

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 7, 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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SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

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Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 7, 2025

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God!”
Luke 3:4,6 Alleluia, alleluia.*



December 6	Saturday, Advent Weekday St. Nicholas
12:05	Harry John Keogh
5:15	Lillian Del Conte
December 7	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For the living & deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00	Essie Mae Rubin
12:30	Gregorio Gonzalez
6:30	Ruben Martinez
December 8	Monday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(Patronal Feast of the United States of America) - Holy Day of Obligation</i>
7:15	For the People of the Parish
12:05	For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
5:15	For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
7:00	For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
	<i>(Mass in Spanish— Misa en español)</i>
December 9	Tuesday, Advent Weekday St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin
7:15	Nickolas Milanytch
12:05	For the intentions of Alan Su
December 10	Wednesday, Advent Weekday Our Lady of Loreto
7:15	Clare D'Agostino
12:05	For the intentions of the Young Church of Philadelphia
December 11	Thursday, Advent Weekday St. Damasus I
7:15	Zorianna Klufas
12:05	For the intentions of Barry Su
9:00	For the intentions of the Priest Celebrant
	<i>(Mass in Spanish— Misa en español)</i>
December 12	Friday Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:15	Regina Marie Ingiosi
12:05	Soon Young Susanna Kim-Suh
December 13	Saturday St. Lucy
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
5:15	Helen Timlin

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent passes so quickly, and so each week deserves some special attention. This is especially the case with this Sunday's Gospel. We hear Saint John the Baptist preaching in the desert and declaring, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3: 2)." Frequently throughout the liturgical year, we hear the call to repent. Typically, it is the Lord Jesus calling his followers to turn away from sin so as to be truly faithful to his way of life, the Christian life. Today, it is John the Baptist calling us to repentance. This repentance is the same, but for a different purpose. It is a repentance of preparation for the coming of the Savior. The Lord Jesus, who came in history and will come at the end of time, desires to come to each of us anew this Christmas, in our hearts and in our lives. If the Lord is to come with his grace and renew us with his Birth, then we cannot keep company with sin, sin of any kind. Let us resolve today to be sincere about our repentance. Let us examine our Christian lives, confess our sins confident in the mercy of God, and be truly ready for the promised Birth of the Lord within and among us. There are so many opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Sundays and throughout the week here at the Cathedral Basilica. Schedule now your own Advent Confession.

This Monday, December 8, 2025, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This Advent Holy Day commemorates the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother without any stain of original sin. This gift to Mary prepares her to be the worthy Mother of the Christ Child. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. The Holy Day Mass schedule is found elsewhere in this edition of the parish bulletin.

This Friday, December 12, 2025, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. In addition to our regular weekday Masses in the Chapel on Friday. There is an Archdiocesan Celebration at 9:00 PM in the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, December 11. This Mass will be celebrated in Spanish. On Friday, the Holy Rosary will be prayed following the 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Mass for the Americans.

The Giving Tree is a beautiful Advent custom in our Cathedral Parish. Thank you so very much for your generous response again this Advent. If you are interested in delivering some of the gifts to the neighboring institutions that benefit from our Giving Tree, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

I am so very grateful to all those who participated in our Annual Eucharistic Devotion, our Parish Forty Hours, this past week. It was a beautiful witness to our love for the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously responded to the Annual Parish Fall Collection. I am so very grateful for your donation. It goes a long way to assist with the financial demands on the operation fund of our Cathedral Parish.

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 landscape needs of 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 Holy Orders

Thursday, December 11, 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 11/23 was:

Regular \$4,144
Special 1,316 (to Liturgical Music Program of the
Electronic* 3,348 Cathedral Parish)
Total \$8,808

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.

Your generosity on 11/30 was:

Regular \$4,782
Special 1,081 (to Special Maintenance Projects of the
Electronic* 3,348 Cathedral Parish)
Total \$9,211

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for October.

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:



ADVENT COCKTAILS WITH FR. GILL

Wishing you all the joy and blessings of Advent!

Join us on **December 13, 2025, after the 5:15 p.m.**

Anticipated Mass in the Neumann Room for an evening of **music, wine, and hors d'oeuvres.**

A festive celebration for our **senior community**—a perfect time to gather in friendship and joy this Advent season! Please **RSVP by email:** info@cathedralphila.org

*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



SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARÍA

Fiesta Patronal de los Estados Unidos de América

LUNES, DICIEMBRE 8, 2025

Lunes, Diciembre 8

Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral a las 7:15 AM

Misa en la Catedral Basílica con música litúrgica a las 12:05 PM

Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral con música litúrgica a las 5:15 PM

Misa en español en la Capilla de la Catedral a las 7:00 PM, precedida por el Santo Rosario a las 6:30 PM

Confessions in the Catedral Basílica a las 11:30 AM y a las 6:30 PM en la Capilla en español.

