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

March 16, 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

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

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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 www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/

Second Week of Lent Sunday, March 16, 2025

"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him".

Matthew 17:5

Mass Intentions for the Week

OUPPO	The room
March 15 12:05	Saturday, Lenten Weekday John F. Bannon
5:15	Emilie Erwin
March 16 8:00	Second Sunday of Lent For the People of the Parish
9:30	Clare D'Agostino
11:00	Elizabeth Betty Delvey
12:30	Martica & Juan
6:30	Rocel Carabeo
March 17	Monday, Lenten Weekday St. Patrick
7:15	For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
12:05	Faima Shpiegel
March 18	Tuesday, Lenten Weekday St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:15	For the intentions of Susan Shute
12:05	Geraldine Hess
March 19	Wednesday St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:15	Joseph De Fraites
12:05	For the intentions of Carolyn Karsch
March 20	Thursday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	John Thomas Joseph Infantino
12:05	Ronald Reilly
March 21	Friday, Lenten Weekday
7:15 12:05	John Lipiros Elodia Tancredi
March 22	Saturday, Lenten Weekday
12:05 5:15	Joseph P. Muldoor Hadara Crews
March 23	Third Sunday of Lent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Michael Joseph Marino
11:00	Dorothy E. Berlingis
12:30	Marcia Miranda
6:30	For the intentions of the Priest

The 2026 Wedding book is OPEN

Celebrant

For weddings, please submit the form on the Cathedral website wedding page. See the link below.

https://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/holymatrimony/

The 2026 Mass Intentions book is OPEN Please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 or email info@cathedralphila.org

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent! We hear in the Gospel about the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, John, and James up the mountain to pray. As Jesus was at prayer, his appearance changed. The Apostles were given the great privilege of seeing the Lord in glory. This was an experience of great encouragement for the Apostles. They had been following the Lord, listening to his teachings, and trusting he was the Savior. They heard him predict the necessity of his own death for them and for the salvation of all. They desired to persevere in their fidelity to the call to be his disciples. The Transfiguration, as much as it was a promise of hope for the Apostles, is the same for us as Lent continues. We too want to be faithful as disciples and persevere, especially on our Lenten path to deeper conversion from sin to a more vibrant grace-filled Christian life. The Transfiguration is the assurance that the Lord will provide all that we need to be faithful to him now and have the promise of sharing his glory forever. Be encouraged! Persevere with your Lenten resolutions! Repent and believe in the Gospel!

Making a good Confession is a most important part of Lent. The schedule for Confessions is:

On Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel) and 5:30 PM (Basilica)
On Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica)

An important devotion during Lent is the Stations of the Cross, following Jesus on his way to his suffering and death for us. This devotion can take place at home and in church. I encourage you to make this devotion a part of your Lent. We have the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent in the Cathedral Chapel following the 12:05 PM Mass and in the Cathedral Basilica in Spanish following the 12:30 PM Mass. There are many wonderful resources on-line to help you make the Stations at home.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. On Saint Joseph's Day, our Lenten penance and observance are put aside in favor of this Solemnity. The Church celebrates Saint Joseph's Day like a Sunday because of the great role the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus played in the history of salvation. The Church also invites us to ask the heavenly help of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church and for each of us for a happy death. Please consider coming to Mass on Saint Joseph's Day in the Cathedral Chapel at 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

I want to remind you that listening devices are available in the sacristy for anyone who has any difficulty with hearing during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. All that is necessary is to go to the sacristy before the celebration and ask one of the sacristans for the use of a listening device.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish and to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to support the liturgical music programs in 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 very much.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Dear Lord,

Make this Lenten season a time for us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Thank you for your cross - the only ladder by which we may go to heaven! Amen!

