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 6, 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:

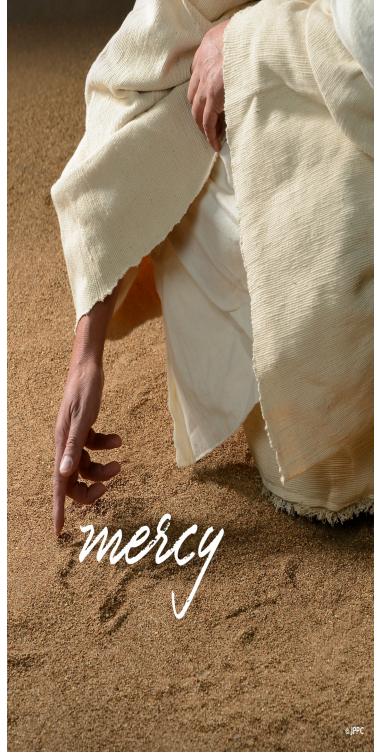
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE, SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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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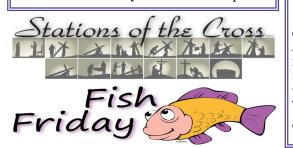


Fifth Week of Lent Sunday, April 6, 2025

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful". Joel 2:12-13



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 April 7 Monday, Lenten Weekday St. John Baptist de la Salle Joseph B. Volpe Jr. 7:15 Maureen Rizzo 12:05 April 8 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 Megan Juhline 12:05 Walter "Skip" Azpell April 9 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday 7:15 Sergio & Maria Capparella 12:05 For the intentions of Young Church of Philadelphia Thursday, Lenten Weekday April 10 7:15 For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant 12:05 Raymond Radomick April 11 Friday, Lenten Weekday St. Stanislaus 7:15 Clare D'Agostino 12:05 William Tierney April 12 Saturday, Lenten Weekday 12:05 Anna Buttenbusch Nicoletta Lofaro 5:15 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 12:30 Jeffrev Johns 6:30 Anthony & Linda Christopher



Dear Parishioners,

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent! This Sunday, we hear the very familiar Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery. The Lord teaches us two very important lessons for the Christian life especially so, as our Lent enters the last two weeks. The Lord says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her (John 8:7)." We are all sinners and in need of the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord. One of the chief aims of Lent is to give us the opportunity to reflect seriously on the state of our soul, on our relationship with God and others, and on our observance of the commandments. This prayerful reflection leads to an awareness of our sins and the need to express our sorrow for them with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Lord additionally says to the sinful woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore (John 8:11)." One of the gifts of a good confession is the grace, God's divine life that comes to dwell within us, that assists us to be a better Christian, to avoid sin and live more freely and fully the way of Jesus, his Gospel way. There are many opportunities here at the Cathedral Basilica and in so many other churches to make a good Lenten confession in preparation for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. May the lessons of today's Gospel inspire us not to miss this tremendous opportunity!

Lent turns a corner this Sunday. These last days of Lent focus more so on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and the great price that he paid with his death for our redemption and salvation. The prayers of the Church and the biblical readings for Mass during this time draw us more deeply into the Passion of the Lord. They lead us into a more profound participation in the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I encourage you to join us for daily Mass during this last period of Lent. Additionally, I suggest that you prayerfully read the Passion of the Lord from one of the Gospels during this period. Perhaps you might spend some time in prayer before the crucifix in your home and recite this traditional prayer:

> Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Your sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech You that You would impress upon my heart lively sentiments of Faith, Hope, and Charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Your five most precious Wounds; having before my eyes the words which David in prophecy spoke concerning Yourself, O good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones."

Please keep in your prayers the many adult and school-age candidates who will receive the Sacraments during Easter at the Cathedral Parish. These final weeks of Lent are especially significant for the adult candidates who prepare for full initiation at the Easter Vigil and, for those already baptized, for the conferral of Confirmation and the Eucharist during Easter Time.

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 poor and needy in the neighborhood 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 <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</u>. Thank you very much.

God bless you, Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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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 3/30 was:

Regular \$4,680

Special 1,157 (to special maintenance projects of the Electronic* <u>3,760</u> Cathedral Parish)

Total \$9,597

*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 <u>info@cathedralphila.org</u> 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 <u>http://cathedralphila.org/</u> 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-Preparation for Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 10, 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 <u>info@cathedralphila.org</u>



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 <u>sccontrucci@gmail.com</u>

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: 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, Eva Hernandez, Landon, 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: <u>prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org</u>. 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 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: 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.



REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Este es el quinto domingo de Cuaresma! Este domingo escuchamos la conocida historia evangélica de la mujer sorprendida en adulterio. El Señor nos enseña dos lecciones muy importantes para la vida cristiana, especialmente ahora que nuestra Cuaresma entra en las últimas dos semanas. El Señor dice: "Aquel de ustedes que no tenga pecado, que le tire la primera piedra" (Juan 8,7). Todos somos pecadores y necesitamos la misericordia y el perdón del Señor. Uno de los principales objetivos de la Cuaresma es brindarnos la oportunidad de reflexionar seriamente sobre el estado de nuestra alma, sobre nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás, y sobre nuestra observancia de los mandamientos. Esta reflexión orante nos lleva a ser conscientes de nuestros pecados y a la necesidad de expresar nuestro dolor por ellos mediante el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. El Señor también le dice a la mujer pecadora: Vete y va no vuelvas a pecar" (Juan 8,11). Uno de los dones de una buena confesión es la gracia, la vida divina de Dios que mora en nosotros y nos ayuda a ser mejores cristianos, a evitar el pecado y a vivir con mayor libertad y plenitud el camino de Jesús, su evangelio. Aquí, en la Catedral Basílica y en tantas otras iglesias, hay muchas oportunidades para hacer una buena confesión cuaresmal en preparación para la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual. ¡Que las enseñanzas del evangelio de hoy nos inspiren a no desaprovechar esta gran oportunidad!

