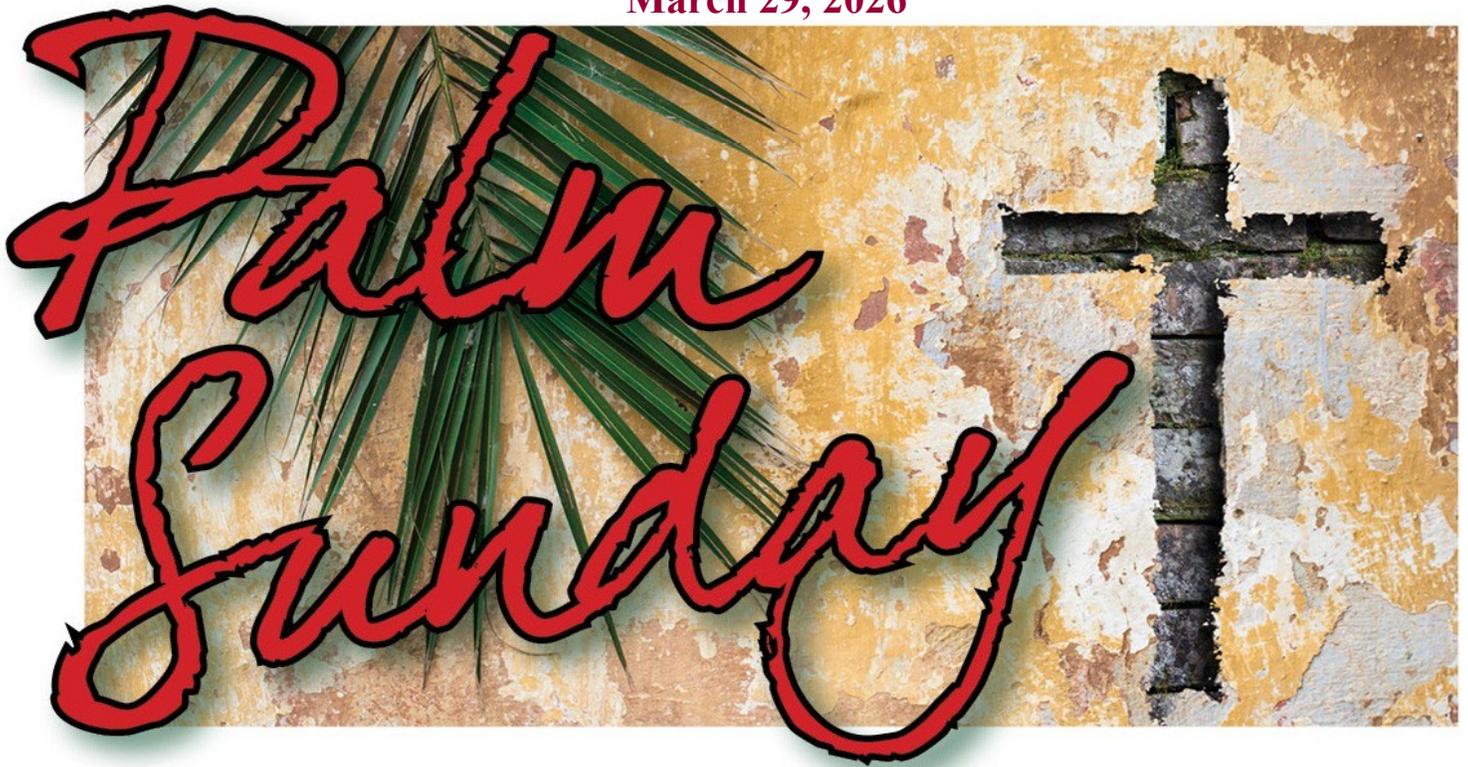


Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

March 29, 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*

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, 10 de agosto del 2021*

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/bible/readings](https://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM
[Click Here](https://vimeo.com/event/2470138), or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

