

# 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*

**January 4, 2026**

## **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  
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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/>

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## Sunday, January 4, 2026

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Matthew 2:2*

### Mass Intentions

- January 3 Saturday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
12:05 Essie Mae Rubin  
5:15 Dr. Moon Ja Marianne Suh-  
Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh
- January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord**  
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 Jennifer Bebkorandel  
12:30 Epifanio de Jesus, Sr.  
6:30 Dick Kustin
- January 5 Monday**  
**St. John Neumann**  
7:15 James Thomas Sinnott  
12:05 Diane Cellini
- January 6 Tuesday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
**St. André Bessette**  
7:15 Dolores LaRue DiMarco  
12:05 Jennifer Bebkorandel
- January 7 Wednesday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
**St. Raymond of Penyafort**  
7:15 Sandy McMahon  
12:05 Geraldine Pulli
- January 8 Thursday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
7:15 For the intentions entrusted to  
St. Katharine Drexel  
12:05 For the intentions of Juan  
Chico
- January 9 Friday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
7:15 Helen, Berne & Joe Timlin  
12:05 Joseph & Caroline Fedena
- January 10 Saturday**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
12:05 Blue Army of Our Lady of  
Fatima  
5:15 For the intentions of Fr.  
Roneld St. Louis & Family
- January 11 The Baptism of the Lord**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 For the intentions of Su  
Family  
11:00 Anthony D. Lobianco, DO  
12:30 Christian & Geraldo Miranda  
6:30 Hank Schneeweis

Dear Parishioners,

*Our celebration of Christmas continues with this Sunday's observance of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.* The traditional date for the Solemnity of the Epiphany is January 6. However, in those countries where the Epiphany is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation, like in the United States, the celebration is moved to the nearest Sunday. So today, on this day—which is sometimes referred to as “Little Christmas”—we praise our Almighty Father for the manifestation of the Birth of his Divine Son to all the world. The Kings, the Magi, come with their gifts to honor the Infant Savior but receive from him the gift that is also for us. Jesus is revealed to all the nations, all people in every place and for every time, as the promised Redeemer and Savior. As we too adore Jesus, let us pray for the grace—an openness to the gift of our Redeemer and Savior—to hear more fully his Word and to live more completely his Way of life.

*This Monday, January 5, 2026, we observe the Feast of Saint John Neumann, the holy fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Philadelphia.* Saint John Neumann continues to be an inspiration and example to us in our own time. He carried out the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. If possible, come to Mass at the Cathedral Chapel on his Feast, either at 7:15 AM or 12:05 PM. Also, consider making a visit to his altar which is located on the rear Race Street side of the Basilica. *Saint John Neumann, pray for us!*

*Traditionally, the New Year is an occasion for making resolutions.* Often these resolutions focus on us to improve our health and circumstances of life. May I suggest that among these well-intended resolutions there might be some spiritual resolutions also. Consider a decision to spend serious time in prayer each day, in the early morning and/or before retiring to bed. Daily Mass makes a fine resolution and a sure way to focus on the Lord and his Word each day. Commit to a more regular practice of Confession. Pray the Holy Rosary more frequently. Read a book about a saint or one of the great spiritual classics. Do something for the poor each month of the New Year. This is just a brief list of some spiritual resolutions to which you could add many more personal suggestions. The New Year gives us the opportunity to be fit in mind, body and soul!

*The location of our Cathedral Basilica and Chapel in the heart of Center City allows it to be a place of refuge for the homeless all throughout the day.* We have a Christian duty to see the homeless men and women who spend time during the day in the Basilica and Chapel as our brothers and sisters in the Lord. At the same time, issues of safety and respect are also of equal concern. If you see any behavior that is not acceptable, please notify one of the priests or sacristans immediately. Panhandling in the church is forbidden and I ask you not to participate in this. **Also, please be mindful not to leave your personal belongings behind in the pew at any time.**

*A special word of thanks to all the members of our Cathedral Parish Staff and Liturgical Ministers who worked in tireless ways to prepare for the beautiful celebration of Christmas.* These men and women gave countless hours of service and ministry that benefited our parishioners and visitors for a most fitting celebration of the Birth of the Savior. Thank you so very much!

