

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 28, 2025



Rise, take the child and
his mother, flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:13


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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*

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 Holy Family of the Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 28, 2025

*“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”
Colossians 3:15a, 16a Alleluia, alleluia.*

Mass Intentions

December 27	Saturday—St. John
12:05	Robert C. Enz
5:15	Janice Breithauptl
December 28	The Holy Family of the Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	John J. Mangan
11:00	Noemi Jezzi
12:30	Sebastian Rodríguez
6:30	Joseph & Sylva DiPhillipo
December 29	Monday
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—St. Thomas Becket	
7:15	Kevin Spangler
12:05	Vincent Barker
December 30	Tuesday
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	
7:15	Alessandro Iavarone
12:05	Kateryna Osadcha & Yurly Gorbunov
December 31	Wednesday
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—St. Sylvester I	
7:15	Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary
12:05	For the living and deceased members of Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Calantoni
New Year's Eve Masses	
5:15	Intention of the Priest Celebrant
7:00	Intention of the Priest Celebrant <i>(Spanish Mass)</i>
11:00	Holy Hour with Exposition
New Year's Day Masses	
January 1 Thursday	
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Go <i>(New Year's Day)</i> <i>(World Day of Prayer for Peace)</i>	
12:00	Intention of the Priest Celebrant <i>(Midnight Mass)</i>
8:00	For the People of the Parish
10:00	Intention of the Priest Celebrant
12:00	Intention of the Priest Celebrant
January 2 Friday	
St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
7:15	For the intentions of the Su Family
12:05	Kathleen O'Connor
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

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Our celebration of Christmas continues for several more days—through the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. The immediate days following Christmas Day belong to the Octave of Christmas. The Nativity of the Lord is an event that happened in time and in eternity. It is the Son of God who took on our humanity without loss of his divinity. One of the ways our liturgical tradition captures such an extraordinary event, an event that is in time and outside of time, is to observe it for eight days with equal force. The number eight signals eternity as it becomes the number of days of the created week plus one. Thursday, January 1, 2026, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Christmas. *So, yes, Merry Christmas!*

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Sunday celebration within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. As we continue to celebrate the great event of Christmas Day, the Birth of our Divine Savior, this Sunday gives us the opportunity to focus on the family into which Jesus came into this world. We look to Mary, the Virgin Mother, and Saint Joseph, the foster father, for the very special role they played in God's plan to save and redeem us. The Collect for Mass for this Sunday reminds us that the Holy Family is a shining example for all of us to imitate, especially in the virtues of family life and the bonds of charity. Let us turn to the Holy Family in our prayers for our own families and all families, especially those most troubled, to know the peace and union of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I encourage you to stop and pray before the Holy Family in the Nativity Scene in the Cathedral Basilica.

Today also concludes the observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 everywhere outside of Rome. Our Holy Father will conclude the Jubilee Year in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. May the blessings of the Jubilee Year, especially calling us to a more profound hope in the promises of Christ and a renewed appreciation for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation remain with us for many years.

This Thursday, January 1, 2026, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation and, as mentioned above, concludes the eight-day celebration of Christmas Day. Again, this year there will be a Holy Hour at 11:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, in the Cathedral Basilica before the Mass for the New Year at Midnight, to pray before our Eucharistic Lord for his divine favor throughout the New Year. Please see the Mass schedule for this Holy Day elsewhere in the parish bulletin.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your on-going generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year. Your generosity in the Christmas Collections, in person and online, is so very much appreciated. Thank you as well for your generosity to the Christmas Flowers' fund. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood of the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Christmas and 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 so very much.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

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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

NO CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
On Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM

PRAYER

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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.

The offertory collection for Sunday 12/21/2025 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 or call the office at 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he can help you register.
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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*

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Presentación en español: Rev. Remigio Morales

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Marque su calendario 2026

Más talleres antes de la Cuaresmas 2026

¿Dónde?