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/>

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 22, 2026

“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” Philippians 2:8-9

Mass Intentions

March 28	Saturday, Lenten Weekday
12:05	Jeanine Littleton
5:15	Jayne Day
March 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Paul Staico
11:00	Neil Moravec
12:30	Maria Miranda
6:30	Patricia Brady
March 30	Monday of the Holy Week
7:15	Romolo & Bianca Sciarretta & children
12:05	Richard Tancredi
March 31	Tuesday of the Holy Week
7:15	Diane DePalma
12:05	Neil Moravec
April 1	Wednesday of the Holy Week
7:15	Michael Mansfield
12:05	Dennis J. McNichol III
April 2	Thursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
	Chrism Mass
10:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30	Night Prayer at the Repository
10:45	
April 3	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
9:00	Morning Prayer at the Repository
12:00	Office of Readings
1:00	The Way of the Cross
2:00	Choral Meditations of the Passion
3:00	Passion of the Lord
7:00	Procesión con el Vía Crucis, Las Siete Palabras, en la Capilla <i>(en español)</i>
April 4	Holy Saturday
9:00	Morning Prayer and Rites of Immediate preparation for the Elect
12:00	Office of Readings
8:00	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Adults
April 5	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For peace in the world and the city
11:00	For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
1:00	For vocations to the Consecrated Life <i>(Misa bilingual)</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, begins the holiest week for Christians, and concludes with the Sacred Paschal Triduum—Holy Thursday evening through to Easter Sunday. Please see the schedule elsewhere in the parish bulletin for the Sacred Paschal Triduum. I encourage you to plan today how you and your family will observe this week. I know in many cases this involves sorting out schedules and conflicts to take the time to celebrate the Liturgies that mark these days. This is a week like no other—the highpoint of the entire liturgical year—when the Church celebrates with great solemnity and devotion the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Share the schedule for the Sacred Paschal Triduum with family and friends. All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica during these holiest of days.

Please take the blessed palm that you receive at Mass today and place it over the crucifix that hangs in your home. The blessed palm, as it reminds us during the Palm Sunday Mass, is a sign all throughout the year of the victory of Christ, the Redeemer, over sin and death with his Cross and Resurrection. Any old blessed palm can be brought to the Cathedral Sacristy at any time for its use for ashes next Ash Wednesday.

All parishioners are welcome to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, April 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The Chrism Mass is the occasion for the Archbishop to assemble with his priests for the renewal of their Ordination Promises as well as the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the rites of the Church. Please keep all priests in your prayers on Holy Thursday, the anniversary of the institution of the Priesthood by the Lord.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Parish Keys and Sword Event 2026. See the website to learn all about this wonderful parish event, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Also, please reach out to people, restaurants and businesses that you think might want to have an ad in our Keys and Sword Ad Book.

If you participated in the Operation Rice Bowl, you can make your donation at any time over the next few weeks in any of the parish collections at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office.

Please keep the intention for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East, in your prayers. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

*I am so grateful to those who have already shown their generosity to the Cathedral Parish with their Easter offerings and with their donations for the Easter Flowers. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the poor and needy in the neighborhood 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/>. As always, thank you so very much for all your goodness the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the *Catholic Charities Appeal*.*

Let us be mindful of one another in our prayers throughout this Holy Week. Let us be especially mindful of our Parish Elect who will be baptized this Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

God bless you!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

PRAYER PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY



Dear Lord,
Make this Lenten season a time for us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
Thank you for your cross - the only ladder by which we may go to heaven! Amen!

Jesus, have mercy on us.

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 3/22 was:

Regular	\$5,507
Special	1,176 (to the Liturgical Music programs of the
Electronic*	<u>2,889</u> Cathedral Parish)
Total	\$9,572

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for February

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:



NO CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
-Adult faith formation-
Thursday, April 2, 2026, 7:00 PM

**ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND FASTING
ON GOOD FRIDAY**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, *as a minimal obligation*, that **all persons who are fourteen years of age and older** are bound to abstain from eating meat on **Good Friday**.

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Gavin, John Loughrin, Thea, Susanna Szvet, Kevin Perez, Susan Tavares, Karina Estevez, Nancy Tomaszewski, Glenda, Annaleigh & Nicholas Gidosh, Mary Chesloski, Andres & Sharlene and Meriel, Mary Chesloski, Lucy Redgwick, Bianca Torres, Maureen Connor, Susan Tavares, Erick Santos, 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.**

Pentecost Extended Vigil Mass

MAY 23, 2026
5:15 PM

📍 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love"

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THE TOTAL GIFT A KATHARINE DREXEL STORY

Our Emmy Award-winning film, *The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story*, is now streaming on FORMED, making it instantly accessible to millions of Catholics around the world.

This is more than a new streaming home — it's a powerful step forward in our mission of **evangelizing the culture through beautiful, faithful storytelling.**

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
11:00AM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

REGISTER HERE:
<https://form.jotform.com/ODWPhila/confirmation-registration>
DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026
Info@cathedralphila.org | 215 561 1313

CONFESIONES PARA LA SEMANA SANTA Y EL SAGRADO TRIDUO PASCUAL

Lunes 30 de marzo; martes 31 de marzo; y miércoles 1 de abril del 2026
11:00 AM en la Basílica

Viernes Santo, 3 de abril del 2026
12:30 PM hasta 2:30 PM en la Basílica

Sábado Santo, 4 de abril del 2026
11:00 AM en la Basílica

MISAS Y LITURGIAS DE SEMANA SANTA Y DEL SAGRADO TRIDUO PASCUAL

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, 29 de marzo del 2026

Las palmas se distribuirán en todas las Misas.

