his Gospel into the perpetual Light of all eternity.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the World Day for Consecrated Life throughout the Church. Please pray with gratitude for all those who have made vows in the consecrated life. We remember especially in our prayers the Religious who serve our Cathedral Parish—Father Matthew Carroll, OP, Sister Marie Faustina, RSM, Sister Mary Raphael, RSM and Sister Mary Luchia, PVMI. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to the holy gift of their vocations.

This Sunday, the annual Catholic Charities Appeal begins, Giving Hope to All 2025. The Catholic Charities benefits countless groups, organizations and agencies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is conducted primarily through the mail, but it is also possible to support the appeal through the Sunday Collection. I encourage all of you to be thoughtful and generous to this important endeavor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To learn more please see, <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>.

The Blessing of Throats will take place on the Memorial of Saint Blaise, Monday, February 3, 2025, at the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses in the Cathedral Chapel. The Blessing of Throats will also take place at the Sunday Masses on February 9, including the Anticipated Mass.

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 winter landscape needs 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.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

**LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT
11:00 AM**

[Click Here](https://vimeo.com/event/2470138), or go to:
<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>;
[Worship Aid](https://vimeo.com/event/2470138)



PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Make a gift that continues the God-given gifts you receive and give during your lifetime. A gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or other planned gift creates a perpetual legacy of support. Consider supporting the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in this very special way. Your support makes a difference in the life of our Church. Consider a gift of stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plan or cash to provide for the future of our parish.

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 1/26 was:

Regular	\$4,522
Special	3,165 (to support the Little Sisters of the Poor)
Electronic*	<u>2,561</u>
Total	\$10,248

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for December. 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.

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- 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:



Readings for Mass for this Week

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

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PREVIOUS BULLETIN](#)

BLESSING OF THROATS

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CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sixth Commandment

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 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 **Wedding book** opens on **Monday, February 3, 2025** for the 2026 year.

The book for **Mass Intentions** for 2026 will open on **Monday, March 3, 2025.**

Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email info@cathedralphila.org

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 |

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Men's Study Group

We will meet for one hour on the **fourth Wednesday of the month in Drexel hall at 7 PM**

For more information contact Michael McGeough at mmcgeough64@gmail.com

*Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Jose Ferreyra, Sr. Mary Raphael Paradis, Luis Sacro, Nolan Benny, Intentions of Miriam Torres, David Dynako, Felix Tete, Luis Quintana, Nathaniel Roselli, Joan Ranieri, Sharnice, Jorge Vega, Chris Carey, Deacon Hinson's intentions, Maria DiDonato, Flia. Torres Santos, Eliomarys Liriano, 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.***

**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*

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN
Los domingos a las 12:00 PM
en la Capilla

CONVOCATORIA CATEQUETICA

Sábado, Marzo 22, 2025
Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor, PA

¿Estás listo para transformar tu vida y fortalecer tu fe?
¡Acompañanos y Regístrate!

La Misa de apertura será oficiada por el Arzobispo Pérez seguida de una presentación principal y una serie de talleres en inglés y español.

El costo es de \$45 por persona.
Tarifa de grupo: 4 o más personas: \$35/persona.
Envíe un correo electrónico a kpfeffer@archphila.org para recibir un código de descuento si tiene más de 4 personas para registrarse.

Abierto a cualquier persona mayor de 18 años que quiera crecer en la fe y servir a la Iglesia. No se aceptan niños.

Para registrarse vaya a:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=EHMvdt>

Únase a nosotros para un día de oración, acompañamiento y formación.

SI TIENES ALGUNAS PREGUNTAS
O SI NECESITAS MÁS INFORMACIÓN
CONTACTANOS 215-587-3720

Oficina for Catechetical Formation
Forming the Seeds of Faith
<https://phila.org>



**Ayorando los que sufren problemas de
salud mental (Taller en español)**
Sábado 29 de marzo, 2025
9:15 AM – 2:30 PM

Presentadora: Elizabeth Santos Fisher,
DMFT, LMFT, Consultora para Intersect
Access Services

Lugar: Community Center at Visitation,
2646 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA
19125

Más información: [Haga clic aquí](#). Para
registrarse, use este enlace: [https://
secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=GxdAVp](https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=GxdAVp)

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este domingo 2 de febrero del 2025 es la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. La Oración Colecta para la Misa de este domingo nos ayuda a comprender el significado de esta Fiesta.

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
suplicamos humildemente a tu majestad que,
así como en este día fue presentado en el templo
tu Unigénito en su realidad humana como la nuestra,
así nos concedas, en el espíritu purificado, ser presentados ante ti.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

María y José, obedientes a la ley judía, presentan a su Hijo recién nacido en el templo. Esta es la última revelación navideña de nuestro Salvador y Redentor, la Luz del Mundo. Más que una presentación en el templo, el Señor se presenta a todos nosotros, para recibir la gracia de su nacimiento para que seamos transformados –iluminados– por él y seamos sus testigos en el mundo. Esta es la razón por la que bendecimos las velas hoy: para la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia y para nuestros hogares. Estas velas nos recuerdan a Cristo, nuestra Luz, que nos conduce con la Luz de su evangelio a la Luz perpetua de toda la eternidad.

La Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor es también el Día Mundial de la Vida Consagrada en toda la Iglesia. Por favor, oren con gratitud por todos aquellos que han hecho votos en la vida consagrada. Recordamos especialmente en nuestras oraciones a los religiosos/as que sirven en nuestra Parroquia Catedral: el Padre Matthew Carroll, OP, la Hermana Marie Faustina, RSM, la Hermana Mary Raphael, RSM y la Hermana Mary Luchia, PVMÍ. Que sigan siendo inspirados por Jesucristo y respondan generosamente al don sagrado de sus vocaciones.

