

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

April 13, 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

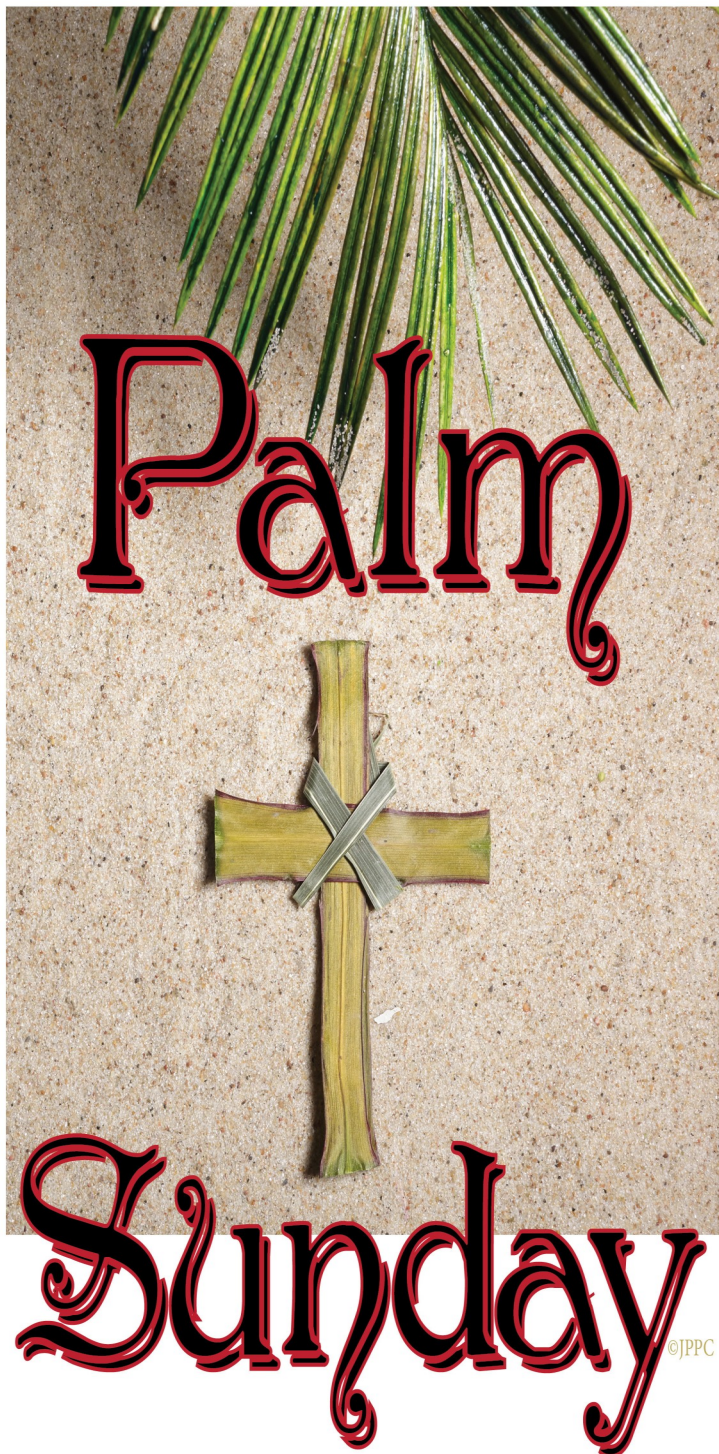
Saturday: 4:15 PM in the Basilica

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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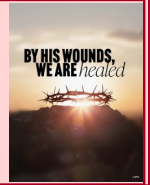
Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 13, 2025

“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name”. Philippians 2:8-9



Weekly Intentions



April 12	Saturday, Lenten Weekday
12:05	Anna Bittenbusch
5:15	Nicoletta Lofaro
April 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Joseph B. Volpe Jr.
11:00	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
1:00	Jeffrey Johns
6:30	Anthony & Linda Christopher
April 14	Monday of the Holy Week
7:15	Michael Remshard
12:05	Todd Tolomeo
April 15	Tuesday of the Holy Week
7:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
12:05	Patricia Grebloski
April 16	Wednesday of the Holy Week
7:15	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
12:05	James (Jim) Nowacky
April 17	Thursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
10:00	Chrism Mass
7:30	Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:45	Night Prayer at the Repository
April 18	Friday of the Holy Week (Good Friday)
9:00	Morning Prayer at the Repository
12:00	Prayer Service
1:00	The Way of the Cross
2:00	Choral Meditations of the Passion
3:00	Passion of the Lord
7:00	Procesión con el Vía Crucis, Las Siete Palabras, en la Capilla (<i>en español</i>)
April 19	Holy Saturday
9:00	Morning Prayer and Preparation Rites for the Elect
12:00	Prayer Service
8:00	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Adults
April 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
11:00	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant
1:00	Intentions of the Priest Celebrant (<i>bilingual</i>)

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week. This week we have the unique opportunity to celebrate and to live out in a rather complete way the mysteries of our redemption and salvation with the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. This is the greatest week of the Church Year. Plan to participate in the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Please see the schedule for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Bulletin. Also, please take note of the additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum in the Cathedral Basilica. Don't miss the opportunity to make a good Confession for Easter!

