

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

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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**April 12, 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*

## **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:  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE,  
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK,  
AND HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK  
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

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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/>

# *Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)* *Sunday, April 12, 2026*

*“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! R. Alleluia, alleluia. John 20:29*

## **Mass Intentions**

- April 11 Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
12:05 Odile Charles  
5:15 For the intentions of Soon Young Susanna Suh-Kim
- April 12 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 For the living & deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart  
11:00 Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh  
12:30 Urbis De Jesus  
6:30 For peace in the world and the city
- April 13 Monday, Easter Weekday St. Martin I**  
7:15 Robert McDaniels & Roosevelt Townes  
12:05 Zachariah Walker
- April 14 Tuesday, Easter Weekday**  
7:15 Benjamin Garces  
12:05 Florence Hamill
- April 15 Wednesday, Easter Weekday**  
7:15 Theresa Italiano Giacobetti  
12:05 Kathleen O'Connor
- April 16 Thursday, Easter Weekday**  
7:15 Alexander Giacobetti III  
12:05 Spencer “Bo” Mears
- April 17 Friday, Easter Weekday**  
7:15 Alexander Giacobetti IV  
12:05 Padre Modesto Giacon
- April 18 Saturday, Easter Weekday**  
12:05 Catherine Schlegel  
5:15 Victor Balten
- April 19 Third Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Karl Oettle  
11:00 Anne Morley  
12:30 Christian & Geraldo Miranda  
6:30 Jim Cardamone

Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the Second Sunday of Easter! It is also Divine Mercy Sunday! Most of all, as it concludes the Octave of Easter, it is like Easter Sunday itself. The Resurrection of the Lord is a real event. Jesus, who died on the cross for us, truly, really, and actually rose from the dead. The celebration of this divine event cannot be contained or limited to a single day. It is also an eternal event. Jesus, who gave his life for us, is God. And so, all the events in our Lord's life become divine eternal events. One of the ways the Church then celebrates a divine eternal event is to do so for eight days, for an octave. From the first to the last day of the Easter Octave, the resurrection of the Lord is fully celebrated. So, today we celebrate anew Easter Sunday. Also, on this day, we recall the great gift of the Father's mercy that flows upon the whole world with the death and resurrection of Christ. We recommit ourselves to authentic Christian lives, especially seeking the forgiveness of our sins and living as brothers and sisters of the Risen Lord, witnesses to his Gospel way.*

This is the Collect for Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter. Please add it to your prayers today.

God of everlasting mercy  
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum was a tremendous witness to our faith in the Risen Lord and a great service to our parishioners and so many visitors from all over the Archdiocese. I am very grateful to all our parish staff and liturgical ministers, employees, and volunteers, who provided countless hours of preparation and service to help celebrate Easter in such an extraordinary way during this Easter Triduum.*

*The next several weeks are very important for the success of our Parish Keys and Sword Event 2026. I invite our parishioners to ask among business associates and other institutions, especially restaurants, to consider an ad in our Ad Book. We depend on the success of the Keys and Sword Event to supplement many significant needs of the Cathedral Basilica. Please see the website to learn about this year's event and to purchase tickets, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>.*

*Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially during the Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrations. 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/>. Thank you very much.*

Happy Easter!  
Father Dennis Gill, Rector



alleluia!

ALLELUIA!

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**PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY**

Give the gift of joy this Easter season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or a planned gift to provide lasting support for God’s work through the Church.

*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](http://www.cathedralphila.org).

**Your generosity on 4/5 was:**

Regular \$14,642  
Special 3,700 (to the poor and needy in vicinity of the Electronic\* 2,837 Cathedral Parish)  
Total \$21,179

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for March

**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](mailto: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:



**SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:**  
[prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org](mailto:prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org).