Este domingo comienza la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas, Dando esperanza a todos 2025. Caridades Católicas beneficia a innumerables grupos, organizaciones y agencias en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. La campaña se realiza principalmente por correo, pero también es posible apoyar la campaña a través de la Colecta Dominical. Los animo a todos a ser considerados y generosos con este importante esfuerzo de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Para obtener más información, visite <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>.

La Bendición de las Gargantas se llevará a cabo en la memoria de San Blas, el lunes 3 de febrero del 2025, en las misas de las 7:15 AM y las 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral. La Bendición de las Gargantas también se llevará a cabo en las misas del domingo 9 de febrero, incluida la Misa Anticipada.

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 las necesidades de paisajismo invernal 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. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector




SACRED JUBILEE SITE FOR 2025

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul and Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel has been designated as a Sacred Jubilee Site for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025. From December 29, 2024, through December 28, 2025, pilgrims are invited to visit and receive the Jubilee Indulgence.

Full details are provided in the [Indulgence Decree](#).

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise for men based on 3 pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. Becoming a saint is the most important thing any of us can do with our lives. Join hundreds of thousands of Catholic men around the world and become the man God made you to be.


Contact : Michael McGeough (609)502-1185 or mmcgeough64@gmail.com



TMIY

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.


When: Wednesday mornings 6:30-7:30 AM.
Starts February 5th: 13 weeks.
Where: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul - Neumann Room (backside)
Registration: <https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/F914C2>



Celebrate the Jubilee Year with
Patriarch Sviatoslav

Hope & Perseverance Peace & Justice

Take part in the spiritual renewal program of the Ukrainian
Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia



Join Us for a Special Prayer Service for Ukraine
February 16, 2025 | 4:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Marking the third anniversary of the war in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia invites you to a special service of prayer for hope, perseverance, peace, and justice in Ukraine. The service will be led by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav and Archbishop Pérez.

Parking is available.

An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez



Learn more about a new way forward together for the Catholic Church of Philadelphia

ANNOUNCEMENT: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez's Pastoral Letter and Invitation to Consultation Sessions

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has released a significant pastoral letter that calls all Catholics to a conversion of heart—a shift toward a lifestyle and mindset of a missionary disciple. This call urges us to commit seriously to life in Jesus Christ and to reach out to those who have fallen away from the faith, especially those Catholics who no longer attend Mass.

At the heart of the letter is the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Church in Philadelphia, which includes an exciting new initiative known as *"The Fourth Way."*

Take the Time to Read and Reflect We encourage all to read the Archbishop's pastoral letter, watch the accompanying video, and explore the Frequently Asked Questions on the website. All of this content can be found at trustandhope.org.

Attend a Consultation Session As part of this important moment in our Archdiocese, the letter inaugurates a period of widespread consultation regarding *"The Fourth Way."* All Catholics are invited to attend a consultation session, where you can learn more about this initiative and provide your valuable input.

Don't miss out! Dates, locations, and registration for the consultation sessions are also available on trustandhope.org.

We invite you to be part of this vital conversation for the future of our Church—please visit trustandhope.org today!

SAVE THE DATE
2025 KEYS & SWORD EVENT
Friday, June 27, 2025
6:00 PM

The Logan Philadelphia
 1 Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA

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

SOLES FOR SOULS
R. J. SNIPES FOUNDATION

SHOW DONATION DRIVE on Sunday, March 9th, 2025
 COLLECTION of **SNEAKERS/SHOES**
We need your Help to Make a Difference!
 Do you have sneakers or shoes you no longer use?
Donate them to those in need!
 New or gently worn shoes are welcome
 Donations accepted for men, women and children

Early Donations Begin in February!
 Drop off your shoes at the **Sacristy** or hand them to a sacristan.
Collection Location:
 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul



Office for Catechetical Formation
Sowing the Seeds of Faith

34TH CATECHETICAL CONVOCATION



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, RADNOR, PA

Keynote Speakers:
English Track: Julianne Stanz
Spanish Track: Rev. Thomas Viviano

PhillyOCF@archphila.org | 215-587-3720 | PhillyOCF.org | @PhillyOCF

The registration link is : <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?est=q74Jya>

Registration deadline is Friday, March 14, 2025 at noon.

BBVC 2025!

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp



Saturday, March 22, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

1400 Evans Road Ambler, PA 19002

For young men in grades 6, 7, and 8



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registration
information!



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Registration Due: February 28, 2025

\$25 registration fee per person includes lunch and a t-shirt

Questions? Contact Grace Murphy, at gmurphy@archphila.org or 610-667-5778

Or visit HeedTheCall.org/BBVC

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

Happy New Year from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Join us for prayer, praise
hope and joy in 2025!



Conference - Saturday, May 10, 2025

With The Most Reverend Efrén V. Esmilla
Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA

Leadership Day

Retreat - June 20-22, 2025

Malvern Family Life Center

November 8, 2025

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

SPEAKER INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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Emcee

SACRAMENT PREP RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

On January 18th, our Sacrament Prep students embarked on a retreat to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. During their visit, they learned about St. Catherine Labouré, the significance of the Miraculous Medal, and the power of acts of service in living out their faith.

The students also took a meaningful picture in front of the shrine to Our Lady, capturing a special moment in their faith journey. We are grateful for their growth and commitment to faith, and we look forward to sharing more of their experiences..