Please take the blessed palm that you receive at Mass today and place it over the crucifix that hangs in your home. The blessed palm, as it reminds us during the Palm Sunday Mass, is a sign all throughout the year of the victory of Christ, the Redeemer, over sin and death with his Cross and Resurrection. Any old, blessed palm can be brought to the Cathedral Sacristy at any time for its use for ashes next Ash Wednesday. You can also bury or burn your old, blessed palm to dispose properly of it.

All parishioners are welcome to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM. The Chrism Mass is the occasion for the Archbishop to assemble with his priests for the renewal of their Ordination Promises as well as the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the sacramental rites of the Church. Please keep all priests in your prayers on Holy Thursday, the anniversary of the institution of the Priesthood by the Lord.

Now is the time to purchase your tickets for our Parish Keys and Sword Event June 27, 2025. See the parish website to learn all about this wonderful parish event, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Also, please reach out to people, restaurants and businesses that you think might want to have an ad in our *Keys and Sword Ad Book*. Please see the enclosed flyer.

If you participated in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent, you may make your donation at any time over the next few weeks in any of the parish collections at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office.

I am so grateful to those who have already shown their generosity to the Cathedral Parish with their Easter offerings and with their donations for the Easter Flowers. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the support of the outreach services 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/>. As always, thank you so very much for all your goodness the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the *Appeal for Catholic Charities*.

Let us be mindful of one another in our prayers throughout this Holy Week. Let us be especially mindful of our Parish Elect who will be baptized this Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

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 4/6 was:

Regular \$5,609
Special 1,560 (for the Church in Eastern Europe)
Electronic* 2,586
Total \$9,755

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for March.
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

NO CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, 7:00 PM

The 2026 Mass Intentions and Wedding book are OPEN

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

<https://cathedralphila.org/sacraments/holy-matrimony/>

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

CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13, 2025

9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon (Spanish in the Chapel) and
5:30 PM in the Basilica

**Monday, April 14; Tuesday, April 15; and Wednesday,
April 16, 2025**

11:00 AM in the Basilica

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

12:30 Noon to 2:30 PM in the Basilica

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

11:00 AM in the Basilica

SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:

prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Juan Carlos Reynoso, Mary Beth Saar, Melody P. Manzon, John McDonagh's intentions, Elizabeth Epstein's intentions, Maryann Pinto, Rosalia Rojas, Luis Nouel, Jr., Romina's intentions, Sonia Cordero, Lorena Barrios, Gian & Josh, Eddie Chung, 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 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*

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Se les invita, a la comunidad hispana, para que participen en los siguientes eventos: **13 de abril**

Lugar: Basílica de la Catedral

Hora: Después de nuestra Misa en español

**Procesión con el Vía Crucis y
Sermón de Las Siete Palabras
Capilla de la Catedral el Viernes
santo, abril 18 a las
7:00 PM**

**Horario del Sagrado Triduo Pascual
Todos son bienvenidos!
¡Felices Pascuas!**

<https://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Spanish-Easter-Flyer-2025.pdf>

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

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

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy es el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor y el inicio de la Semana Santa. Esta semana tenemos la oportunidad única de celebrar y vivir plenamente los misterios de nuestra redención y salvación con la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia. Esta es la semana más importante del año eclesial. Planeen participar en el Triduo Pascual. Consulten el horario de la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual en esta misma edición del boletín parroquial. Además, tengan en cuenta las oportunidades adicionales para el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación durante la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual en la Basílica Catedral. ¡No pierdan la oportunidad de hacer una buena Confesión de Pascua!