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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](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org) | 215-561-1313

**Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos:** Carmen Santiago, Donald, Maria Anabelle Abuloc, Matthew Houston, Jeanetta Houston, Gavin, John Loughrin, Thea, Susanna Szvet, Kevin Perez, Susan Tavares, Karina Estevez, Nancy Tomaszewski, Glenda, Annaleigh & Nicholas Gidosh, Mary Chesloski, Simone Metellus, 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](mailto: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, 10 de agosto del 2021*

## **SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Los domingos a las 12:00 PM  
en la Capilla

## **REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO**

Estimados feligreses,

*¡Hoy es el segundo domingo de Pascua! ¡Es también el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia! Sobre todo, al concluir la Octava de Pascua, es como si fuera el mismo Domingo de Pascua.* La Resurrección del Señor es un acontecimiento real. Jesús, que murió en la cruz por nosotros, resucitó de entre los muertos de manera verdadera, real y efectiva. La celebración de este acontecimiento divino no puede ser contenida ni limitada a un solo día; es también un acontecimiento eterno. Jesús, que entregó su vida por nosotros, es Dios. Y así, todos los acontecimientos de la vida de nuestro Señor se convierten en acontecimientos divinos y eternos. Una de las formas en que la Iglesia celebra un acontecimiento divino y eterno es hacerlo durante ocho días: una octava. Desde el primero hasta el último día de la Octava de Pascua, se celebra plenamente la resurrección del Señor. Por tanto, hoy celebramos de nuevo el Domingo de Pascua. Asimismo, en este día recordamos el gran don de la misericordia del Padre, que fluye sobre todo el mundo a través de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Nos comprometemos nuevamente a vivir una vida cristiana auténtica, buscando especialmente el perdón de nuestros pecados y viviendo como hermanos y hermanas del Señor Resucitado, testigos del camino de su Evangelio.

Esta es la Oración Colecta de la Misa para el Segundo Domingo de Pascua. Por favor, inclúyanla hoy en sus oraciones.

Dios de eterna misericordia,  
que reanimas la fe de este pueblo a ti consagrado  
con la celebración anual de las fiestas pascuales,  
aumenta en nosotros los dones de tu gracia,  
para que todos comprendamos mejor  
la excelencia del Bautismo que nos ha purificado,  
la grandeza del Espíritu que nos ha regenerado  
y el precio de la Sangre que nos ha redimido.  
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,  
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,  
y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

*Nuestra celebración del Sagrado Triduo Pascual fue un testimonio extraordinario de nuestra fe en el Señor Resucitado y un gran servicio a nuestros feligreses y a tantos visitantes provenientes de toda la Arquidiócesis.* Estoy muy agradecido con todo el personal de nuestra parroquia y con los ministros litúrgicos, empleados y voluntarios, quienes dedicaron incontables horas de preparación y servicio para ayudar a celebrar la Pascua de una manera tan extraordinaria durante este Triduo Pascual.

*Las próximas semanas son cruciales para el éxito de nuestro evento parroquial Llaves y Espada «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés» del 2026.* Invito a nuestros feligreses a consultar entre sus contactos comerciales y otras instituciones, especialmente restaurantes, para que consideren incluir un anuncio en nuestro Libro de Anuncios. Dependemos del éxito del evento Llaves y Espada para cubrir muchas de las necesidades más importantes de la Catedral Basílica. Por favor, visiten nuestro sitio web para obtener más información sobre el evento de este año y para adquirir sus entradas: <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>.

*Agradezco a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente durante las celebraciones del Sagrado Triduo Pascual.* La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a apoyar los servicios de asistencia social y alcance comunitario 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/>. Muchas gracias.

¡Felices Pascuas! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

Instituto Católico Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia  
Hispanic Catholic Institute of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

## Taller de Quinceañeras para el 2026

Participe en este taller celebrando la fe católica, cultura e historia de esta importante celebración hispana.

El taller es una invitación para las Quinceañeras a conocer más profundamente a Dios y su amor por ellas.

Registración previa es requerida/Advance registration is required.

**¿Cuándo? / When?**

Julio 11, 2026	July 11, 2026
Septiembre 12, 2026	September 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Para registrarse contacte/To register contact:  
Jhoselyn Martínez, administradora del Instituto  
Tel. (215) 667-2820, Email: [Jmartinez@archphila.org](mailto:Jmartinez@archphila.org)

## Inscripción

Otoño 2025 - Primavera 2026

### PREPARACIÓN DEL SACRAMENTO PARA NIÑOS

EL PERÍODO DE INSCRIPCIÓN ES DEL 1 DE ABRIL AL 30 DE JUNIO.



