

# 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 30, 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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul  
@CathedralPhila



He was lost and has  
been found.

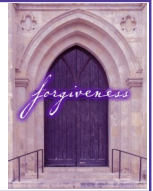
Luke 15:32



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 • 215-561-1313  
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

## Fourth Week of Lent Sunday, March 30, 2025

*“I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you”. Luke 15:18*



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

- March 29 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**  
12:05 Marianne T. McDonough  
5:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
- March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Laetare Sunday**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Bess Aragoncillo  
11:00 Neil Moravek  
12:30 Sebastian E. Rodríguez  
6:30 Richard N. Juliani, PhD
- March 31 Monday, Lenten Weekday**  
7:15 Gracelyn Puentes  
12:05 Neil Moravek
- April 1 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**  
7:15 Valeria Bonanni  
12:05 For the intentions of Mother Mary Christa Nutt, RSM
- April 2 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday  
St. Francis of Paola**  
7:15 For the intentions of Sharon Griffin  
12:05 For the intentions of Chico Guzman Family
- April 3 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**  
7:15 For the intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel  
12:05 Essie Mae Rubin
- April 4 Friday, Lenten Weekday  
St. Isidore**  
7:15 For the intentions of the Fr. Gill  
12:05 Timothy Turner
- April 5 Saturday, Lenten Weekday  
St. Vincent Ferrer**  
12:05 Grace Sara Poon  
5:15 Sotir Suli
- April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 For the Living and Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart  
11:00 Steve & Lucy Fifelski  
12:30 Urbis de Jesus  
6:30 Clare D'Agostino

Dear Parishioners,

*This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent!* This Sunday is also referred to as *Laetare* Sunday, its Latin title. *Laetare* is the first word of the Introit (Entrance Chant) for this Sunday and means “rejoice”. We rejoice this Sunday not because Lent has passed the halfway mark but, more importantly, because the joy of celebrating Easter is so much nearer. As we rejoice that soon our Lenten journey will come to an end with the great celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, let us also resolve to keep even more vigilantly the discipline of Lent until Easter. The Holy Gospel for this Sunday, the return of the Prodigal Son to his Father, reminds all of us of our need to make a good Lenten Confession. If you have not taken the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation this Lent, plan now when that will take place over these next three weeks. Perhaps you also might consider—if you are not doing so already—coming to Mass during the week, spending some time in adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and making the Stations of the Cross during these remaining weeks of Lent. *Yes, Easter is near. However, let us not coast through the valuable days of Lent that remain to prepare us for Easter.*

***This Wednesday, April 2, 2025, the Cathedral Basilica will be open from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with several priests available for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish. Please take advantage of this opportunity for a good Lenten Confession in preparation for Easter. Also, please spread the word about this Wednesday evening for Confessions.***

*You are reminded that it is our Christian duty to provide for the Sacraments for those in danger of death, especially with the reception of the last Holy Communion, Holy Viaticum.* In fact, it is a Precept of the Church to receive Holy Viaticum. Please call on the priests to minister to anyone who is seriously ill, especially nearing the end of life. It is best to make this contact with the parish priests while someone is still conscious and able to participate in the celebration of the Sacraments. As March concludes, the month of Saint Joseph, we recall he is the patron of a happy death. Let us pray to him that each of us will have the blessing of a sacramental death when the Lord calls us to our heavenly homeland.

*In a short time, an invitation to the Keys and Sword Event 2025 will be sent to all our registered parishioners.* A similar invitation will also be sent to friends of the Cathedral Parish throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The event is the principal fund-raiser for the Cathedral Parish. It includes opportunities to support the Cathedral Parish through the purchase of ads for the Ad Book, sponsoring the event through a financial contribution, and/or the purchase of tickets for the event itself. The Keys and Sword Event 2025 will take place on Friday, June 27, 2025, at the Logan Hotel. Plan now to attend this wonderful celebration of the Cathedral Parish.

*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 the national collection for the Church in Eastern Europe. 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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

### Your generosity on 3/23 was:

Regular \$5,079  
Special 1,349 (to liturgical music programs of the  
Electronic\* 3,760 Cathedral Parish)  
Total \$10,188

\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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-

*The Way of the Cross*

Thursday, April 3, 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](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org)



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 call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313 for more information or email Sarah Contrucci at [secontrucci@gmail.com](mailto:secontrucci@gmail.com)

*Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Maryann Pinto, John McDonagh, Romina's intentions, Sonia Cordero, Lorena Barrios, Gian, Eddie Chung, Eva Hernandez, Landon, Kendra's intentions, Viola Cleo's intentions, Sr. Gabrielle Braccio's intentions, Stefan Fedus, 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](mailto: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

**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**

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

**30 de marzo; 6 de abril; 13 de abril**

**Lugar:** Basílica de la Catedral

**Hora:** Después de nuestra Misa en español

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

PREPARACIÓN DEL SACRAMENTO PARA NIÑOS

# Inscripción

**Otoño 2025 - Primavera 2026**

LAS INSCRIPCIONES ESTÁN ABIERTAS  
DEL 1 DE ABRIL AL 30 DE JUNIO

UTILICE EL FORMULARIO EN LÍNEA PARA  
INSCRIBIR A SU HIJO/A:

- PARA RECIBIR LA PREPARACIÓN PARA  
LOS SACRAMENTOS
- PARA RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS EN LA BASÍLICA  
CATEDRAL (INDEPENDIEMENTE DE DÓNDE  
RECIBA LA PREPARACIÓN SU HIJO/A)



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/INSCRIPCIONPREPSACRAMENTAL](https://bit.ly/inscripcionprepsacramental)

**Viaje con  
Fr. Thomas Whittingham  
5 al 18 de octubre de 2025  
Costo: \$5,599.00**

(Tarifa aérea incluida desde cualquier lugar de EE. UU.)  
Consulte el viaje n.º 1169 al registrarse

**Proximo Travel**  
Peregrinación a Roma, Asís, Padre Pio y Santuarios de Italia  
14 días  
Roma • Orvieto • Asís • Lucciano • Loreto  
San Giovanni Rotondo • Pietrelcina • Monte Cassino  
Siena • Florencia • Padua • Venecia • Casca  
Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths

  
Entrusting all our  
trust to the Blessed  
Care of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

**REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*¡Este es el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma! Este domingo es también conocido como Domingo de Laetare, en su título en latín. Laetare es la primera palabra del Introito (Canto de Entrada) de este domingo y significa “alégrate”. Nos regocijamos este domingo no porque haya pasado la mitad de la Cuaresma, sino, sino, más importante aún, porque la alegría de celebrar la Pascua está mucho más cerca. Mientras nos regocijamos de que pronto nuestro camino cuaresmal llegará a su fin con la gran celebración de la Resurrección del Señor, decidámonos también mantener aún más vigilantemente la disciplina de la Cuaresma hasta la Pascua. El santo evangelio de este domingo, el regreso del Hijo Pródigo a su Padre, nos recuerda a todos la necesidad de hacer una buena Confesión Cuaresmal. Si no han aprovechado la oportunidad de celebrar el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación esta Cuaresma, planifiquen ahora cuándo lo harán durante las próximas tres semanas. Quizás también podría considerar, si aún no lo hace, asistir a Misa entre semana, dedicar un tiempo a la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, leer las Sagradas Escrituras y rezar el Vía Crucis durante las semanas restantes de Cuaresma. Si, la Pascua está cerca. Sin embargo, no dejemos pasar los valiosos días de Cuaresma que nos quedan para prepararnos para la Pascua.*

**Este miércoles 2 de abril del 2025, la Catedral Basílica estará abierta desde las 7:00 a 9:00 PM con varios sacerdotes disponibles para el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. Se escucharán confesiones en inglés y español. Aproveche esta oportunidad para una buena confesión cuaresmal en preparación para la Pascua. Además, por favor, corra la voz sobre las confesiones de este miércoles por la noche.**

*Les recordamos que es nuestro deber cristiano proveer a los sacramentos para quienes están en peligro de muerte, especialmente con la recepción de la última Comunión, el Santo Viático. De hecho, es un precepto de la Iglesia recibir el Santo Viático. Por favor, pidan a los sacerdotes para que atiendan a cualquier persona gravemente enferma, especialmente a quienes se acercan al final de su vida. Es recomendable contactar a los párrocos mientras la persona aún esté consciente y pueda participar en la celebración de los sacramentos. Al concluir el mes de marzo, mes de San José, recordamos que es el patrón de la buena muerte. Oremos a él para que cada uno de nosotros tenga la bendición de una muerte sacramental cuando el Señor nos llame a nuestra patria celestial.*

*Próximamente, se enviará una invitación al Evento de las Llaves y la Espada 2025 «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés» a todos nuestros feligreses registrados. También se enviará una invitación similar a los amigos de la Parroquia Catedral en toda la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Este evento es la principal fuente de recaudación de fondos para la Parroquia Catedral. Incluye oportunidades para apoyar a la Parroquia Catedral mediante la compra de anuncios para el Libro de Anuncios, el patrocinio del evento con una contribución financiera y/o la compra de entradas para el evento. El Evento de las Llaves y la Espada 2025 se llevará a cabo el viernes 27 de junio del 2025 en el Hotel Logan. Planifique ahora su asistencia a esta maravillosa celebración de la Parroquia Catedral.*

*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 la colecta nacional para la Iglesia en Europa del Este. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Consulte <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.*

¡Que Dios los bendiga,  
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

**Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults  
Rosary Group**

**1st Saturday of the month—April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
11 AM at Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in the Cathedral  
**Regular Meetings**

**3rd Saturday of the month—April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
After 5:15 PM Mass at Drexel Hall (Cathedral Basement)  
**Bible Study**

**4th Tuesday of the month—April 22nd**  
7 PM at Saint John Neumann Room

Join Our Discord! <https://discord.gg/k4NYBv2tAH>



**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!



**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 at 2 PM  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Experience a powerful moment of faith as we come together for the Eucharist procession. Walk in reverence and joy as we celebrate the Body of Christ, deepening our connection to the community and to God.

