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



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August 17, 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

5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass on Saturday **Sunday:**

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

9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica **Sunday:**

12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in the Basilica 4:15 PM in the Basilica **Saturday:**

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 17, 2025

"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me."

John 10:27 Alleluia, alleluia.

	MASS INTENTIONS
August 16	Saturday, Weekday
J	St. Stephen of Hungary
12:05	Michael Paduano
5:15	For the intentions of Sofia Oak
August 17	Twentieth Sunday in
Ü	Ordinary Time
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Lorraine Foy
11:00	Lilia A. Gaano
12:30	Jesus & Querubina Herrera
6:30	Raymond Mansfield
August 18	Monday, Weekday
7:15	Marcella F. Zeoli
12:05	Rosemaria Schroder
August 19	Tuesday, Weekday
7:15	St. John Eudes For the intentions of Rachel
7.13	Kielkopf
12:05	Helen Concannon
August 20	Wednesday
August 20	St. Bernard
7:15	For the intentions of Deacon
7.13	Edw. Hinson
12:05	Marianne T. McDonough
August 21	
ingust 21	St. Pius X
7:15	For vocations to the Holy
	Priesthood
12:05	For the intentions of Tina
	Smith
August 22	Friday
_	The Queenship of the BVM
7:15	For vocations to the
	Consecrated Life
12:05	Piero Iannetti
August 23	Saturday, Weekday
	St. Rose of Lima
12:05	Eileen Grady-Pouls
5:15	For peace in the world and
	the city
August 24	Twenty First Sunday in
0.00	Ordinary Time
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Eva Hageman
11:00	Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-Noh
12.20	& Jae Yun Thomas Noh Por la Salud de Lorenza Castro
12:30 6:30	
0.50	For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
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Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. "I have come to set the earth on fire (Luke 12: 49)." What does Jesus possibly mean with these words from today's Gospel? It is obviously a metaphor for something. Or is it? A reading of this line as part of the whole of Scripture suggests that Jesus does mean "fire." The "fire" is a divine fire, the fire of the Holy Spirit that came to rest upon the Apostles at Pentecost, the fire of the same Holy Spirit given to every one of us at the time of our Baptism, with Confirmation, and every time we receive Holy Communion. The fire of the Holy Spirit gives us the grace and courage to witness to Christ as his followers and with him as sons and daughters of our Father in Heaven. This fire of the Holy Spirit is sorely needed in the Church, in the world, today. Our time is not a Christian time. Our culture is not a Christian culture. We cannot simply coast along hoping that things for ourselves, our families, and friends will soon return to the Christian values that were commonplace not so long ago. Rather, with confidence in Christ and his Holy Spirit—a confidence that comes from his victory over death on the cross—we need to live bold Christian lives and invite others to do the same. We should not be afraid or shrink away from this responsibility. Jesus does tell us that our own embracing of him and his word will often be a cause of division, even among those closest to us. However, it is a far greater injustice toward those we love to keep them in the dark of sin and not to assist them to turn to the light of truth. Living an authentic Christian life is not an easy task for anyone. In fact, many times it seems like an isolated life. Yet, we are never alone. Christ goes ahead of us and is with us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us and emboldens us. I say, let's get to work and build the fire. Such a fire blazes for the glory of God and the salvation of others.

In just a few weeks, we will resume our weekly Thursday evening catechetical sessions, which are intended primarily for the adults in our community seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The first session will be on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Neumann Room, directly behind the Cathedral Basilica. If you are already a fully initiated member of the Church and the catechetical topic listed in the parish bulletin interests you, please come. Everyone is welcome! If you are an adult with a desire to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, please contact me. We already have a number of adults ready to join us for our first session. Also, we are always in need of parish sponsors—or mentors—for these adults seeking the Sacraments. If this important and good work interests you, please contact me at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

The Catholic Charities Appeal is a most important way to help so many with a great variety of needs in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Please see, https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/, for more information on this Appeal. If you have not already supported the Appeal, please give this serious consideration.

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 young adult ministries 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/.

God Bless! Father Dennis Gill, Rector

SACRED JUBILEE SITE

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel are designated Sacred Jubilee Sites for the Holy Year 2025.

From **Dec 29, 2024 – Dec 28, 2025**, pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by going to confession, being truly repentant, receive communion, go to Holy Mass, and praying for the Pope's intentions.