*Thank you again to all our parishioners and visitors for your on-going generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year.* The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the national collection for Catholic Relief Services. 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 for the Epiphany and the New Year!  
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

## PARISH STAFF

**Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill**  
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**Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers**  
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**Director of Cathedral Parish Music**

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

**-Adult faith formation-**

**Living a Moral Life**

**The First Commandment**

**Thursday, January 8, 2026, 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 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:**  
ing ID: 846 4429 0612 Passcode: Mercy

## PRAYER

## PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, continue his good work on earth by considering a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or a planned gift in support of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

*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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

### Your generosity on 12/21 was:

Regular	\$6,498
Special	1,450 (to support of outreach services of the Cathedral Parish)
Electronic*	2,669
Total	\$10,617

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.

**The offertory collection for Sunday 12/28/2025 will be posted on a future edition of the parish bulletin.**

### 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:



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!**

**Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:** Gustavo Juan, Maria Procopio, Catherine Barrett, Margaret Towber, Licht Silva, Edwin, Inocencia, & Maria Torres, Elsie Zepp, Sonia Cordero, Alexander & Irina Shatravka, Angela Carrizo, Joel and Cesar, John O'Donnell, Edward Nouel, Anthony & Allison, Erick & Waskar, 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*

## **REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*Nuestra celebración de la Navidad continúa con la celebración de la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor este domingo.* La fecha tradicional para la Solemnidad de la Epifanía es el 6 de enero. Sin embargo, en aquellos países donde la Epifanía no se celebra como día de precepto, como en Estados Unidos, la celebración se traslada al domingo más cercano. Así que hoy, en este día — que a veces se conoce como "Pequeña Navidad"— alabamos a nuestro Padre Todopoderoso por la manifestación del nacimiento de su Divino Hijo a todo el mundo. Los Reyes Magos vienen con sus dones para honrar al Niño Salvador, pero reciben de Él el don que también es para nosotros. Jesús se revela a todas las naciones, a todas las personas en todo lugar y en todo tiempo, como el Redentor y Salvador prometido. Al adorar también a Jesús, oremos por la gracia —una apertura al don de nuestro Redentor y Salvador— para escuchar más plenamente su Palabra y vivir más completamente su estilo de vida.

*Este lunes 5 de enero del 2026, celebramos la Fiesta de San John Neumann, el santo cuarto obispo de la Diócesis de Filadelfia.* San John Neumann sigue siendo una inspiración y un ejemplo para nosotros en nuestros tiempos. Realizó las cosas ordinarias de la vida de una manera extraordinaria. Si es posible, asistan a Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral en su fiesta, ya sea a las 7:15 AM o a las 12:05 PM. Consideren también visitar su altar, que se encuentra en la parte trasera de la Basílica, del lado de la calle Race. ¡*San John Neumann, ruega por nosotros!*

*Tradicionalmente, el Año Nuevo es una ocasión para hacer propósitos.* A menudo, estos propósitos se centran en mejorar nuestra salud y nuestras circunstancias de vida. Permítanme sugerir que, entre estos propósitos bien intencionados, también haya algunos propósitos espirituales. Consideren la decisión de dedicar tiempo a la oración cada día, por la mañana y/o antes de acostarse. La Misa diaria es un excelente propósito y una manera segura de centrarse en el Señor y su Palabra cada día. Comprométanse a una práctica más regular de la Confesión. Recen el Santo Rosario con más frecuencia. Lean un libro sobre un santo o una de las grandes obras clásicas de la espiritualidad. Hagan algo por los pobres cada mes del Año Nuevo. Esta es solo una breve lista de algunas resoluciones espirituales a las que pueden añadir muchas más sugerencias personales. ¡El Año Nuevo nos brinda la oportunidad de estar en forma de mente, cuerpo y espíritu!

