

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

December 14, 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:

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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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

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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/>



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Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 14, 2025

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor!"
Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18) Alleluia, alleluia.*



December 13	Saturday
	St. Lucy
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
5:15	Helen Timlin
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent
	Gaudete Sunday
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Walter H. West III
11:00	Gloria Soto de Garcia
12:30	Leila Rodríguez
6:30	Alfred Marconi
December 15	Monday, Advent Weekday
7:15	Juan Catoy, Jr., Juan Catoy Sr., and Key Jaun Catoy
12:05	Anna Graziano
December 16	Tuesday, Advent Weekday
7:15	Barbara Fried
12:05	Philip J. Murray
December 17	Wednesday
	Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Rosa Linda Morales, Gian Mar Morales, All Souls
12:05	Dolores Suskey
December 18	Thursday
	Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Anatoliy Masalski
12:05	Ly Nguyen
December 19	Friday
	Late Advent Weekday
7:15	Anthony J. Piraino
12:05	Rossana Sciarretta
December 20	Saturday
	Late Advent Weekday
12:05	Aiden Perdomo
5:15	David T. Wilson
December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Peg, Gene & Maureen Janda and Peggy Ann & Sean
11:00	Veronica Comboy
12:30	Gerardo Miranda Echevarria
6:30	Rev. Addisalem T. Mekonnen

Dear Parishioners,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." This is the Entrance Antiphon in the *Roman Missal* for Mass for this Third Sunday of Advent. The antiphon comes from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4: 4-5). In fact, the nickname for this Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, derives from the Latin for the first word of the antiphon, "rejoice." For two weeks, we have been devoutly anticipating the celebration of the Birth of our Savior with Christmas. Hopefully, these two weeks have been marked by a seriousness of purpose—focusing on our need to prepare for the coming of Christ anew into our lives, repenting of our sins and seeking ways to be more faithful to the word of the Lord, and reflecting on our Father's goodness in sending us his only begotten Son. Now, after two such weeks we truly do rejoice that the promised coming of Christ with Christmas is around the corner. We are halfway through this holy time of preparation. Indeed, the Lord is near! As real as our rejoicing might be, we must continue with sincerity to look toward Christmas with a desire to further ready our hearts for the Savior. Continue the Advent journey, listening to the prophet Isaiah, heeding the voice of Saint John the Baptist, and quietly praying with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

An Advent Confession is a very important part of our preparation for Christmas. We have the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation available every day of the week at the Cathedral Basilica—on Sunday at 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon in Spanish and 5:30 PM, on Saturday at 4:15 PM and Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. Parents bring your children, children bring your parents, neighbors bring your neighbors, to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Lord is kind and merciful!

The 2026 Parish Calendars made available last Sunday and this Sunday have been provided by Mr. Christopher Dinan of the Dinan Funeral Home on Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. I am very grateful to Mr. Dinan for his generosity to the Cathedral Parish. Please keep the calendar in a handy place in your home or office for easy reference for the Cathedral Basilica information and for the liturgical observances throughout the year.

The Nativity Scene on the lawn outside of the Cathedral Basilica—at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway—once again has been erected by the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I am so thankful to them for this gesture. This outdoor Nativity Scene invites countless numbers of people passing by on foot or in cars to look upon the Birth of the Savior and see the wonderful Christmas Gift of our Heavenly Father to all of us, the Gift of our salvation and redemption.

The generous response to the Parish Giving Tree has been overwhelming this year. Many, many children and adults will benefit from your generosity this Christmas. All the Giving Tree gifts have been delivered this past week to the delight of many area institutions and families in need this Christmas. Thank you so very much!

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 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/>.

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!

