Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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October 19, 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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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 19, 2025

"The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12 Alleluia, alleluia.

Weekly Intentions

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October 18	Saturday St. Luke
12:05 5:15	For the intentions of Barry Su Marcel Nadeau
October 19	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Laity Sunday World Mission Sunday
8:00 9:30	For the People of the Parish For the intentions of Craig & Judy Bickel (39th wedding anniversary)
11:00 12:30 6:30	Marveleen Mattrass Juan Carlos Tellez Ramon L. Serrano
October 20	Monday, Weekday St. Paul of the Cross
7:15 12:05	Daniel Ranieri Fr. The intentions of Sue Cox
October 21	Tuesday, Weekday
7:15 12:05	For peace in the world and the city Fr. Louis Kolenkiewicz
October 22	Wednesday, Weekday St. John Paul II
7:15	For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
12:05	Maureen McCarthy
October 23	Thursday, Weekday St. John of Capistrano
7:15	For vocations to the Consecrated Life
12:05	Veronica Convoy
October 24	Friday, Weekday St. Anthony Mary Claret
7:15 12:05	Kathleen Thornton Mary L. (Tempesta) Serrill
October 25 12:05 5:15	Saturday, Weekday Maria G. Flores Hugh Quigley
October 26	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Laity Sunday World Mission Sunday
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	John J. Mangan
11:00 12:30	Fr. Joseph Darbouze
6:30	Silda Rodríguez Suzanne Darcy
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Dear Parishioners.

This is the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel this Sunday, we meet the persistent widow. Jesus makes the point with this widow of the necessity of his disciples—you and me— "to pray always without becoming weary (Luke 18: 1)." All throughout the Sacred Scriptures, the people of the Old Testament and the followers of Christ in the New Testament are exhorted to pray, to bring to the Lord their praise and thanksgiving, their petitions and sorrows, their need for mercy and grace. This exhortation to pray comes to us today as well. The lifeline of our relationship with God is our daily communion with him in our prayer when we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy and in our daily prayer. Yet, we can become frustrated and even bored in our prayer. Does God hear me? Does my prayer make a difference? It seems that I ask the Lord for the same thing repeatedly and experience no response from him. Our questions can be many. These are fair questions. However, before the questions there is the Father of us all, Jesus, his divine Son, and the Holy Spirit. What we know of God, even more so than about the dishonest judge in the Gospel, is that he is constant in his love and providence for us, his desire for us to be united with him now and in heaven, and his promise never to abandon us. He does hear our prayers—even if we grow weary—and responds according to his will for us and all our needs. To begin with our loving God when we consider the fruitfulness of our prayer removes the doubts and frustrations with our prayer when we are tempted to begin with ourselves. Pray always and do not become weary!

Today, we recognize the members of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. The CMA typically gathers for a Sunday Mass closest to the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist (October 18), one of the patrons of medical doctors. The mission of the CMA is to form and support current and future physicians to live and promote the principles of the Catholic Faith in the science and practice of medicine. Let us keep these Catholic members of the medical profession in our prayers.

The presence of the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel in our Cathedral Basilica continues to bring many blessings, especially to the countless pilgrims who visit her tomb for her heavenly help. At the tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel there are envelopes for our parishioners and visitors to list their intentions and donate to the Shrine. These intentions are especially remembered every Thursday in our perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Masses in the Cathedral Chapel. I am also grateful for the offerings that accompany these prayer requests. They contribute to the promotional development of the Shrine. I invite our parishioners to remember all those requests made at the Tomb of our Philadelphia Saint in their prayers as well, especially at Mass. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

I remind you that October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. When you pray the Rosary during these days, please remember the intention of respect for human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. 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!

-Adult faith formation-The Sacrament of Baptism

Thursday, October 23, 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

Join us in PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY Every Sunday from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul Parking available - *All are Welcome!*

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

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

Join Via Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 846 4429 0612 Passcode: Mercy

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

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PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

Be Strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God, is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Gracious and loving Lord,

May cool mornings invigorate our souls, and the crunch of leaves and fall breezes remind us that change is a blessing. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency as the world around us is constantly changing. We praise you for being a God who loves us and takes care of us. We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Guide us to live with a giving heart, a generous heart and a grateful heart.