La Basílica y la Capilla estarán abiertas en la oficina parroquial estará cerrada.



Celebración Arquidiocesana

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

11 DE DICIEMBRE

CATEDRAL BASÍLICA DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO

8:00 P.M. - ROSARIO POR LOS INMIGRANTES
8:30 P.M. - PROCESIÓN DE IMÁGENES
9:00 P.M. - SANTA MISA CON EL ARZOBISPO PÉREZ Y LA CORAL HISPANA DE FILADELPHIA

MINISTERIO HISPANO de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia
Catedral Basílica DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este domingo es el segundo domingo de Adviento. El Adviento pasa tan rápido que cada semana merece una atención especial. Esto es especialmente cierto en el Evangelio de este domingo. Escuchamos a San Juan Bautista predicar en el desierto y declarar: “Arrepiéntanse, porque ya está cerca el reino de los cielos” (Mateo 3:2). Con frecuencia, a lo largo del año litúrgico, escuchamos el llamado al arrepentimiento. Normalmente, es el Señor Jesús quien llama a sus seguidores a alejarse del pecado para ser verdaderamente fieles a su estilo de vida, la vida cristiana. Hoy, es Juan el Bautista quien nos llama al arrepentimiento. Este arrepentimiento es el mismo, pero con un propósito diferente. Es un arrepentimiento que prepara para la venida del Salvador. El Señor Jesús, quien vino en la historia y vendrá al final de los tiempos, desea venir a cada uno de nosotros de nuevo esta Navidad, a nuestros corazones y a nuestras vidas. Si el Señor viene con su gracia y nos renueva con su nacimiento, no podemos seguir la corriente del pecado, de ningún tipo. Resolvamos hoy ser sinceros en nuestro arrepentimiento. Examinemos nuestra vida cristiana, confesemos nuestros pecados confiados en la misericordia de Dios y preparémonos verdaderamente para el nacimiento prometido del Señor en nosotros y entre nosotros. Hay muchas oportunidades para el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación los domingos y durante la semana aquí en la Catedral Basílica. Agenda ahora tu propia confesión de Adviento.

Este lunes, 8 de diciembre del 2025, es la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, un Día de Precepto u Obligación. Este Día de Adviento conmemora la concepción de María en el vientre de su madre sin mancha de pecado original. Este don a María la prepara para ser la digna Madre del Niño Jesús. María, bajo la advocación de la Inmaculada Concepción, es la Patrona de los Estados Unidos de América. El horario de las Misas de los Días Santos se encuentra en otra parte de esta edición del boletín parroquial.

Este viernes 12 de diciembre del 2025 se celebra la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas. Además de nuestras misas habituales entre semana en la Capilla el viernes, habrá una celebración arquidiocesana a las 9:00 PM en la Catedral Basílica el jueves 11 de diciembre. Esta misa se celebrará en español. El viernes, se rezará el Santo Rosario después de las misas de las 7:15 PM y las 12:05 PM por los estadounidenses.

El Árbol de Donaciones de Adviento «The Giving Tree por su nombre en inglés» es una hermosa tradición de Adviento en nuestra Parroquia Catedral. Muchas gracias por su generosa respuesta nuevamente este Adviento. Si le interesa entregar algunas de las donaciones a las instituciones vecinas que se benefician de nuestro Árbol de la Donación, por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 215-561-1313.

Estoy muy agradecido a todos los que participaron en nuestra Devoción Eucarística Anual, nuestras Cuarenta Horas Parroquiales, la semana pasada. Fue un hermoso testimonio de nuestro amor por la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que respondieron con tanta generosidad a la Colecta Anual de Otoño de la Parroquia. Estoy muy agradecido por su donación, que contribuye enormemente a cubrir las necesidades financieras del fondo operativo de nuestra Parroquia Catedral.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a las necesidades de jardinería 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Patronal Feast of the United States of America
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Monday, December 8

7:15 AM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica with Liturgical Music

5:15 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel with Liturgical Music

7:00 PM Mass in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 PM

11:30 AM Confessions in the Cathedral Basilica and 6:30 PM in the Chapel in Spanish.