Misa Anticipada en la Basílica a las 5:15 PM (28 de marzo del 2026)

Misa a las 8:00 AM y a las 9:30 AM

Procesión y Misa Solemne en la Basílica a las 11:00 AM

Misa en español en la Capilla de la Catedral a las 1:00 PM y

Misa a las 6:30 PM en la Basílica

De lunes a viernes durante la Semana Santa Lunes 30 de marzo; martes 31 de marzo; y miércoles 1 de abril

Misa a las 7:15 AM y a las 12:05 PM en la Capilla de la Catedral

El Jueves de la Semana Santa, 2 de abril del 2026

Misa Crismal a las 10:00 AM

Todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a asistir a esta Misa.



Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, 2026

8:00 PM - Misa de la Cena del Señor

10:45 PM - Oración nocturna en el Repositorio

Viernes Santo, 3 de abril, 2026

3:00 PM - Celebración de la Pasión del Señor en la Basílica

7:00 PM - *Procesión con el Vía Crucis, Sermón de las Siete Palabras*

Sábado Santo, 4 de abril, 2026

9:00 AM - Oración de la Mañana

12:00 PM - Oficio de Lecturas

Domingo de Pascua de la

Resurrección del Señor, 5 de abril

8:00 PM (4 de abril) - Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa con los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM Misa Solemne, y

1:00 PM (*en inglés y español*)

No habrá Misa a las 6:30 PM.

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Hoy, Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, comienza la semana más santa para los cristianos, la cual concluye con el Sagrado Triduo Pascual: desde la tarde del Jueves Santo hasta el Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor. Por favor, consulten el horario del Sagrado Triduo Pascual en otra sección del boletín parroquial. Los animo a planificar hoy mismo cómo ustedes y sus familias vivirán esta semana. Sé que, en muchos casos, esto implica coordinar horarios y resolver conflictos para poder dedicar tiempo a celebrar las liturgias que marcan estos días. Esta es una semana sin igual —la cumbre de todo el año litúrgico— en la que la Iglesia celebra con gran solemnidad y devoción el Misterio Pascual de Cristo. Compartan el horario del Sagrado Triduo Pascual con sus familiares y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos a la Catedral Basílica para vivir estos días tan santos.

Por favor, tomen la palma bendecida que reciban hoy en la Misa y colóquenla sobre el crucifijo que tengan colgado en su hogar. La palma bendecida —tal como se nos recuerda durante la Misa del Domingo de Ramos— es, a lo largo de todo el año, un signo de la victoria de Cristo Redentor sobre el pecado y la muerte, lograda mediante su Cruz y su Resurrección. Pueden traer cualquier palma bendecida del año anterior a la Sacristía de la Catedral en cualquier momento, para que sea utilizada en la preparación de las cenizas del próximo Miércoles de Ceniza.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir a la Misa Crismal, que se celebrará en la mañana del Jueves Santo, 2 de abril del 2026 a las 10:00 AM. La Misa Crismal constituye una ocasión especial en la que el Arzobispo se reúne con sus sacerdotes para renovar sus promesas sacerdotales, así como para bendecir y consagrar los Santos Óleos que se utilizan en la celebración de los ritos de la Iglesia. Por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones a todos los sacerdotes durante el Jueves Santo, día en que conmemoramos el aniversario de la institución del Sacerdocio por parte del Señor.

No olviden adquirir sus entradas para nuestro evento parroquial de Llaves y Espadas «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés» de 2026. Visiten nuestro sitio web para conocer todos los detalles sobre este maravilloso evento parroquial: <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Asimismo, por favor, contacte a personas, restaurantes y negocios que consideren que podrían estar interesados en publicar un anuncio en nuestro “Libro de Anuncios Keys and Sword.”

Si participó en la Operación Plato de Arroz «Rice Bowl por su nombre en inglés» puede realizar su donación en cualquier momento durante las próximas semanas, ya sea en cualquiera de las colectas parroquiales durante la Misa o enviándola por correo a la oficina parroquial.

Por favor, mantengan en sus oraciones la intención por la paz del mundo, especialmente en el Medio Oriente. ¡Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros!