Por favor, tomen la palma bendita que recibieron en la Misa de hoy y colóquenla sobre el crucifijo que cuelga en su hogar. La palma bendita, como nos recuerda la Misa del Domingo de Ramos, es un signo durante todo el año de la victoria de Cristo, Redentor, sobre el pecado y la muerte con su Cruz y Resurrección. Cualquier palma bendita vieja puede llevarse a la Sacristía de la Catedral en cualquier momento para su uso como ceniza el próximo Miércoles de Ceniza. También puede enterrar o quemar su palma bendita vieja para desecharla adecuadamente.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a la Misa Crismal del Jueves Santo, 17 de abril del 2025, a las 10:00 AM. La Misa Crismal es la ocasión para que el Arzobispo se reúna con sus sacerdotes para la renovación de sus Promesas de Ordenación, así como para la bendición y consagración de los Santos Óleos utilizados en la celebración de los ritos sacramentales de la Iglesia. Les rogamos que tengan presentes en sus oraciones a todos los sacerdotes este Jueves Santo, aniversario de la institución del Sacerdocio por el Señor.

¡Ahora es el momento de comprar sus boletos para nuestro Evento Parroquial de Llaves y Espadas «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés» el 27 de junio de 2025! Visite el sitio web de la parroquia para obtener más información sobre este maravilloso evento: <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. También, por favor, contacte a personas, restaurantes y negocios que crea que podrían estar interesados en tener un anuncio en nuestro *Catálogo de Llaves y Espadas*. Consulte el folleto adjunto.

Si participó en la Operación Plato de Arroz «Rice Bowl por su nombre en inglés» durante la Cuaresma, puede hacer su donación en cualquier momento durante las próximas semanas en cualquiera de las colectas parroquiales durante la misa o enviarla por correo a la oficina parroquial.

Estoy muy agradecido con quienes ya han mostrado su generosidad a la Parroquia de la Catedral con sus ofrendas de Pascua y con sus donaciones para las Flores de Pascua. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a apoyar los servicios de extensión comunitaria de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la Oficina Parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas formas de donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Como siempre, muchísimas gracias por sus bondades hacia la Parroquia Catedral de tantas maneras y por la *Campaña de Caridades Católicas*.

Recordémonos los unos a los otros en nuestras oraciones durante esta Semana Santa. Tengamos especialmente presente a nuestros elegidos parroquiales, quienes serán bautizados este Sábado Santo en la Vigilia Pascual.

¡Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

2025 KEYS & SWORD EVENT

Friday, June 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Logan Philadelphia

1 Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA

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



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday, April 18, 2025

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them heavily depended on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us as we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Each Friday at 3:00 PM.

Join Via Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 875 6706 8541 Passcode: Mercy



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](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xcg676) 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!

AFTER MASS

Coffee & Donuts



Divine Mercy Sunday,
April 27, 2025
After 11:00 AM Mass
Sister Cities Park
(across from the Cathedral)

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

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please contact the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please contact the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313, or email us at info@cathedralphila.org

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



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SACRAMENTPREREGISTRATION](https://bit.ly/sacramentpreregistration)

Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults

Regular Meetings

3rd Saturday of the month—April 19th

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 Are HIRING

Are you a talented cook looking for a part-time position? Do you know someone who is? We are seeking a dedicated and experienced part-time cook to join our team at the Cathedral Rectory.

Position Details:

Days:
Tuesday through Thursday and
Saturday evenings
Location: Cathedral Rectory

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please reach out directly to **Fr. Dennis Gill** at fr.dgill@archphila.org. Join us and become a valued member of our community!

<https://cathedralphila.org/>





Exodus 90
Beginning JAN 20th

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
mmcgeough64@gmail.com



Learn more



Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are prepared to serve the spiritual needs of our Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as **Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes.** Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the **Parish Office at 215-561-1313**. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ's love and peace to others. God bless you always and in all ways.



ANNOUNCING THE 2025 SBS GALA *Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the canonization of Saint Katharine Drexel*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

Interested in supporting us?

Purchase Raffle Tickets

To participate in our money raffle, \$10 per chance, or \$25 for three.

Support Through Advertising

Advertise your business in our Ad Book, to be distributed at the Gala and posted on the SBS website and social media.

Become a Sponsor

Sponsor the Gala to receive special benefits like free Gala tickets and advertisements.

For more information, visit

<https://www.katharinedrexel.org/news-events/gala-2025/>

or contact the Gala Committee at

(267) 592-6711 or sbscm.cfcp@gmail.com.



St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
School of Theological Studies
Catechetical Institute
610-785-6287
STS@SCS.edu



The Catechetical Institute (CI) offers online non-credit courses for Catholic adults 18 years+ with a high school diploma or equivalent. The courses are for teachers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia elementary schools who are required to obtain catechetical certification; parish catechists; and those seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

The following CI courses are being offered in April:

Catholic Moral Teachings

Sacraments of Healing and Vocation

Online Registration is open:

<https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/>

Cost per course is \$60.00



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](#).

