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 23, 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

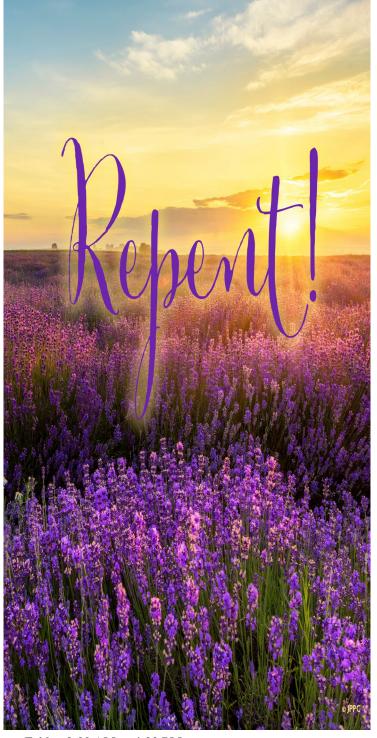
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the:

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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Third Week of Lent Sunday, March 23, 2025

"Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Matthew 4:17

Mass Intentions for the Week Saturday, Lenten Weekday March 22 12:05 Joseph P. Muldoor 5:15 Hadara Crews March 23 **Third Sunday of Lent** 8:00 For the People of the Parish 9:30 Michael Joseph Marino Dorothy E. Berlingis 11:00 Marcia Miranda 12:30 6:30 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant March 24 Monday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 Enza Pinto March 25 Tuesday The Annunciation of the Lord 7:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 Alexa Kane March 26 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 For the intentions of Ken. Donna, & Michelle Brumbaugh March 27 Thursday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 James Patrick Bradley 12:05 Alfred L. Dezzi March 28 Friday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 William Vincent De Vuono Saturday, Lenten Weekday March 29 Marianne T. McDonough 12:05 5:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant March 30 **Fourth Sunday of Lent** Laetare Sunday For the People of the Parish 8:00 9:30 Bess Aragoncillo 11:00 Neil Moravek 12:30 Maria Miranda 6:30 For the intentions of the Priest

The 2026 Mass Intentions and Wedding book are OPEN

Celebrant

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

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent! Lent moves very quickly. It is already the beginning of the Third Week of Lent. Jesus continues to invite us to repent and that there are eternal consequences when we do not repent. Let us heed the Lord more so this Lent than any other Lent in the past. As we move toward Easter, we are compelled by the word of God to be enlightened by its truth and purified by its grace. Now is the time to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, and to make a good Lenten Confession. Please see the front cover of the Parish Bulletin for the many opportunities here at the Cathedral Basilica to go to Confession. The Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 103 with the response, The Lord is kind and merciful. May these comforting words from Sacred Scripture inspire and guide our repentance. May they bring us to the confessional. His mercy endures forever!

A small group among us gives additional meaning to the way we observe Lent. This group is our parish Elect. These men and women were elected for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist by Archbishop Perez on the First Sunday of Lent. Election means that they have completed a period of catechetical formation for the reception of the Sacraments. They know what the Christian life is about and have a better understanding of the Sacraments. Now, they observe Lent, this period of purification and enlightenment, to be prepared spiritually to be fully initiated with the Easter Sacraments at the Solemn Paschal Vigil on Easter night. As they prepare to be baptized, they inspire those of us already baptized to be renewed in our baptismal integrity, to live as Christ intends for us, repenting of sins and following him according to his word. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Elect participate in the Scrutinies. These are penitential rites to help them uncover in themselves what still needs to be healed so they are free from any impediment to Baptism. These Scrutinies take place at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass or the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. The Elect pass through the Scrutinies to prepare for Easter. The baptized encounter the forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. Let us keep our Elect and candidates for the Easter Sacraments in our prayers during Lent.

Let us continue to keep our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in our prayers in a most intentional way. He has been hospitalized now for more than a month with reported slight improvements but with a continuing complex health condition. We pray for the Holy Father's improved health and for his spiritual peace and consolation at this time as well. Let us also keep in mind the whole Church during this period of our Holy Father's hospital stay.

Invite a family member, a neighbor, and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.