Posibles localidades

- Santo Tomás de Aquino
- San José, Coatesville
- Santa Verónica
- San José/San Antonio, Ambler
- San Martín de Tours y Santa Inés, West Chester



Para más información contacte a Jhoselyn Martinez, Instituto Católico Hispano
215-667-2824 o Jmartinez@archphila.org

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Feliz Navidad! Nuestra celebración de la Navidad continúa durante varios días más, hasta la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor. Los días inmediatamente posteriores al día de Navidad pertenecen a la Octava de Navidad. La Natividad del Señor es un acontecimiento que ocurrió en el tiempo y en la eternidad. Es el Hijo de Dios quien asumió nuestra humanidad sin perder su divinidad. Una de las maneras en que nuestra tradición litúrgica capta un acontecimiento tan extraordinario, un acontecimiento que está en el tiempo y fuera del tiempo, es observándolo durante ocho días con igual intensidad. El número ocho simboliza la eternidad, ya que representa el número de días de la semana de la creación más uno. El jueves 1 de enero del 2026, Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, es el octavo y último día de la Octava de Navidad. *Así que, sí, ¡Feliz Navidad!*

Hoy es la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, la celebración dominical dentro de la Octava de la Natividad del Señor. Mientras continuamos celebrando el gran acontecimiento del día de Navidad, el Nacimiento de nuestro Divino Salvador, este domingo nos da la oportunidad de centrarnos en la familia en la que Jesús vino a este mundo. Miramos a María, la Virgen Madre, y a San José, el padre adoptivo, por el papel tan especial que desempeñaron en el plan de Dios para salvarnos y redimarnos. La Oración Colecta de la Misa de este domingo nos recuerda que la Sagrada Familia es un ejemplo luminoso que todos debemos imitar, especialmente en las virtudes de la vida familiar y los lazos de caridad. Recemos a la Sagrada Familia por nuestras propias familias y por todas las familias, especialmente por las que atraviesan mayores dificultades, para que conozcan la paz y la unión de Jesús, María y José. Los animo a detenerse y orar ante la Sagrada Familia en el Nacimiento de la Catedral Basílica.

Hoy también concluye la celebración del Año Jubilar 2025 en todas partes fuera de Roma. Nuestro Santo Padre concluirá el Año Jubilar en Roma en la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor. Que las bendiciones del Año Jubilar, que nos invitan a una esperanza más profunda en las promesas de Cristo y a una renovada apreciación del Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación, permanezcan con nosotros durante muchos años. Este jueves 1 de enero del 2026, la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, es un día de precepto y, como se mencionó anteriormente, concluye la celebración de la Octava de Navidad. Este año, nuevamente, habrá una Hora Santa a las 11:00 PM. del miércoles 31 de diciembre del 2025 en la Catedral Basílica, antes de la Misa de Año Nuevo a medianoche, para orar ante nuestro Señor Eucarístico pidiendo su favor divino durante todo el año nuevo. Consulte el horario de misas para este día de precepto en otra sección del boletín parroquial.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su continua generosidad con la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente en esta época del año. Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad en las colectas de Navidad, tanto en persona como en línea. Gracias también por su generosidad con el fondo para las flores de Navidad. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los pobres y necesitados del barrio de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas de Navidad y del domingo por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo!
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector





New Year's Eve Masses

Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2025

- ⇒ 5:15 PM - Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
- ⇒ 7:00 PM - Anticipated Mass in Spanish in the Chapel, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 PM. Confessions in Spanish will also be available at 6:30 PM.
- ⇒ 11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Basilica

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2026 - A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2026

- ⇒ 12:00 AM Midnight - Solemn Mass in the 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 January 1, 2026.

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, PVM

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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>

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HOW DOES IT WORK?
WHO CAN BELONG? (women and men)
HOW DO I START?

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

WEDNESDAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE 12 /31/25
MIDNIGHT MASS
THURSDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1/26
8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM

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