Take part in this special year of grace and hope!



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

Join Via Zoom Meeting:

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



PRAYER **PARTICIPATION** GENEROSITY

One of the best things about summer is the Joy of time away from work and worries with your family.

Remember to remain grateful through prayer for all the joy -filled opportunities. Your Cathedral parish priests shore do have a plan to pray that all of our parishioners have a happy summertime of fun, family and blessings!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for us. St. Katharine Drexel, Pray for us. And let us remember to pray for each other always!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Your generosity on 8/10 was:

Regular \$4,321

Special 1,318 (to the poor and needy in neighborhood

Electronic* 2,969 of the Cathedral Parish)

Total \$8,608

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for July. 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 http:// cathedralphila.org/donate/ or scan this OR code:



Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

Hearing Devices Available - If you or someone you know is in need of a hearing device at Mass, please ask one of the Greeters to assist you. They may be borrowed from the sacristy and returned after Mass.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Scott Arigot, Sean Reid, Christopher Glackens, Sonia Cordero, Mark & Tom, Hugo Fabian Barrios, Ted Duggan, Lincoln Hansen, Karen Margaret Craden, Magdalena Ayala, Elizabeth Thérèse Czerniawski, Maci, Makenna, Angelo David, Éric Bermudez, Peterson, Erick 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



catholicwomensconference.org

TALLER PRECANÁ FORMACIÓN PREMATRIMONIAL



Charlas prematrimoniales, para parejas, sobre cómo fortalecer los lazos matrimoniales, crear comunicación efectiva y promover el amor entre la pareja.

Próximos talleres: Julio 13 y septiembre 14 del 2025

To register contact/ Para registro contacte a Jhoselyn Martínez,

215-667-2820/Jmartinez@archphila.org

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. «He venido a traer fuego a la tierra» (Lucas 12, 49). ¿Qué querrá decir Jesús con estas palabras del evangelio de hoy? Obviamente, es una metáfora. ¿O no? Una lectura de esta frase como parte de la escritura sugiere que Jesús sí quiere decir «fuego». El «fuego» es un fuego divino, el fuego del Espíritu Santo que descendió sobre los Apóstoles en Pentecostés, el fuego del mismo Espíritu Santo que se nos da a cada uno de nosotros en el momento del Bautismo, con la Confirmación y cada vez que recibimos la Sagrada Comunión. El fuego del Espíritu Santo nos da la gracia y la valentía para dar testimonio de Cristo como sus seguidores y, con él, como hijos e hijas de nuestro Padre Celestial. Este fuego del Espíritu Santo es muy necesario en la Iglesia, en el mundo, hoy. Nuestro tiempo no es cristiano. Nuestra cultura no es cristiana. No podemos simplemente dejarnos llevar por la corriente esperando que nuestra situación, la de nuestras familias y amigos, vuelva pronto a los valores cristianos que eran comunes no hace mucho. Más bien, con confianza en Cristo y su Espíritu Santo —una confianza que proviene de su victoria sobre la muerte en la cruz—, necesitamos vivir vidas cristianas valientes e invitar a otros a hacer lo mismo. No debemos tener miedo ni rehuir esta responsabilidad. Jesús nos dice que nuestra aceptación de él y su palabra a menudo será causa de división, incluso entre nuestros seres queridos. Sin embargo, es una injusticia mucho mayor hacia nuestros seres queridos mantenerlos en la oscuridad del pecado y no ayudarlos a volverse a la luz de la verdad. Vivir una auténtica vida cristiana no es tarea fácil para nadie. De hecho, muchas veces parece una vida aislada. Sin embargo, nunca estamos solos. Cristo va delante de nosotros y está con nosotros. El Espíritu Santo nos fortalece y nos anima. Les digo: ¡Manos a la obra y avivemos el fuego! Un fuego así arde para la gloria de Dios y la salvación de los demás.

En pocas semanas, reanudaremos nuestras sesiones catequéticas semanales de los jueves por la noche, dirigidas principalmente a los adultos de nuestra comunidad que buscan el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. La primera sesión será el jueves 4 de septiembre del 2025, de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM en la Sala Neumann, justo detrás de la Catedral Basílica. Si ya eres miembro de la Iglesia y te interesa el tema de la catequesis que aparece en el boletín parroquial, por favor, asiste. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Si eres adulto y deseas recibir los sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía), contáctame. Ya contamos con varios adultos listos para nuestra primera sesión. Además, siempre necesitamos padrinos o mentores parroquiales para estos adultos que buscan los sacramentos. Si esta importante y valiosa labor te interesa, contáctame en fr.dgill@archphila.org.

La Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas es una forma fundamental de ayudar a tantas personas con diversas necesidades en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Para más información sobre esta Campaña, visite https:// www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/. Si aún no ha apoyado la Campaña, le rogamos que considere seriamente esta posibilidad.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral y con la Campaña Anual de Ĉaridades Católicas. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los ministerios para jóvenes adultos de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la Parroquia Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visite http://cathedralphila.org/donate/.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector





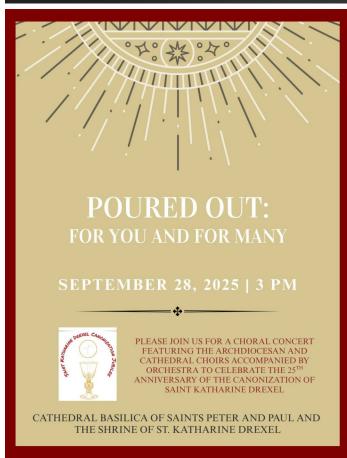
Monday, September 1, 2025

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Chapel at 9:00 am. The Holy Rosary will follow Mass in the Cathedral Chapel.

> The Cathedral Basilica and the Parish Office are closed on Labor Day.

This last of the summer holidays was instituted as a tribute to the American laborers and their contribution to the prosperity of our country. As Christians. this holiday gives us the opportunity to recognize the dignity of all workers and all work and to ask the Lord to bless the success of our hands. This Labor Day let us ask the heavenly help of Saint Joseph, the Worker, to intercede for all workers. Let us also pray for all those seeking employment, that soon they will find work.

St. Joseph the Worker, prayforus!



SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

MISSION APPEAL

HOSTED BY THE MISSION OFFICE OF THE SPIRITANS (CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT) AUGUST 23-24, 2025 **GUEST SPEAKER: FR. WILLIAM SMITH** SPEAKING AT ALL MASSES

About the Spiritans

For over 300 years, Spiritan missionaries have served the poor and marginalized in more than 60 countriesfrom refugee camps and orphanages to schools and parishes

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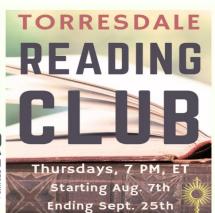
Your support helps Spiritans continue building vibrant Catholic communities and spreading hope and faith around the world. Please consider donating during this weekend's

appeal.



https://www.spiritans.org/





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

> What the Bible says about fasting Sunday, August 24, 2025 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

1st Presenter: Dr. Emile Homsi 2nd Presenter: Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI

God commanded it, Jesus practiced it, the Church fathers preached the importance of it – fasting is a powerful and fundamental part of the Christian life.

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

Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided during the Tea Break.







REVEREND GERALD DENNIS GILL, INSTRUCTOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

MARY MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER, North Wales Tuesday, September 18, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TO REGISTER FOR THESE WORKSHOPS, EMAIL: WORSHIP@ARCHPHILA.ORG.

IN YOUR MESSAGE, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, HOME PARISH AND THE WORKSHOP/DATE FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER.



10:00 a.m. - Pre-Rally Concert 11:00 a.m. - Rally

12:00 p.m. - March for Life

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MARCH FOR LIFE Family Institute

Hosted by:

Family Life Awards Nominations Now Open Deadline: August 31, 2025

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith—a Catholic nonprofit based in Philadelphia—is now accepting nominations for its Family Life Awards. These awards honor individuals or couples who have made a meaningful impact on family life in their parish or local community through missionary discipleship and outreach. Nominees should reside within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Nominate someone today:

https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/ MiMzNik0



Monday, October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Philadelphia, PA

Presiders: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez and Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak

Details: archphila.org/holyyear



Ecumenical Jubilee Celebration of the 1700th Anniversary of THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA

The Maternity BVM Elementary Class of 1975 **50 Year Class Reunion November 22, 2025**

Mass at 4:30 PM | Reception-BVM Hall at 6-10pm