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 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 very much.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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 3/16 was:

Regular \$5,044

Special 819 (to religious education programs of the

Electronic* 3,760 Cathedral Parish)

Total \$9,623

*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;

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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-

The Creed and the Lord's Prayer

Thursday, March 27, 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

Men's Study Group

Gill at info@cathedralphila.org

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: Viola Cleo's intentions, Sr. Gabrielle Braccio's intentions, Stefan Fedus, Dominga Sinsay, Angelo David, Kevin Perez, Jerry Kunz, Timothy Edward, Cynthia Estevez, Paige Katharine, Reema Raghulal, August Barbara, Mario Becerra's intentions, Erick Santos, 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

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.

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

18 de marzo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Roque, Avondale

Santo Tomás de Aquino 22 de abril / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

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

San Lorenzo, Upper Darby 14 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pm

San Stanislaus, La 19 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pr

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

Santa Inés, West Cheste 21 de mayo / 7:00pm a 9:00 pr

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Este domingo es el tercer domingo de Cuaresma! La Cuaresma avanza rápidamente. Ya estamos en el comienzo de la Tercera Semana de Cuaresma. Jesús continúa invitándonos al arrepentimiento y a reconocer las consecuencias eternas de no arrepentirnos. Escuchemos al Señor más esta Cuaresma que en cualquier otra Cuaresma anterior. Al acercarnos a la Pascua, la palabra de Dios nos impulsa a ser iluminados por su verdad y purificados por su gracia. Ahora es el momento de planificar la celebración del Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación, para hacer una buena Confesión Cuaresmal. Consulten la portada del boletín parroquial para conocer las numerosas oportunidades que hay aquí en la Basílica Catedral para confesarse. El Salmo Responsorial de este domingo es el Salmo 103, con la respuesta: «El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso». Que estas reconfortantes palabras de la sagrada escritura inspiren y guíen nuestro arrepentimiento. Que nos lleven al confesionario. ¡Su misericordia es eterna!

Un pequeño grupo entre nosotros da un significado adicional a nuestra forma de celebrar la Cuaresma. Este grupo es el de nuestros Elegidos parroquiales. Estos hombres y mujeres fueron elegidos por el Arzobispo Pérez para los sacramentos pascuales del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía el primer domingo de Cuaresma. La elección significa que han completado un período de formación catequética para la recepción de los sacramentos. Conocen la vida cristiana y tienen una mejor comprensión de los sacramentos. Ahora, celebran la Cuaresma, este período de purificación e iluminación, para prepararse espiritualmente y recibir plenamente la iniciación en los sacramentos pascuales en la solemne Vigilia Pascual de la noche de Pascua. Al prepararse para el bautismo, inspiran a los ya bautizados a renovar nuestra integridad bautismal, a vivir como Cristo quiere, arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y siguiéndolo según su palabra. El tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma, los Elegidos participan en los Escrutinios. Estos son ritos penitenciales que les ayudan a descubrir en sí mismos lo que aún necesita sanar, para que estén libres de cualquier impedimento para el Bautismo. Estos Escrutinios tienen lugar en la Misa Anticipada de las 5:15 PM o en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. Los Elegidos pasan por los Escrutinios como preparación para la Pascua. Los bautizados encuentran el perdón de Cristo en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación, preparándose para la Pascua. Mantengamos presentes en nuestras oraciones a nuestros Elegidos y candidatos a los Sacramentos de Pascua durante la Cuaresma.

Sigamos orando por nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, con mayor dedicación. Lleva más de un mes hospitalizado, con ligeras mejorías, pero con un estado de salud complejo. Oramos por su mejoría y por su paz y consuelo espiritual en este momento. También tengamos presente a toda la Iglesia durante la hospitalización de nuestro Santo Padre.

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

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 proyectos especiales mantenimiento de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus donaciones dominicales por correo a la oficina de la Parroquia Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Consulte http://cathedralphila.org/donate/. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill Rector

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

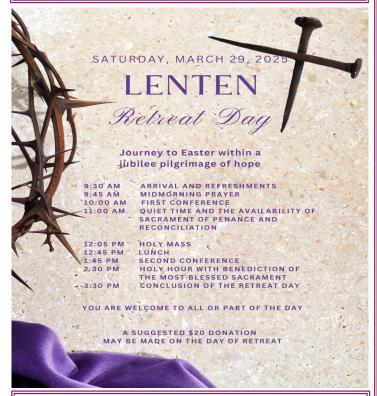
Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

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 Via 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.



Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults Rosary Group

1st Sunday of the month

11 AM, Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in the Cathedral

Regular Meetings

2nd Sunday of the month

After 6:30 PM Mass, Saint John Neumann Room 3rd Saturday of the Month

After 5:15 PM Mass, Drexel Hall (Cathedral Basement)

EVANGELIZATION

LENT-3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Last week, we reflected upon prayer; this week, let's think about fasting. Fasting is voluntarily denying ourselves something, usually food or drink. The rational for fasting is straightforward: as human beings, we are both body and soul. Our attention is limited, though, so the more we focus on our bodily needs, the less we focus on our spiritual needs, and vice versa. Fasting is a voluntary denial of some bodily need in order to be able to focus more on our spiritual needs. St. Paul notes to the Corinthians that athletes exercise self-control in order to gain worldly victory and glory; we Christians are called to exercise similar self-control, but in order to gain the eternal prize of heaven.

Fasting encompasses a wide variety of possibilities. A person could skip a meal on certain days, skip desserts or snacks on certain days, or abstain from meat on certain days. (The Lenten Friday abstinence from meat is a form of fasting.) One could also abstain from alcohol or coffee (be careful about coffee though: you don't want your penance to make you a penance to other people!). But it need not be limited to food and drink. You can also fast from social media or from technology, either on certain days or at certain hours. The question to ask yourself is: what is keeping me from spending more time with God? Are you spending a lot of time each day on your phone or computer? Then maybe a technology fast is in order. Are you so full at night that you can't rouse yourself off the couch to pray? Then maybe some fasting from food would be helpful. Do you often find yourself hungover on Sunday mornings and miss Mass? Try some fasting from alcohol.

Fasting can be particularly helpful for those struggling with sexual sins. As creatures who are body and soul, all of our bodily needs are connected. The more we indulge ourselves in one arena (food, drink, sex), the easier it is to indulge in the others. Similarly, the more we build up self-restraint in one area, the more that has a spill-over effect to make it easier to exercise self-restraint in other areas as well. And since food and drink are often easier desires to tame than our sexual desires, they are often the easier places to start.

It is important to note, though, that we have to be prudent in how we build up habits of fasting. Many a New Year's Resolution to exercise has failed because the person tried to add too much new exercise at once. Starting with a little bit of exercise and working in more over time is a much better strategy for long-term exercise success. So it is with fasting: if we try to implement too much at once, we'll simply reject it all. Start small, and as you build up the self-control and self-discipline, add more over time. Lent might be only 40 days long, but you should be playing the long game: you're in it for eternal life!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Carroll



Disciple Maker Index SÜRVEY



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.

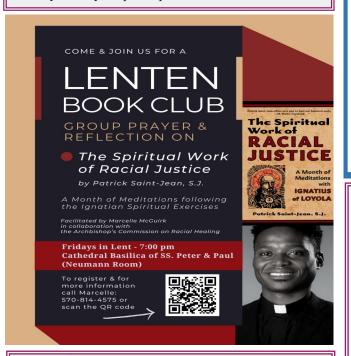
The survey is available:

a) Complete the survey online: Click here 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!





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

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

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.





The priests at the Cathedral Rectory are in need of a cook for the evening meal on Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday evening.

If you are experienced and interested, please contact the Rector, Father Dennis Gill, at fr.dgill@archphila.org.



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Homes/apartments within about 30 minutes of the University City District would be especially helpful.

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The Patricians Meeting, sponsored by the Legion of Mary of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the **Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel**

> St. Joseph: Terror of Demons. Pillar of Families **Sunday, March 23, 2025** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presenter: Reginald Tarawalley Spiritual director: Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI

Join the discussion on ways to love them back to Christ. Don't feel like you've failed if your loved ones have left the church. You're not perfect. God is perfect and he is longing for us to return to him.

> **Location: Room 1307** Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. .17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103





Conference - Saturday, May 10, 2025 With The Most Reverend Efren V. Esmilla Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA

Retreat - June 20-22, 2025 Malvern Family Life Center

Leadership Day November 8, 2025

Epiphany of Our Lord Church SPEAKER INFORMATION COMING SOON!



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