St. Andrew Novena for the 83%



ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA FOR THE 83%

Archbishop Nelson Pérez launched his initiative *Trust and Hope* as a response to the stark reality that **83% of Catholics are disconnected from the life of the Church.**

This Advent, all are invited to pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (**November 30-December 24**) for the intention of the reconciliation of inactive Catholics with the Church, their home. To participate, visit <https://www.phillyevang.org/novena/>

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

[Click Here](#), or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>
[Worship Aid](#)

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Thursday, December 18, 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

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES

Join us at the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel for our Advent Reflection Series, inspired by Venerable Cornelia Connelly:

Holy Child

When: Saturdays during Advent at 6:15 PM

Where: Venerable Cornelia Connelly Memorial,
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

We look forward to welcoming you!



PRAYER

PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. Consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or a planned gift.

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 12/7 was:

Regular	\$5,374
Special	2,113 (to the national collection for the Electronic* <u>2,669</u> Retirement Fund for Religious)
Total	\$10,156

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for November.

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:



Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are age 70 years old or older, a smart way to give is through the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of your IRA. Contact your IRA provider now and direct all or a portion of a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul—**Tax ID# 23-1429839**, and mail it to Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The QCD counts against your Required Minimum Distribution, lowering or eliminating the taxable income on your RMD. The Cathedral Parish will issue a receipt for your taxes. Please note: QCD checks must be received by **December 31st** to qualify for an individual's 2025 RMD. Please contact Andrea Guckin at 215-561-1313 or aguckin@archphila.org with any questions.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:

Nancy, José Lopez, Alessandro Maldonado, Cuca Valero, Alice, Lucia Isoné's intentions, Christian Legere, John, Amanda Shouppe's intentions, David Wilson, Patrick Gutierrez, Luke, Rich Romeo Jr., Rocio Benavides, Fred Tupling, 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. 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



**Te invita a la celebración en honor al mes
De las Tres Virgenes**

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
NOVENA:
Del 25 al 30 de diciembre
Hora: 7:00 PM. Iglesia de abajo
11 de diciembre:
Procesión en la Catedral
VIERNES 12 DE DICIEMBRE
MANANTAS: A las 4:00 AM.
MISA: A las 6:00 AM.
Después habrá un compartir.
Más información:
Magdalena 267-414-3747

VIRGEN DE LA NUBE
NOVENA:
Del 01 al 09 de enero
Hora: 7:00 PM. Iglesia de abajo
DOMINGO 11 DE ENERO
PROCESIÓN: A las 9:30 AM.
MISA: A las 10:30 AM.
Después habrá un compartir
en el Salón parroquial.
Más información:
Liliana, 247-743-1333

VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA
NOVENA:
Del 12 al 20 de enero
Hora: 7:00 PM. Iglesia de abajo.
MIÉRCOLES 21 DE ENERO
MISA: A las 6:30 PM.
Después habrá un compartir
en el Salón parroquial.
Más información:
Damilia 267-888-0114

**TRIGÉSIMA QUINTA
CONVOCATORIA ANUAL CATEQUÉTICA**
Sábado, Marzo 7, 2025
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

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REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

“Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, les repito, estén alegres. El Señor está cerca”. Esta es la antífona de entrada del Misal Romano para la Misa de este Tercer Domingo de Adviento. La antífona proviene de la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses (4:4-5). De hecho, el nombre de este domingo, Domingo de *Gaudete*, deriva de la palabra latina que significa “Alégrense”, la primera palabra de la antífona. Durante dos semanas, hemos estado esperando con devoción la celebración del Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador en Navidad. Esperamos que estas dos semanas hayan estado marcadas por un propósito serio: centrarnos en nuestra necesidad de prepararnos para la venida de Cristo a nuestras vidas, arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y buscando maneras de ser más fieles a la palabra del Señor, y reflexionando sobre la bondad de nuestro Padre al enviarnos a su Hijo unigénito. Ahora, después de estas dos semanas, nos alegramos de que la prometida venida de Cristo en Navidad esté a la vuelta de la esquina. Estamos a mitad de este santo tiempo de preparación. ¡En verdad, el Señor está cerca! Por mucha que sea nuestra alegría, debemos seguir con sinceridad mirando hacia la Navidad con el deseo de preparar aún más nuestros corazones para el Salvador. Continuemos el camino del Adviento, escuchando al profeta Isaías, prestando atención a la voz de San Juan Bautista y orando en silencio con María, la Madre de Jesús.