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 3/9 was:

Regular \$5,896

Special 1,518 (to support the Church in Latin America)

Electronic* 3,760 Total \$11,174

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for February. 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@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:

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM Click Here, or go to: https://vimeo.com/event/2470138;

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

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill Rector

Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers Rector Emeritus

Reverend Matthew P. Carroll, O.P. Parochial Vicar

Reverend Peter J. Welsh Part-time Parochial Vicar (Hispanic Ministry)

Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski Priest in Residence

> Reverend Philip G. Bochanski Priest in Residence

Deacon Jesús M. Burgos Permanent Deacon

Sister Marie Faustina, R.S.M. Parish Manager

Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I. Parish Evangelization

Sister Mary Raphael Paradis, R.S.M. Outreach Coordinator

Gina Ingiosi
Director of Religious Education

Charlene Angelini Director of Cathedral Parish Music

> Mark Loria Principal Organist

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS -Adult faith formation-

Penitential Rite for Candidates

Thursday, March 20, 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

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

Readings for Mass for this Week
Please see the website of the United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Kevin Perez, Jerry Kunz, Timothy Edward, Cynthia Estevez, Paige Katharine, Reema Raghulal, August Barbara, Mario Becerra's intentions, Joseph, B. McMahan, Nilda Teresa, Kris Polise's intentions, Don Conwie, Ana Suarez, Kanwal Meer, Stefania, Jorgelina Brebbia, 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 envie 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 RECONCILACIÓN Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

NOCHES DE REFLEXIÓN Y COMPARTIR

VEN Y ÚNETE A LA IGLESIA

Una noche de reflexión y compartir con el obispo Deliman y el obispo Cooke sobre los planes para la comunidad hispana y sobre el nuevo camino a seguir juntos como Iglesia católica de Filadelfia. Tu voz v presencia son importantes. NO FALTES



San Carlos Borromeo, Bensalem 13 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San William, Filadelfia 18 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Roque, Avondale 31 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santo Tomás de Aquino

22 de abril / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santa María (Santa Ana), Phoenia 23 de abril / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

14 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Stanislaus, Lansda

San Patricio, Norristowr 20 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

Santa Inés, West Chesto 21 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 p

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ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Se les invita, a la comunidad hispana, para que participen en los siguientes eventos:

16 de marzo – Las Estaciones de la Cruz para los niños (en la Capilla a las 11:30 am); 23 de marzo; 30 de marzo; 6 de

abril; 13 de abril Lugar: Basílica de la Catedral

Hora: Después de nuestra Misa en español

Los días 23 de marzo y 6 de abril se ofrecerá una charla (10 minutos aprox.) donde se hablará del Ayuno, la Oración y la Caridad.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Este domingo es el segundo domingo de Cuaresma! El evangelio narra la Transfiguración del Señor. Jesús lleva a Pedro, Juan y Santiago a la montaña para orar. Mientras Jesús oraba, su apariencia cambió. Los apóstoles tuvieron el gran privilegio de ver al Señor en gloria. Esta fue una experiencia muy alentadora para ellos. Habían estado siguiendo al Señor, escuchando sus enseñanzas y confiando en que él era el Salvador. Lo oyeron predecir la necesidad de su propia muerte por ellos y por la salvación de todos. Deseaban perseverar en su fidelidad al llamado a ser sus discípulos. La Transfiguración, así como fue una promesa de esperanza para los apóstoles, lo es también para nosotros durante la Cuaresma. Nosotros también queremos ser fieles como discípulos y perseverar, especialmente en nuestro camino cuaresmal hacia una conversión más profunda del pecado a una vida cristiana más vibrante v llena de gracia. La Transfiguración es la garantía de que el Señor nos proveerá todo lo necesario para serle fieles ahora y tener la promesa de compartir su gloria por la eternidad. ¡Anímense! ¡Perseveren en sus propósitos cuaresmales! ¡Arrepiéntanse y crean en el evangelio!

