

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

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

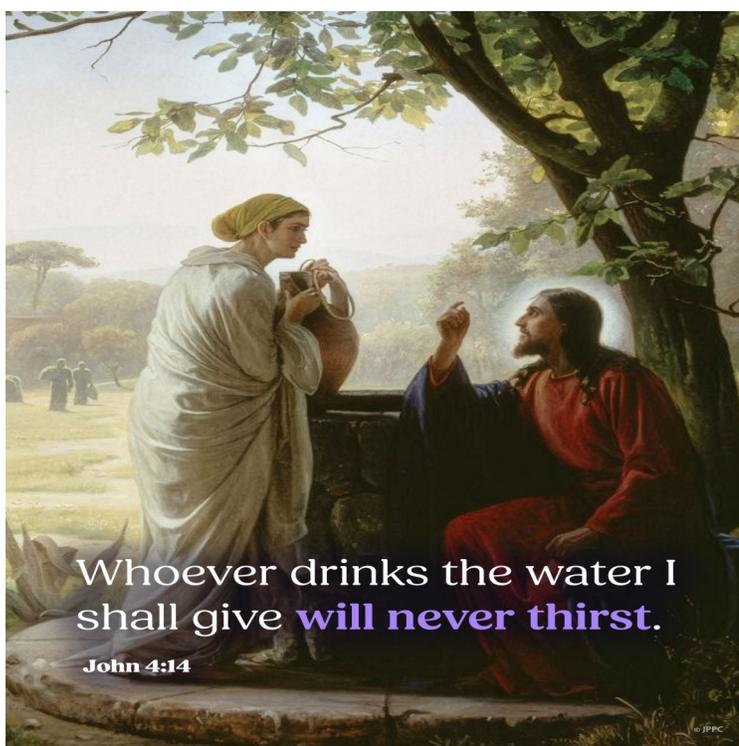
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

March 8, 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*



Whoever drinks the water I
shall give will never thirst.

John 4:14

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

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/>

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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
AND HOMEBOUND**

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 8, 2026

*"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again."
John 4:42, 15*

Mass Intentions

March 7	Saturday, Lenten Weekday St. Perpetua & Felicity
12:05	Gyung Ja Kim
5:15	Marcello Conosciani
March 8	Third Sunday of Lent
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Cristoforo Romita
11:00	Leonora Balten
12:30	Orlando Torres
6:30	Robert Bob William Kelly
March 9	Monday, Lenten Weekday St. Frances of Rome
7:15	For the intentions of Sharmetta Walton
12:05	Carmina Ciocca
March 10	Tuesday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	David T. Jones
12:05	Giulio & Giovanna Sciarretta
March 11	Wednesday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	Luciana, Maria, Rossana Sciarretta
12:05	For the intentions of the Young Church of Philadelphia
March 12	Thursday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	For the health and eternal salvation of Liliya Standrychuk
12:05	Clare D'Agostino
March 13	Friday, Lenten Weekday
7:15	For the intentions of Tina Gallegos
12:05	Bruno & Ida Terribili
March 14	Saturday, Lenten Weekday
12:05	Francesca M. Corrao
5:15	Vincent C. McDonald
March 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For the intentions of Katha Sobezak
11:00	Carmen 'Chuck' Panichelli
12:30	Sebastian Enrique Rodríguez
6:30	Carlo, Laura, Alessandro Costa

Dear Parishioners,

This is the Third Sunday of Lent. Lent is passing by quickly! Taking time to reread the Sunday Gospels of Lent keeps our focus on this holy time and its compelling call to turn away from sin and be more committed to the Gospel of Christ. Today, we hear the Gospel passage about the woman at the well (see John 4:5-52). This Gospel is directed especially to those adults among us who have been elected on the First Sunday of Lent for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Through the conversation between the Lord and the Woman of Samaria, it slowly becomes clear to her that she is finally encountering the only One who can satisfy her real thirst, Jesus. This has been the journey of our catechumens/elect and for every one of us who has been baptized and are members of the Church. This Sunday reminds all of us of this truth and invites us to turn to Jesus more fully as the Savior. May we always and only thirst for the living water of salvation that comes from Christ alone. May this thirst guide our deeper conversion during Lent.

This Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, the Lenten Observance, 24 Hours for the Lord, will take place at the Cathedral Basilica. This observance combines the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation with adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Here is the schedule:

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, CATHEDRAL BASILICA

7:00 PM	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (English and Spanish)
8:15 PM	Simple Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026, CATHEDRAL BASILICA

11:00 AM	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (English and Spanish)
NOON	Simple Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
12:05 PM	Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel
4:15 PM	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (English and Spanish)
5:10 PM	Simple Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

24 Hours for the Lord provides an excellent opportunity for the Lenten Confession that helps all of us prepare for Easter.

Invite a family member, a neighbor, and/or a friend to join you for Holy Mass next Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica.

Thank you again to all our parishioners and visitors for your ongoing generosity to the Cathedral Parish and to the Catholic Charities Appeal. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to the religious education programs 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/>. Thank you very much.

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 3/1 was:

Regular \$5,510
Special 2,073 (to Church in Latin America)
Electronic* 2,889
Total \$10,472

*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:



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!*

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: 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>

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:
Glenda, Annaleigh & Nicholas Gidosh, Mary Chesloski, Andres & Sharlene and Meriel, Mary Chesloski, Lucy Redgwick, Bianca Torres, Maureen Connor, Susan Tavares, Douglas, Family Iacono, Fabienne Darbouze DiMartino, Mary Coppola, Matthew & Jeannetta, 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.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

LENTEN Retreat Day

The Cross, Our Hope

FATHER PHILIP G. BOCHANSKI, V.G., PRESENTER
VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

First Conference- Hope in the Desert: Lessons from the Exodus

Second Conference- Hope in the Garden: Lessons from Gethsemane

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

18TH STREET AND BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
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PARKING AVAILABLE

TO REGISTER, CONTACT SISTER MARIE FAUSTINA, RSM,
DELEGATE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE,
at sr.mfaustina@archphila.org

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

The Creed and the Lord's Prayer

Thursday, March 12, 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



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of prayer and devotion to Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Procession will begin at 2:00 PM in the Chapel, following the 12:30 PM Spanish Mass, and will conclude with **Benediction in the Basilica.**

Come and walk with Jesus.

Let us prepare our hearts during this sacred season of Lent through prayer, reverence, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *All are welcome.*

**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*

**La Catedral Basílica de los Santos
Pedro y Pablo**

Te invita a participar de las
Estaciones de la Cruz (Via Crucis)



Todos los domingos de Cuaresma, des[pués] de la Misa de las 12:30 PM en la Catedral Basílica.

Se ofrecerán charlas (10 minutos aprox.) acerca de la Oración, el Ayuno y la Caridad.

*¡Vengan, acompañen a nuestro Señor
Jesús, quien se entregó por amor a
nosotros para nuestra salvación!*

**CONFESIONES PARA LA SEMANA SANTA
Y EL SAGRADO TRIDUO PASCUAL**

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, 29 de marzo del 2026
9:00 AM, 12:00 Mediodía (Español en la Capilla) y 5:30 PM en la Basílica

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

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el tercer domingo de Cuaresma. ¡La Cuaresma se nos está pasando volando! Dedicar tiempo a releer los evangelios dominicales de Cuaresma nos mantiene enfocados en este tiempo sagrado y en su apremiante llamado a alejarnos del pecado y a comprometernos más con el evangelio de Cristo. Hoy escuchamos el pasaje del evangelio sobre la mujer junto al pozo (ver Juan 4:5-52). Este evangelio está dirigido especialmente a los adultos que fueron elegidos para el Bautismo en el primer domingo de Cuaresma para la Vigilia Pascual. A través de la conversación entre el Señor y la mujer samaritana, ella comprende, poco a poco, que finalmente se encuentra con el único que puede saciar su verdadera sed: Jesús. Este ha sido el camino de nuestros catecúmenos/ elegidos y de cada uno de nosotros, los bautizados y miembros de la Iglesia. Este domingo nos recuerda a todos esta verdad y nos invita a acercarnos más plenamente a Jesús como Salvador. Que siempre y solo tengamos sed del agua viva de la salvación que viene solo de Cristo. Que esta sed guíe nuestra conversión más profunda durante la Cuaresma.