Estoy profundamente agradecido con aquellos que ya han demostrado su generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral mediante sus ofrendas de Pascua y sus donaciones para las flores de Pascua. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los pobres y necesitados del vecindario 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 disponibles para realizar donaciones electrónicas. Por favor, visiten <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Como siempre, muchísimas gracias por toda su bondad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral, manifestada de tantas maneras, y hacia la Campaña de Caridades Católicas «Catholic Charities Appeal por su nombre en inglés».

Tengámonos presentes unos a otros en nuestras oraciones a lo largo de esta Semana Santa. Tengamos un recuerdo especial para nuestros Elegidos parroquiales, quienes serán bautizados este Sábado Santo durante la Vigilia Pascual.

¡Que Dios los bendiga! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER
AND PAUL AND SHRINE OF SAINT
KATHARINE DREXEL**



For the homebound who would like to receive this Sacrament in their home for Easter, please call the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

**CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK
AND THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**Monday, March 30; Tuesday, March 31; and
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**
11:00 AM in the Basilica

Good Friday, April 3, 2026
12:30 Noon to 2:30 PM in the Basilica

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
11:00 AM in the Basilica

**MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK
AND THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Weekdays of Holy Week

**Monday, March 30; Tuesday, March 31; and
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**
7:15 AM and 12:05 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

Thursday of Holy Week, April 2, 2026
10:00 AM, **Chrism Mass in the Basilica**

All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM



Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026
7:30 PM, **Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Basilica**
Adoration at the Repository continues until 11:00 PM.
10:45 PM, Night Prayer at the Repository

Good Friday, April 3, 2026
The Basilica and Cathedral Chapel open at 9:00 AM.
9:00 AM, Morning Prayer at the Repository
Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat. This Paschal Fast continues until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Three Hours of Prayer in the Basilica
12:00 Noon, Office of Readings
1:00 PM, The Way of the Cross
2:00 PM, Choral Meditations on the Passion

3:00 PM, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 PM, *Procesión con el Via Crucis, Las Siete Palabras*

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
The Basilica and Cathedral Chapel open at 9:00 AM.
9:00 AM, Morning Prayer and Preparation Rites for the Elect in the Cathedral Chapel
12:00 Noon, Office of Readings in the Cathedral Chapel

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 5
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11AM – Solemn Mass in the Basilica
and 1:00 PM (in English and Spanish) Mass in the Basilica
There will be no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday, April 3, 2026

Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

In these times of crisis, it is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Join us at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** for the launch of the **Catholic Charities Appeal**.

Your generosity brings hope, healing, and support to thousands of individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese. Your gift can make a meaningful difference.

Be part of this mission of mercy and love.

Make your gift today:

<https://catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal/>

Together, we can share Christ's compassion with those most in need.



THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA:
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
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FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026
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INHERIT IT.
LIVE IT.
PASS IT ON.**



F.L.A.M.E.
(A Ministry for Catholics in their 40s & 50s) Presents:

AFTERNOON AT THE

Cathedral

Saturday, April 25th
12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Cathedral Basilica
of Saints Peter & Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

With Deacon
Chiko Egbufoama,
who will be with us all day

Schedule:

- 12:00 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Intro & Refreshments
- 2:00 PM Talk: "Echoing Christ & Making Christ Visible"
- 3:00 PM Group Conversation & Break
- 4:00 PM Adoration & Lectio Divina
- 4:30 PM Confession
- 5:15 PM Mass



\$10 cash goodwill offering greatly appreciated



St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the fourth annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a **\$2,000 scholarship** to a qualified student of Polish ancestry pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code or call at 610-630-0861.



SENIORS SPIRITUAL GATHERING

All seniors are invited to join us for a spiritual talk, with fellowship, prayer, and refreshments in a welcoming community. Feel free to bring a friend.

Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill

Topic: *Devotion to the Sacred Heart*

Date & Time: Saturday, April 11, 2026

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Location:

Neumann Room (Back door of the Cathedral Basilica)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice
Philippians 4:4*

**Questions: Contact Barbara Rensman
at rensmanb@msn.com**

Parking available. We look forward to seeing you.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

One Nation Under God
culminates at the

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Philadelphia, PA

July 2-5, 2026

- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Procession
- Continuous Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral
- Service Events
- and more!

Schedule of events & adoration signups at archphila.org/underGod



The Catholic Church of Philadelphia warmly invites married couples throughout our archdiocese to celebrate their wedding anniversary at the annual

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Efren Esmilla, Celebrant



Saturday, May 2, 2026
5:15pm Anticipatory Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia

A special blessing will be offered for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (1, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50+ years). Everyone, including friends and family, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you would like to receive a certificate, please register with the Archdiocesan Office for Life & Family at famlife@archphila.org