Confesarse bien es una parte fundamental de la Cuaresma. El horario de confesiones es:

Domingos a las 9:00 AM (Basílica), 12:00 PM en español (Capilla) y 5:30 PM (Basílica)

Diarios a las 11:30 AM (Basílica) y sábados a las 4:15 PM (Basílica)

Una devoción importante durante la Cuaresma es el Vía Crucis, siguiendo a Jesús en su camino hacia su sufrimiento y muerte por nosotros. Esta devoción puede realizarse en casa y en la iglesia. Los animo a que incluyan esta devoción en su Cuaresma. El Vía Crucis se reza los viernes de Cuaresma en la Capilla de la Catedral después de la Misa de las 12:05 PM y en la Catedral Basílica (en español) después de la Misa de las 12:30 PM. Hay muchos recursos maravillosos en línea para ayudarte a rezar el Vía Crucis en casa.

Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de San José, Esposo de la Santísima Virgen María, el miércoles 19 de marzo del 2025. En el día de San José, dejamos de lado nuestra penitencia y observancia cuaresmal para celebrar esta solemnidad. La Iglesia celebra el día de San José como un domingo por el gran papel que desempeñó el esposo de María y padre adoptivo de Jesús en la historia de la salvación. La Iglesia también nos invita a pedir la ayuda celestial de San José, patrón de la Iglesia Universal, y para que cada uno de nosotros tenga una muerte feliz. Por favor, considere asistir a la Misa del día de San José en la Capilla de la Catedral a las 7:15 AM y a las 12:05 PM. ¡San José, ruega por nosotros!

Quiero recordarles que hay audífonos disponibles en la sacristía para quienes tengan alguna dificultad auditiva durante la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia. Solo necesitan ir a la sacristía antes de la celebración y solicitar a uno de los sacristanes el uso de uno.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral y con la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a apoyar los programas de música litúrgica de la Parroquia Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquia o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Por favor, visiten http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias.

Dios los bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill Rector

LENTEN SCHEDULE

The holy season of Lent concludes on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. For catechumens, this takes place through the several stages of Christian initiation. For the faithful, this takes place through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND FASTING DURING LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as a minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The description and schedule of the Lenten Rites for the Elect (catechumens) and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments will be announced in the Parish Bulletin all throughout Lent. These rites will take place at the Saturday evening 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday and at the Sunday 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE

Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel), and 5:30 PM (Basilica) Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

will take place each Friday of Lent in the Chapel immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass. *El Vía Crucis*, the Way of the Cross in Spanish, will also take place each Sunday of Lent in the Basilica following the 12:30 PM Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

By eating one simple meal weekly and placing your savings into the *Rice Bowl*, you will be joining in solidarity with all who have so little to live on and helping to reach out to assist them throughout the world and here in the Archdiocese. *Rice Bowls* are available in the vestibules. Your donations can be dropped off during Holy Week and the first weeks of Easter in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EVENTS DURING THIS LENT

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, the Cathedral Basilica will have the Lenten Retreat from 9am to 3:30 PM, Sponsored by the Office of Consecrated Life.

Presenter: Sr. Mary Ann Clarahan, RSM RSVP: Sr. Marie Faustina, RSM at sr.mfaustina@archphila.org

All are invited

EVANGELIZATION

LENT-2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

We are now one and a half weeks into Lent; how are your Lenten resolutions going? Often, people make Lenten resolutions in three categories: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These Lenten practices are meant to help to move us further from our sins and closer to God. Today, let us reflect on prayer.

What is prayer? Ultimately, prayer is talking with God. That is why it is so important that we pray every single day: we need to be communicating with God each and every day. Just as we talk to those closest to us each day, we need to be talking to God each day. Talking with God through prayer is how we open our hearts to His grace and love, and we stand in constant need of those to help us make the right decisions. Prayer need not be long or complicated, but it does need to be regular: every single day. The habit of daily prayer is one of the most foundational habits of the spiritual life (along with weekly Mass and monthly confession).

There are two broad categories of prayer: praying using fixed texts (e.g., the Our Father & the Hail Mary) and praying with our own words (i.e., just talking with God). Both have their place in the spiritual life and both are necessary. We might wonder, though: what do I say if I pray in my own words? Traditionally there are four types of prayer that we can move between when praying in our own words: prayers of petition (asking for things for ourselves), prayers of intercession (asking for things for others), prayers of thanksgiving (for what God has done), and prayers of praise (for who He is). It is important to include all four types in our prayer, lest we develop a distorted view of our relationship with God.