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 10/12 was:

Regular \$5,243

Special 925 (to the landscape needs of the Cathedral

Electronic* 3,382 Parish)

Total \$9,550

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for September. 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

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Margaret Towber, Colton, Nick Trofa, Gerardo Clorio, Jeremy, Anubhab Mallick, Mary Seelenbinder, Christopher Glackens' intentions, Christa & Addie, Vira Family, Debbie Torres, Kathryn Kormash, Inocencia Torres, Janice Scholtz's intentions, Roxana Steern, Erick Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, For the intentions submitted to Prayers Unite The World.org, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envie un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.

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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



REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo noveno domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. En el evangelio de este domingo, nos encontramos con la viuda persistente. Jesús, con esta viuda, recalca la necesidad de sus discípulos —tú y yo— de "orar siempre y sin desfallecer" (Lucas 18:1). A lo largo de las Sagradas Escrituras, tanto el pueblo del Antiguo Testamento como los seguidores de Cristo en el Nuevo Testamento son exhortados a orar, a presentar al Señor sus alabanzas y agradecimientos, sus peticiones y penas, su necesidad de misericordia y gracia. Esta exhortación a orar nos llega también hoy. La base de nuestra relación con Dios es nuestra comunión diaria con Él en la oración, al celebrar la sagrada liturgia y en nuestra oración diaria. Sin embargo, podemos sentirnos frustrados e incluso aburridos en la oración. ¿Me escucha Dios? ¿Mi oración marca la diferencia? Parece que le pido al Señor lo mismo una y otra vez y no recibo respuesta de él. Nuestras preguntas pueden ser muchas. Estas son preguntas justas. Sin embargo, antes de las preguntas, está el Padre de todos nosotros, Jesús, su divino Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Lo que sabemos de Dios, incluso más que del juez deshonesto del evangelio, es que El es constante en su amor y providencia por nosotros, su deseo de que estemos unidos a Él ahora y en el cielo, y su promesa de nunca abandonarnos. Él escucha nuestras oraciones, incluso si nos cansamos, y responde según su voluntad para nosotros y todas nuestras necesidades. Comenzar con nuestro Dios amoroso cuando consideramos la fecundidad de nuestra oración elimina las dudas y frustraciones con nuestra oración cuando nos sentimos tentados a comenzar por nosotros mismos. ¡Oren siempre y sin desfallecer!

Hoy, reconocemos a los miembros de la Asociación Médica Católica (CMA) en la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. La CMA suele reunirse para la misa dominical más cercana a la festividad de San Lucas Evangelista (18 de octubre), uno de los patronos de los médicos. La misión de la CMA es formar y apoyar a los médicos actuales y futuros para que vivan y promuevan los principios de la fe católica en la ciencia y la práctica de la medicina. Mantengamos presentes en nuestras oraciones a estos miembros católicos de la profesión médica.

La presencia de los restos sagrados de Santa Katharine Drexel en nuestra Catedral Basílica continúa trayendo muchas bendiciones, especialmente a los innumerables peregrinos que visitan su tumba en busca de su ayuda celestial. En la tumba de Santa Katharine Drexel hay sobres para que nuestros feligreses y visitantes escriban sus intenciones y donen al santuario. Estas intenciones se recuerdan especialmente todos los jueves en nuestra Novena perpetua a Santa Katharine Drexel, después de las misas de las 7:15 AM y las 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral. También agradezco las ofrendas que acompañan estas peticiones de oración, ya que contribuyen al desarrollo promocional del santuario. Invito a nuestros feligreses a recordar también en sus oraciones todas las peticiones realizadas ante la tumba de nuestra santa de Filadelfia, especialmente en la misa. ¡Santa Katharine Drexel, ruega por nosotros!

Les recuerdo que octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida y el Mes del Santo Rosario. Al rezar el Rosario durante estos días, recuerden la intención de respetar la vida humana desde el primer momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

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

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill Rector

Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica Young Adults

Bible Study

Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30 PM Saint John Neumann Room (Back of the Cathedral)

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**

> Angels of God! Who are they? Sunday, October 26, 2025 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

1st Presenter: Beatice Rolland DBA, CPA Spiritual Director: Sr. Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I.

Angels are eternal, nonmortal beings created by God. The Bible presents angels to us as servants of God. Come discuss who they are and what should be our response to angelic beings as we seek to live for Jesus Christ in this world?