La Cuaresma llega a su fin este domingo. Estos últimos días de Cuaresma se centran más en la Pasión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y en el gran precio que pagó con su muerte por nuestra redención y salvación. Las oraciones de la Iglesia y las lecturas bíblicas de la Misa durante este tiempo nos sumergen más profundamente en la Pasión del Señor. Nos llevan a una participación más profunda en el Triduo Pascual. Los animo a unirse a nosotros en la Misa diaria durante este último período de Cuaresma. Además, les sugiero que lean con oración la Pasión del Señor de uno de los evangelios durante este período. Quizás podrías dedicar un tiempo a orar ante el crucifijo en tu hogar y recitar esta oración tradicional:

Mírame, joh mi amado y buen Jesús!, postrado de rodillas ante tu Santísima presencia; y con el más ferviente deseo de mi alma, te ruego y te suplico que imprimas en mi corazón vivos sentimientos de fe, esperanza y caridad, con verdadero arrepentimiento de mis pecados y un firme propósito de nunca más ofenderte, mientras que yo, con todo el amor y considerando el dolor de Tus cinco preciosísimas Llagas; teniendo ante mis ojos las palabras que David en profecía habló acerca de Ti, oh buen Jesús: "Han taladrado mis manos y mis pies y se pueden contar todos mis huesos."

Por favor, mantengan en sus oraciones a los numerosos candidatos adultos y en edad escolar que recibirán los Sacramentos durante la Pascua en la Parroquia Catedral. Estas últimas semanas de Cuaresma son especialmente significativas para los candidatos adultos que se preparan para la iniciación plena en la Vigilia Pascual y, para los ya bautizados, para la administración de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía durante el Tiempo Pascual.

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 los pobres y necesitados del vecindario de la Parroquia Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la Parroquia Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visiten <u>http://cathedralphila.org/donate/</u>. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga, Padre Dennis Gill, Rector



TODAY! EUCHARISTIC 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.

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



WHERE YOUR CHILD IS RECEIVING PREPARATION

HTTPS://BIT.LY/SACRAMENTPREPREGISTRATION

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

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!

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LENT- 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to the second part of Lent! Lent has two parts (of unequal length) and here on the fifth Sunday of Lent we begin the second part, traditionally called Passiontide. Whereas the first part focused on our need for conversion, to turn away from our sins and return to God, this second half looks backwards at what Christ suffered for us in His Passion, death, and subsequent Resurrection. As our final period of preparation before the Sacred Paschal Triduum, how might we up the ante of our Lenten observances? Here are some suggestions:

One of the best ways to prepare to celebrate Christ's saving death on the Cross is to call to mind all the events that surrounded it. Praying the *Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary* is a wonderful way to do this, either individually, as a family, or with friends. The *Stations of the Cross* is another wonderful and typically-Lenten devotion recalling the events of Christ's Passion. (See elsewhere in this bulletin for information on the remaining times we are doing the Stations here at the cathedral.) I would be remiss if I did not also recommend going straight to the source and reading the *Scriptural accounts* of Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection (Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 12-21). John's Gospel in particular recounts many more of Jesus' words and prayers at the Last Supper than the other Gospels do, and so makes for good Passiontide reading.

If you read through all the Gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion, you will note that Jesus speaks seven times on the Cross, known as the *Seven Last Words*. Many saints and preachers have written meditations on the Seven Last Words (the most famous in recent times is probably Fulton Sheen), many of which you can find online with a simple Google search.

If you have yet to go to *confession* this Lent, there's no time like the present to examine your conscience and pick a time to come receive the forgiveness of your sins. And speaking of examinations of conscience, this is also a good time to do an examination of conscience regarding our Lenten practices: have we been engaging in *prayer*, *fasting*, and almsgiving as much as we wanted to this Lent? Passiontide gives us an opportunity to redouble our efforts in those areas, particularly in prayer. Praving before a crucifix can be a helpful way to center our prayer on Jesus and to keep in the forefront of our minds what He has done for us. Using modern technology, there are plenty of good Catholic resources to be found online, including (but certainly not limited to) Formed.org, the Amen app, and the Hallow app. They have plenty of Lenten videos and other resources to help us enter into the mystery of the Cross.

I hope that you have found these Lenten reflections helpful. As Fr. Gill has noted, Lent passes very quickly, and these last couple of weeks especially so. May God give us the grace to use these last weeks well, that we might be prepared for all of the Easter graces that He wishes to pour into our hearts.

> God Bless, Fr. Carroll

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 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 <u>fr.dgill@archphila.org</u>.

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. <u>Click here to watch the 2-minute trailer video</u>

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

Location: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N 17th Street, Philadelphia

More info: <u>View the flyer</u>; \$25.00 includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guidebook; Visit <u>phillyevang.org/events</u> to register or use this link to register now: <u>https://secure.acceptiva.com/?</u> <u>cst=DKZUtR</u>



Cost per course is \$60.00



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