*La ubicación de nuestra Catedral Basílica y Capilla en el corazón del centro de la ciudad permite que sea un lugar de refugio para las personas sin hogar durante todo el día.* Tenemos el deber cristiano de ver a los hombres y mujeres sin hogar que pasan tiempo durante el día en la Basílica y la Capilla como nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el Señor. Al mismo tiempo, la seguridad y el respeto son igualmente importantes. Si observan algún comportamiento inaceptable, por favor, avisen inmediatamente a uno de los sacerdotes o sacristanes. Mendigar en la iglesia está prohibido y les pido que no participen en ello. **Además, les rogamos que no dejen sus pertenencias personales en los bancos en ningún momento.**

*Un agradecimiento especial a todos los miembros del personal de la Parroquia de la Catedral y a los ministros litúrgicos que trabajaron incansablemente para preparar la hermosa celebración de la Navidad.* Estos hombres y mujeres dedicaron incontables horas de servicio y ministerio que beneficiaron a nuestros feligreses y visitantes para una celebración muy apropiada del Nacimiento del Salvador. ¡Muchas gracias!

*Gracias de nuevo a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su continua generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente en esta época del año.* La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a la colecta nacional para Catholic Relief Services. 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/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga en la Epifanía y en el Año Nuevo!  
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

# PRECANÁ 2026

**Marque su calendario**

**Echas**  
febrero 7 y 8; abril 18 y 19;  
noviembre 7 y 8 del 2026  
-solo debe asistir a un taller de dos días-

Registación previa es requerida/Advance registration is required

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### TRIGÉSIMA QUINTA CONVOCATORIA ANUAL CATEQUÉTICA

**Sábado, Marzo 7, 20256**  
Archbishop John Carroll High School  
Co-organizado por la Oficina de Formación Catequética  
y la Asociación Arquidiocesana de Directores, Coordinadores y  
Administradores Parroquiales de Educación Religiosa

## HACIENDO ECO DE CRISTO: FORMANDO FUTUROS SANTOS



**Oradores principales:**  
**Presentación en inglés: Dr. Bob Rice**  
Director del Program de Maestría en Catequética y Evangelización,  
Franciscan University of Steubenville

**Presentación en español: Rev. Remigio Morales**  
Párroco de la Parroquia St. Agatha - St. James  
& Penn Drexel Newman Center

**Contactanos:** PhillyOCF@archphila.org | 215-587-3720 | www.phillyOCF.org

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

**Creating a Catholic Home (a checklist)**

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**1st Presenter: Ramona Milburn**  
**Spiritual director: Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI**

A Catholic home is far more than a physical dwelling—it is a sacred space where faith is lived, and God’s presence is cherished. It should be intentionally shaped into a dwelling of grace, a sanctuary of prayer, and a place where Christ is welcomed at the center of family life. In a Catholic home, prayer is not an occasional act but the heartbeat of daily life, and every room becomes a reminder that God dwells among His people.

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



New Year's resolution:

**Protect your family by Writing Your Last Will and Testament for FREE!**

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**SING AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA!**

We warmly invite your parish choir to lead the music at the **5:15 PM Anticipated Saturday Mass** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**. This is a wonderful opportunity for your choir to sing in our Mother Church and for parishioners to join in this special experience.

Most Saturday evenings are available **except the second Saturday of each month (November 2025 – May 2026)**. Visiting choirs may perform a **prelude, postlude, offertory, and hymn of praise**.

If interested, please contact **Charlene Angelini, Cathedral Parish Music Director**, at [cangelini@archphila.org](mailto:cangelini@archphila.org). The choir schedule will be shared on the Cathedral Parish website so that the faithful across the Archdiocese may celebrate your parish’s participation.