La Confesión de Adviento es una parte muy importante de nuestra preparación para la Navidad. Tenemos el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación disponible todos los días de la semana en la Catedral Basílica: los domingos a las 9:00 AM, a las 12:00 del mediodía (en español) y a las 5:30 PM; los sábados a las 4:15 PM; y de lunes a viernes a las 11:30 AM. Padres, traigan a sus hijos; hijos, traigan a sus padres; vecinos, traigan a sus vecinos al Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación. ¡El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso!

Los calendarios parroquiales del 2026, disponibles el domingo pasado y este domingo, han sido proporcionados por el Sr. Christopher Dinan de la Funeraria Dinan en Spring Garden Street, Filadelfia. Estoy muy agradecido al Sr. Dinan por su generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral. Por favor, conserve el calendario en un lugar accesible de su casa u oficina para consultar fácilmente la información de la Catedral Basílica y las celebraciones litúrgicas a lo largo del año.

El Nacimiento, ubicado en el césped del frente de la Catedral Basílica, en la intersección de la Calle 18 y Benjamin Franklin Parkway, ha sido instalado nuevamente por los Caballeros de Colón y la Antigua Orden de Hibernianos. Les estoy muy agradecido por este gesto. Este Nacimiento al aire libre invita a innumerables personas que pasan a pie o en coche a contemplar el Nacimiento del Salvador y a ver el maravilloso regalo de Navidad que nuestro Padre celestial nos ha dado a todos: el don de nuestra salvación y redención.

La generosa respuesta al Árbol de Donaciones de Adviento de la parroquia «The Giving Tree por su nombre en inglés» ha sido abrumadora este año. Muchos niños y adultos se beneficiarán de su generosidad esta Navidad. Todos los regalos del Árbol de Donaciones fueron entregados la semana pasada, para alegría de muchas instituciones y familias necesitadas de la zona. ¡Muchas gracias!

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará al apoyo de los servicios de asistencia social de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visiten <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT 2025

Sundays of Advent

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

Monday through Friday

11:30 AM in the Cathedral Basilica

Saturdays of Advent

4:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2025

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25 *A Holy Day of Obligation*

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025

- ⇒ 5:00 PM - Solemn Vigil Mass (English)
- ⇒ 7:30 PM - Vigil Mass (English and Spanish) in the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ 11:00 PM - Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Cathedral Basilica: Sacred Music and Carols

Thursday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2025

- ⇒ 12:00 AM - Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ 8:00 AM - Mass, 10:00 AM - Mass and 12:00 PM Noon - Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

There is no evening Mass on December 25, 2025.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 28

Follows the regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 27, 2025

- ⇒ 5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

Sunday, December 28, 2025

- ⇒ 8:00 AM - Mass, 9:30 AM - Mass in the Basilica
- ⇒ 11:00 AM - Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica, Solemn Closing of the Jubilee Year
- ⇒ 12:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish
- ⇒ 6:30 PM - Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

Confessions on Saturday, December 27
at 4:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

Confessions on Sunday, December 28
at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Basilica,
12 Noon in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish and
5:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

TODAY!

PARISH CONNECTIONS BRUNCH
HEARTS IN COMMUNION
GATHERED IN HIS NAME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center—13th Floor Cafeteria

EVANGELIZATION

ADVENT REFLECTION 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Happy Gaudete Sunday! At this midpoint (more -or-less) of the Advent season, the Church breaks out rose vestments to give us a hint of the joy and rejoicing that will soon be ours on Christmas day.

Last week, besides the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we also had the feast days of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. While often overshadowed by the more recent appearances of our Lady at Fatima and Lourdes, our Blessed Mother's appearances at Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego are well worth our reflection and meditation.