Este viernes y sábado, 13 y 14 de marzo, se celebrará en la Catedral Basílica la Celebración Cuaresmal de las 24 Horas para el Señor. Esta celebración combina el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación con la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento. Horario:

VIERNES, 13 DE MARZO DEL 2026, CATEDRAL BASÍLICA

7:00 PM Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación (inglés y español)
8:15 PM Reposición sencilla del Santísimo Sacramento

SÁBADO, 14 DE MARZO DEL 2026, CATEDRAL BASÍLICA

11:00 AM Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación (inglés y español)
MEDIODÍA Reposición sencilla del Santísimo Sacramento
12:05 PM Santa Misa en la Capilla de la Catedral
4:15 PM Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación (inglés y español)
5:10 PM Reposición sencilla del Santísimo Sacramento

24 Horas para el Señor ofrece una excelente oportunidad para la Confesión Cuaresmal que nos ayuda a todos a prepararnos para la Pascua.

Invite a un familiar, vecino o amigo a la Santa Misa del próximo domingo en la Catedral Basílica.

Gracias nuevamente a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su continua generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral y con la Campaña de Caridades Católicas. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a los programas de educación religiosa de la Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina de la parroquia Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones para donar electrónicamente. Visite <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!
Padre Dennis Gill
Rector

**ROSARIO DE
CUARESMA**



POR LA PAZ



Te invitamos a rezar
EL ROSARIO CUARESIMAL POR LA
PAZ
junto con el Monseñor Eduardo
Deliman.....
Lunes, 16 y 23 de febrero
Lunes, 2, 9, 16, 23 y 30 de marzo
7:00 PM
Iglesia Santo Ana
357 Dorance Street
Bristol, PA 19007

Viernes

Ayunando



CUARESMA

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



Additional times for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation are scheduled during Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Celebrate this Sacrament of the Lord's forgiveness for an even more fitting celebration of Easter. 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**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
March 29, 2026**

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

**Monday, March 30; Tuesday, March 31; and
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

11:00 AM in the Basilica

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

12:00 Noon to 2:00 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**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
March 29, 2026**

Palm will be distributed at all Masses.

**5:15 PM (March 28, 2026) - Anticipated Mass in the
Cathedral Basilica**

**8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - Procession and Solemn
Mass in the Cathedral Basilica**

**1:00 PM in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel and
6:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica**

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 Patricians Meeting, sponsored by the Legion of Mary
of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel**

Retreats. What are they and why should I do them

Sunday, March 22, 2026

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Presenter: Dr. Emile Homsí

Spiritual director: Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI

Catholic retreats offer a sacred space for renewal, healing, and reflection. They deepen faith, build community, and provide clarity for personal and spiritual growth.

Location: Room 1307

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center,

222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Sandwiches, Coffee, and Donuts are provided
during the Tea Break.*

LENTEN SCHEDULE

**ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND FASTING DURING
LENT**

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 Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, **all persons eighteen years of age and older**, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND
RECONCILIATION**

This Sacrament will be available on Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel) and 5:30 PM (Basilica), and on weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica).

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 AND
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026**

During these two days there will be additional times for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, as well as Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please check the parish bulletin and parish website for additional details once Lent begins.

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer every Sunday in Lent from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) will take place each Friday in Lent in the Cathedral Chapel immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass.

El Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross in Spanish, will also take place each Sunday of Lent in the Basilica following the 12:30 PM Mass.

LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT. SATURDAY, MARCH 14

This retreat day takes place in Drexel Hall from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Please check the parish bulletin and parish website for additional details once Lent begins.

**A Lent to
Remember**

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

formed



THE YOUNG ADULTS OF THE
PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL BASILICA
20-38184

Join Us for

BIBLE STUDY

MARCH
3, 10 AND 24

7:30
PM

Saint John Neuman Room (One Cathedral
Square)
1723 Race St., Philadelphia, PA

Join our discord
<https://discord.gg/UHFyRSxxM>



Young adults Schedule

March
7

*Stations of the cross and
brunch*

10:15 AM, Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel

March
3, 10, 24

Bible study

7:30PM, St. John Neumann Room (back of
the Cathedral)

March
28

Theology on tap

Following 5:15PM mass, Drexel Hall
(Cathedral basement)

Join our discord
<https://discord.gg/UHFyRSxxM>

MARCH 2026

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Parking available at the
Basilica



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, May 2nd at 5:15 PM

Celebrant: Bishop Efren Esmilla

Location: Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul

Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are
welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP at www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-
0500. If you would like to receive a certificate, email us at
famlife@archphila.org

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.

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"*

18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway | 215-561-1313

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://formjotform.com/ODWPhila/confirmation-registration>

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026

Info@cathedralphila.org | 215-561-1313

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.