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**New Years, Mary Mother of God Champagne Social**  
After Midnight Mass Thursday Jan 1st  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Drexel Hall (Basement of the Cathedral)

**Rosary Group**  
Saturday January 3rd  
10 AM at the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel  
Left after the main entrance to the Cathedral

**Bible Study**  
Tuesday Jan 6th, Jan 13th and Monday Jan 19th  
7:30 PM in the Saint John Neumann Room  
(Backdoor of the Cathedral, One Cathedral Square)

**Theology on Tap**  
Saturday January 24th  
6:30 PM after the 5:15 PM Mass,

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

**MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY CATECHETICAL AWARDS**

JANUARY 10, 2026

**11 AM**

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF  
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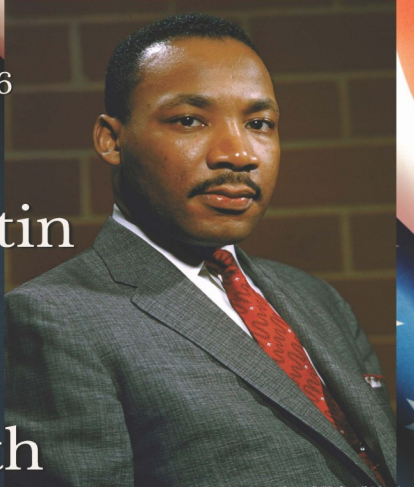
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Join us to celebrate the years of service of our Directors/Coordinator of Religious Education and parish catechists. All are invited to attend.

Office for Catechetical Formation  
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Sunday,  
18 January, 2026  
3pm

# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service



**St Malachy Catholic Church**

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#### JAN. 24 - WEEK 2

Progressive Solemnity (Fr. Friel)

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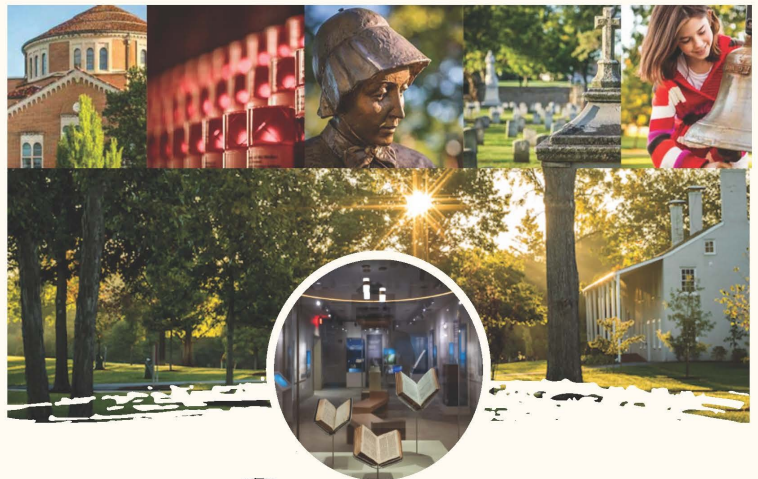
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## HOSPICE SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY

Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity,  
God bless you.



## The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Pilgrimage

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL AND THE SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL WARMLY INVITE YOU TO

COME AND EXPERIENCE A DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND RENEWAL. AS WE VISIT ONE OF OUR NATION'S BEAUTIFUL HOLY SITES. ALL ARE WELCOME TO BE PART OF THIS GRACE-FILLED EXPERIENCE.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00 PER PERSON**

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For questions, email us at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

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SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

# Classroom Supplies Drive!

**JANUARY 9TH - 12TH 2026**

Celebrate the birthday of Venerable Cornelia Connelly, Founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus!

## ITEMS REQUESTED:

- Wish List for Providence Center, an SHCJ ministry:
- Rosaries for Cathedral Parish Religious Education
- Stationery, Crafting Supplies for Children for Holy Children Day Camp at the Cathedral Basilica