Don't miss this special opportunity to renew your spirit and share in this sacred tradition! Parking is available.

**Go, Make Disciples:  
An Introductory Training in Missionary Discipleship  
Saturdays, April 26, May 3 and May 31, 2025  
8:45 AM-11:45 AM**

Join us for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship. This course will help you deepen your personal friendship with Jesus and acquire relational skills to encounter and accompany others into Christ's love. [Click here to watch the 2-minute trailer video](#)

**Facilitator:** Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**Location:** Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia  
**More info:** [View the flyer](#); \$25.00 includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guidebook; Visit [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events) to register or use this link to register now: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=DKZUtr>

# EVANGELIZATION

## LENT- 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Having reflected upon prayer and fasting, let's now look briefly at almsgiving. Almsgiving is, as the name says, giving alms (money, clothes, etc.) to those in need. When you read the Bible, it is amazing the power that is attributed to almsgiving. For example:

Tobit 12:8-9- "Almsgiving with righteousness is better than wealth with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life."

Proverbs 19:17- "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the LORD, who will pay back the sum in full."

Luke 11:41- "But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."

Why does almsgiving have such power? Perhaps because giving alms makes us in a particular way like unto God. Recall that God is perfect and complete in Himself; He does not need to create, nor does He need anyone or anything in creation. But He is generous and wants to give of His love to others, and so He creates simply so that He can have others on which to bestow His love. Creation does not benefit God at all; only creatures benefit from it. Almsgiving is similar: when we give alms, we do not directly benefit (in fact, quite the opposite: if we get something back from the person/group, it's not really almsgiving). We give generously without expecting anything back, just as God creates without expecting anything in return. Now, we should give God thanks for creating us, just as those whom we help should thank us. But regardless of whether that thanks comes; almsgiving and creation are both gratuitous outpourings of self for the sake of the other. And for us, that pouring out of ourselves opens our hearts to God's grace, drawing us away from our sins and closer to God.

Does this mean that we have to give money to every person who asks it of us? No. Just as we can misuse the gifts God gives us in creation, so those in need can misuse money to purchase drugs, alcohol, etc. We should, then, be prudent in our almsgiving (e.g., buying food for a person instead of just giving them cash), but not let an overabundance of prudence keep us from giving alms at all.

As we enter into this second half of Lent, may our Lord continue to guide your fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, that you might continue to grow in holiness as Easter draws ever closer.

God Bless,  
Fr. Carroll

**Catholic Charismatic Conference: Our God Reigns  
Saturday, May 10, 2025, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm** | Vigil Mass with **Bishop Efen V. Esmilla**  
Keynote Speaker: **Fr. James Blount, SOLT**; Emcee: Maria Carmel Richardson | REMNANT Music Ministry  
**Epiphany of Our Lord Church**, 3050 Walton Rd., Ply. Mtg., PA 19462  
**\$45.00 per person, includes lunch.** Age 16 and under is free. Scholarships available, if needed



COME & JOIN US FOR A

# LENTEN BOOK CLUB

GROUP PRAYER & REFLECTION ON


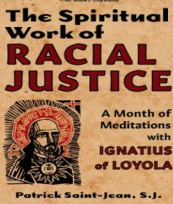

● *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice*  
by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.

*A Month of Meditations following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*

Facilitated by Marcelle McGuirk  
in collaboration with  
the Archbishop's Commission on Racial Healing

**Fridays in Lent - 7:00 pm**  
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul  
(Neumann Room)

To register & for more information call Marcelle: 570-814-4575 or scan the QR code

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

# Registration

## Fall 2025 - Spring 2026


REGISTRATION IS OPEN APRIL 1 - JUNE 30

USE THE ONLINE FORM TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP:

- TO RECEIVE PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS
- TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA (REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOUR CHILD IS RECEIVING PREPARATION)



**HTTPS://BIT.LY/SACRAMENTPREREGISTRATION**



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](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org).


**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

**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](http://www.kofc.org) and email us at [kofc1191@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1191@gmail.com).

**Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975**  
**50th Year Reunion**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025 6-10pm**  
Heroes Ballroom at FOP Lodge #5  
11630 Caroline Road Philadelphia, Pa. 19154  
\$75.00 per Person  
Venmo Jim Gallagher1975CDREUNION  
Or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion  
c/o John Lennon 861 Beverly Road Rydal, Pa. 19046  
Additional Questions/Email  
[1975cdreunion@gmail.com](mailto:1975cdreunion@gmail.com)

The **Maternity BVM Elementary Class of 1975**  
**50 Year Class Reunion**  
**November 22, 2025**  
Mass 4:30 PM  
Reception-BVM Hall at 6-10pm  
Contact:  
Denise Voisard  
[dvoisard@maternitybvm.net](mailto:dvoisard@maternitybvm.net)

**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](mailto:mmcgeough64@gmail.com)



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY**  
**FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION**  
**DURING THIS LENT**


**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL  
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The sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance. There is no better way to know God than to let him reconcile us to himself (cf. 2 Cor 5:20) and savour his forgiveness. Let us not neglect Confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!

Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, number 23

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