The Basilica and Chapel are open on Holy Days; the Parish Office is closed.



EVANGELIZATION

ADVENT REFLECTION 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Happy Advent Sunday! I hope that your first week of Advent went well. If not, now's the time to hit the reset button and start afresh. Here's to a better second week of Advent!

Last week we explored the season of Advent with the help of St. Andrew, whose feast day was overruled by the First Sunday of Advent. Today I want to think about Advent with the assistance of tomorrow's Holy Day of Obligation: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Before being assigned here, I was stationed at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in NYC. There is a crucifix there that has, on the back of the cross, an image of our Lady, the Immaculate Conception. The symbolism is that the Immaculate Conception is the first fruit of our Lord's saving death on the Cross. But the Immaculate Conception is not just something about Mary, but is ultimately about all of us. Mary is the first fruit of what the entire Church is destined to be; we see already realized in Mary the goal to which we are striving. Mary was conceived without original sin and lived her entire life without committing any sin. That is the fruit of the amazing grace that our Blessed Mother received. But it is also a reminder to us that our goal is the sinless life of heaven. Our Lord died on the Cross not simply to forgive us our sins, but to give us the grace to live progressively less-sinful lives, the grace to make our lives step-by-step more like the sinless life of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Now, putting sin behind us is the work of a lifetime. But the season of Advent offers us a yearly opportunity to deepen our efforts in that regard. We often think of the season of Lent as a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (and indeed it is), but Advent is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our penitential practices. Advent is meant to help us prepare for Christmas, so that we can welcome our Lord into a holy heart on Christmas morning. But if we don't intentionally work to make Advent different, Christmas will find us no closer to God than we are today. So if you haven't yet, take this week to start doing something different this Advent: more daily prayer, daily Masses, spiritual reading, fasting, etc. In addition, certainly make sure you get to confession at least once during this holy season. And when you go to Mass tomorrow for the Holy Day, ask our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, to intercede for your Advent efforts, that you might welcome her Son with a pure heart on Christmas, just as she did that first Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Carroll

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Archdiocesan Celebration
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
DECEMBER 11
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
8:00 P.M. - ROSARY FOR IMMIGRANTS
8:30 P.M. - PROCESSION
9:00 P.M. - MASS IN SPANISH WITH ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ & CORAL HISPANA DE FILADELFA

MINISTERIO HISPANO Arquidiocesis de Filadelfia
Cathedral Basilica OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

SATURDAY; DECEMBER 13
ADVENT Retreat Day
The Cry of the Poor and the Heart of the Church:
A Guided Journey through Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*
"The Cry of the Poor and the Heart of the Church" invites us to encounter Christ's love where it is most needed. Through prayer, Scripture, and reflection on *Dilexi Te*, we'll explore how God's love transforms both our hearts and our communities.
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**PARISH CONNECTIONS BRUNCH
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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
222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of
Faith—Friendship—Fellowship
as we gather together in Christ's name

Come and be nourished in spirit and in community with
parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Family.

**Free parking available
All are welcome**

RSVP: dea.cegbufoama@archphila.org

ADVENT GIVING TREE

It's time to start thinking about the *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.

Return your gifts and ornaments (so we can identify recipients) **TODAY, Sunday, December 7.**

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!

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

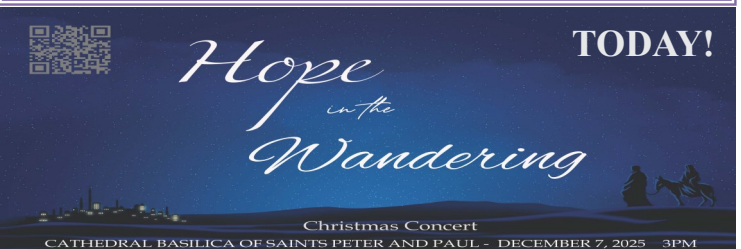
- ⇒ 12:00 AM - Solemn Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) in the Cathedral Basilica
- ⇒ 8:00 AM - Mass, 10:00 AM - Mass and 12:00 PM Noon - Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica

There is no evening Mass on December 25, 2025.

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.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 14, 2025 @ 1 PM

An invitation from **Saint Andrew Lithuanian Church (19th & Wallace Streets, Philadelphia)** to a Christmas Concert performed by the church choir and Vincas Kreve school children. The program will include Christmas carols as well as Lithuanian Christmas hymns.

Everyone is welcome. Free admission