USE EL FORMULARIO EN LÍNEA PARA INSCRIBIR A SU HIJO/A:

- PARA RECIBIR LA PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN O LA CONFIRMACIÓN, Y/O
- PARA RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS DE LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN O LA CONFIRMACIÓN EN LA CATEDRAL BASÍLICA.

Join us



THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA:  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

# Keys & Sword 2026

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026  
6:00PM - 10:00PM

THE LOGAN PHILADELPHIA HOTEL  
ONE LOGAN SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR EVENT BY BECOMING A SPONSOR,  
PURCHASING TICKETS FOR THE DINNER,  
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SECURE YOUR TICKET, ADVERTISEMENT, AND SPONSORSHIP BY JUNE 5!

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Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**  
One Nation Under God  
culminates at the  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
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](http://archphila.org/underGod)

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00 PM

*The Church, the Body of Christ*  
*Precepts of the Church*

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](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org)

**Registration**  
Fall 2026 - Spring 2027

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN APRIL 1 - JUNE 30  
USE THE ONLINE FORM TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP:

- TO RECEIVE PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION, AND/OR
- TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

The year 2026 is the **250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America**. In honor of this occasion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are planning two national initiatives. The first is a solemn act of **consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026**. The second is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession through the east coast of the USA, **culminating in Philadelphia on July 2-5, 2026**.

# Young adults Schedule

- April 18th**  
**Easter brunch**  
10:00 AM  
Address: 42 South 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- April 6, 14, 28**  
**Bible study**  
7:30PM, St. John Neumann Room (back of the Cathedral)
- April 25th**  
**Social gathering**  
Place: Museum (TBD)  
Time: TBD

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

**APRIL 2026**  
1723 Race St., Philadelphia, PA  
Parking available at the Basilica

## 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.

*Ways to Give*

 **ONLINE**  
give.catholicchurchofphila.org

 **CASH OR CHECK**

 **PLANNED GIVING**  
Contact Office of Stewardship & Development at (215) 587-3900

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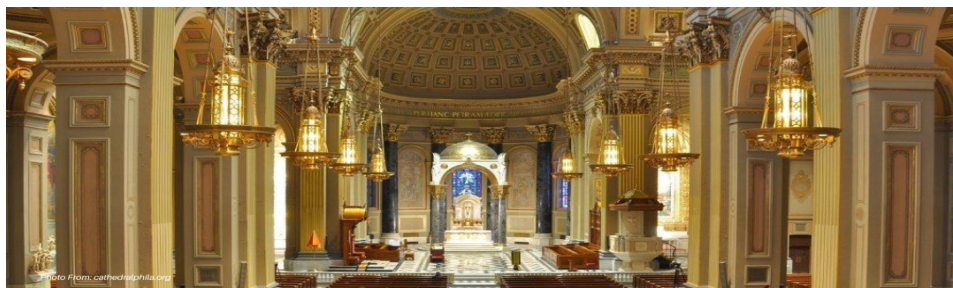




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## AFTERNOON AT THE

# 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 Chike Egbufoama, who will be with us all day**

### Schedule:

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



\$10 cash goodwill offering greatly appreciated

## 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](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call 215-587-0500. If you would like to receive a certificate, email us at [famlife@archphila.org](mailto: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.



## INTERCOMMUNAL CHURCH SERVICE

**Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:00 PM**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

Join us for this special church service during the Armenian Heritage Walk Weekend of Celebration.

This historic Service of Gratitude, Unity, and Commemoration, remembering the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide and honoring America250, will unite the Armenian community in faith. The service will be presided over by Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Archbishop Anoushavan, and Bishop Mikael Mouradian, with clergy from all five Armenian churches in the Greater Philadelphia area and an Armenian community choir. A special additional ceremony will follow in an adjacent garden, making this a meaningful, can't-miss moment of unity and commemoration.

More details are on the way! We'll be updating the event pages on our website as plans take shape and special moments are added. Please use the link below for updates and to RSVP.



Scan QR or visit [armenianheritagewalk.org/intercommunal](http://armenianheritagewalk.org/intercommunal)

**Date:**  
Friday, April 24, 2026

**Time:**  
Evening Service, 7:00 PM

**Location:**  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

**Transportation Available**