What about distractions in prayer? Given our fallen human nature and the fallen world in which we live, distractions are inevitable in prayer. That being said, we can (and should) work to mitigate their effects. One important thing to consider is our preparation for prayer. Just as athletes warm up before they begin their full physical activity, so we should "warm up" before prayer by seeking to calm our thoughts and quiet the area around us. We can also keep a little notebook by us when we pray, so that if an important thought occurs to us we can write it down and not have to spend mental energy trying to remember it through our time of prayer. But when the distractions come, we should not try and fight them; getting agitated in prayer just makes distractions worse. Instead, we can make a quick prayer about whatever the distraction is, and then let it go to return to whatever prayer we were doing.

Much more could be said about prayer, but this is a bulletin column, not a doctoral dissertation. So I will leave you with this encouragement when it comes to prayer: be like Nike, and "Just Do It."

Yours in Christ, Fr. Carroll

Disciple Maker Index SURVEY



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Our parish is participating in a **Disciple**Maker Index (DMI) survey conducted by
the Catholic Leadership Institute, and
we need your help!

This 10-15 minute survey is an opportunity for you to reflect on your spiritual growth and provide feedback on how our parish can better support you. Your responses will be **completely confidential**, and the parish will receive a summary of the overall results.

The survey is available:

a) Complete the survey online: <u>Click here</u> or visit our parish website.

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xcg676

B) Paper Copies – Available at the parish.

There will be baskets at the parish for all completed paper surveys. It must be submitted by April 25, 2025.

Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us understand our parish's growth and plan for the future. Thank you for your participation!

Explore the Cathedral from Anywhere!

The **Google Tour of the Cathedral** is now available! Take a **virtual walk** through our beautiful church from the comfort of your home.

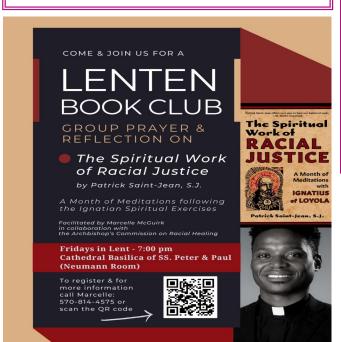
Click the link below to begin your tour:

bit.ly/CathSSPP

Use your **arrow keys** or mouse to "walk around" and explore the sacred beauty of our Cathedral. We hope this virtual experience inspires you to visit in person!

CYO Spring Sports with St. Francis Xavier
Registration is now open
Baseball grades 6-8 | Softball grades 6-8
Track and Field grades 1-8
Looking for assistant coaches for all sports

Contact Jennifer Timony <u>jltimony@gmail.com</u> 215-605-2222





Please join us in praying for the elects and candidates of the Cathedral as they journey toward the fullness of the faith. May they be strengthened and guided by God's grace as they prepare for the sacraments. We ask for your prayers and support as they continue this transformative process.

Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults



1st Sunday of the month 11 AM, Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel in the Cathedral

Regular Meetings

2nd Sunday of the month After 630 PM Mass, Saint John Neumann Room

3rd Saturday of the Month After 515 PM Mass, Drexel Hall (Cathedral Basement)

Bible Study

4th Tuesday of the month 7 PM, Saint John Neumann Room Join Our Discord! https://discord.gg/k4NYBv2tAH



The Cathedral Parish has been assigned two days to participate in the Forty Days for Life Campaign outside of **Planned Parenthood at 1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107**We will be gathering on **Tuesday, April 8** to pray for an end to abortion and for the protection of all human life.

Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to sign up after any of the Masses or call the

Parish Office at 215-561-1313 for more information. We would like to have at least two people sign up for each time slot. If you are interested in signing up,

Please reach out to Sarah Contrucci at secontrucci@gmail.com