> **Location: Room 1307** Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. .17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided during the Tea Break.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The Church has set aside the whole month of October to honor the Holy Rosary, a prayer that invites us to enter into the great mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Pope Leo XIII—often called "the Pope of the Rosary"—urged the faithful to make the Rosary a daily habit, especially during this month, describing it as a "form of prayer is particularly pleasing to the Blessed Virgin, and that it is especially suitable as a means of defense for the Church and all Christians" (Pope Leo XIII, Supremi Apostolatus, §5). The Holy Rosary is a powerful means of seeking God's peace for the world and protection for the Church. It engages our mind, heart, and will, drawing us ever closer to Jesus through the loving intercession of His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Let us renew our devotion to Our Mother in this October: pray the Rosary alone, with family, or together as a community, and ask Mary to help us grow in holiness, unity, and hope for all.

"The Rosary had been instituted by St. Dominic to appease the anger of God and to implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary" ~ Gregory XIII



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prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.



Coming to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul: A Presentation on "The Holy Shroud of Turin"

A Silent Witness of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ



Lecture Presentation by Mr. Massimo Paris Saturday, October 25, 2:00 PM At the Cathedral (in Drexel Hall) 1723 Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Mr. Paris, born and raised in Rome, Italy, has studied all the aspects of the Holy Shroud, the ancient linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man, believed by millions to be Jesus Christ. A life size replica of the Shroud will be displayed.

> [A basket will be available for those who may wish to make a free-will donation.]



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ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT CAMILLA BATTISTA VARANI

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Time:

11:00 AM Solemn Mass Location:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Join us on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Saint Camilla Battista Varani's Canonization. She was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.

Born in 1458, Saint Camilla Battista Varani was the daughter of Duke Julius Caesar Varani of Camerino, Italy. Saint Camilla forfeited her royal heritage to devote her life to Christ, becoming a cloistered Poor Clare nun at age 23. Accounted as being one of the most accomplished scholars of her time, Saint Camilla wrote several works in both Latin and Italian. Throughout her life, Saint Camilla strived to identify herself with the sufferings of Jesus and His Passion.

An Advent Evening of Faith and Taizé

FAMILIES & YOUNG ADULTS IN PRAYER

Light in the Waiting: Preparing Our Hearts for Christ

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

DREXEL HALL
Taizé Prayer & Song — simple, meditative chants by candlelight

Scripture & Faith Sharing — reflections for families and young adults

Quiet Space with God - peace and hope as Advent begins

Bring your family, invite friends, and enter the Advent season with hearts renewed.



HTTPS://CATHEDRALPHILA.ORG

Care for the Caregiver Wednesday, October 29, 2025 8:45 am—3:00 pm | Cost: \$65

Presented by Carolyn Rebalsky, RN, MSN (retired). This This workshop will focus on self-care, offering practical strategies for your own well-being and balance. For more information or to register by October 20th, visit our website www.VMbytheSea.com.

The Knights of Columbus 1191 La Rabida Council would like to invite the men of our parish to join our fraternal brotherhood. Check us out at www.kofc.org and email us at kofc1191@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLE



Six-day candles are available now and throughout all the month of November as we join with the Church and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You are

invited to remember especially your beloved deceased with an All Souls Memorial Candle.

These candles burn at the All Souls Altar on the Race Street side of the Basilica, **starting November 2**, and remind us to prayer for those who have died.

A **fifteen-dollar** donation is requested for **each** candle. Your prayer request for your loved one will be placed on the candle. You can complete the information below and place it along with your donation in the collection basket, or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information and mail in a check to:

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Attn: Memorial for All Souls

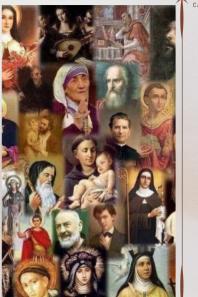
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1204

Name of the deceased:

(Please Print) This name will be placed on the candle

At the request of:

Tel.#:



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

5:15 PM - ANTICIPATED MASS. (ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31)

7:00 PM - ANTICIPATED MASS IN SPANISH, IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAPE (ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31)

7:15 AM - MASS, IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAPEL (ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

12:05 PM - MASS, IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAPEL (ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1)

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THE LEGION OF MARY PHILADELPHIA SENATUS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A MASS TO COMMEMORATE AND PRAY for the BEATIFICATION OF SERVANT OF GOD,

> FRANK DUFF Saturday November 8, 2025

11:30 AM Holy Rosary, 12:05 PM Holy Mass

Cathedral Chapel 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway Reception to Follow