In particular, I want to think today about one scene from those appearances. Don Antonio Valeriano, a Native American author of the sixteenth century, relates: "His [Juan Diego's] uncle, Juan Bernardino, became very ill, and at night asked Juan to go to Tlatelolco at daybreak to call a priest to hear his confession. Juan Diego set out on Tuesday, but he went around the hill and passed on the other side, toward the east, so as to arrive quickly in Mexico City and to avoid being detained by the Heavenly Lady. But she came out to meet him on that side of the hill and said to him: 'Listen and understand, my humblest son. There is nothing to frighten and distress you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here? Are you not under my protection? Are you not, fortunately, in my care? Do not let your uncle's illness distress you. It is certain that he has already been cured.'"

It's a bit humorous that St. Juan Diego thinks that he needs to avoid a miraculous heavenly vision in order to get his work done. But how often do we do the same thing? How easy it is to think that we don't have time to pray, or read the Scriptures, or go to daily Mass, because we have all this other stuff that we need to do. This can especially be the case this time of year, where we can easily get absorbed into holiday shopping and Christmas parties.

But our Blessed Mother reminds St. Juan Diego that God does not get in the way of the things we need to do. In fact, God can take care of them much better than we can (his uncle being cured is much better than his getting a deathbed confession!). God wants us to have a good Advent, and wants us to have a good and holy celebration of Christmas- so does our Blessed Mother. And if we give time in prayer to God, God will make sure that all goes well, and that we receive all of the graces we need to have a holy Advent and Christmas. So in this last week and half before Christmas, let us recommit ourselves to our habits of prayer, trusting that—through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary—God will continue to lead us down the path of holiness.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Carroll

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
3RD ANNUAL
**DREXEL SHRINE
MISSION AWARD**



It is the privilege of every Christian to be an apostle.

Reflections Due: December 23, 2025

Awardee Announces: January 2, 2026

Induction Ceremony: January 24, 2026

All High School Students in the Archdiocese are invited to join the Honor Roll by submitting a brief (200-250 words) reflection on the quote above by Tuesday, December 23rd, 2025.

Only High School Juniors are eligible for the Mission

Award which comes with a prize of \$250.00

Contact skdshrine@gmail.com with questions!

Readings for Mass for this Week

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

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. The choir schedule will be shared on the Cathedral Parish website so that the faithful across the Archdiocese may celebrate your parish's participation.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

There are **TWO Trees** in the sanctuary.

One Tree is for our charities, the other for families.

One way to give is to donate online on the Cathedral webpage – you will see the Giving Tree fund after you press the DONATE button. Then you can donate toward the gift or gift card on an ornament! This is a very easy option!

You may use this link to access the account (or go to our website): <https://www.osvhub.com/cathedralofsspeterpaul/giving/funds/giving-tree>

To participate in person:

Take one or more star ornaments from the trees at Mass. Each ornament lists a child or charity and their requested gift or gift card.

Bring wrapped gifts or gift cards (in an envelope) to a Sacristan, Cathedral staff member, or drop them off at the Rectory office (1723 Race St.).

Please don't leave presents under the tree!

If you have questions, please email Sr. Mary Raphael, Outreach Coordinator at the Rectory (sr.mrparadis@archphila.org) or call at 215-561-1313



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

*The National Shrine of
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Pilgrimage*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL



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JAN. 17 - WEEK 1

Liturgical Music and the Mystery of Christ (Fr. Gill)

JAN. 24 - WEEK 2

Progressive Solemnity (Fr. Friel)

JAN. 31 - WEEK 3

Liturgical Music Planning/Directing, Leading Song and the Role of the Cantor (Charlene Angelini)

FEB. 7 - WEEK 4

Deepening the Spirituality of the Pastoral Musician (Fr. Kelly)

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HANDEL MESSIAH



Friday

Dec 5 at 7 pm

St. Mark's, Philadelphia

Sunday

Dec 7 at 4 pm

Daylesford Abbey, Paoli

Friday

Dec 19 at 7 pm

Cathedral Basilica of
Sts Peter & Paul
Phila

Sunday

Dec 21 at 4 pm

St. Katharine of Siena
Wayne

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