

# 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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**May 17, 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

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/>

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

*"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 29:19a, 20b*

## Mass Intentions

- May 16 Saturday, Easter Weekday**  
10:00 Priest Ordination  
5:15 For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
- May 17 The Ascension of the Lord  
(World Day of Social Communications)**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Leo & Bess Aragoncillo  
11:00 Gladys "Cindy" M. Saverese  
12:30 Christian & Geraldo Miranda  
6:30 Thomas Mullen Jr.
- May 18 Monday, Easter Weekday  
St. John I**  
7:15 Donna J. Sharrar  
12:05 Thomas M. Moore
- May 19 Tuesday, Easter Weekday**  
7:15 Odile Charles  
12:05 Sun-Hee To
- May 20 Wednesday, Easter Weekday  
St. Bernardine of Siena**  
7:15 Robert J. Crusciel Sr.  
12:05 Ralph Moyer
- May 21 Thursday, Easter Weekday  
St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions**  
7:15 Christian Faas  
12:05 Jon P. Sellers
- May 22 Friday, Easter Weekday  
St. Rita of Cascia**  
7:15 Robert Magliano  
12:05 For the intentions of Maureen Broadbent
- May 23 Saturday, Easter Weekday**  
12:05 Francis J. Tropodi  
5:15 Ruben Martinez Baez
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday**  
8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 For the Church in China  
11:00 Giulio Sciarretta  
12:30 Por la salud de Gracia Pérez  
6:30 Vianney To

Dear Parishioners,

*Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter!* In the Gospel today, we hear an editorial comment inserted into the words of Jesus. "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ (John 17:3)." The Church is in the midst of the Pentecost Novena, praying intensely for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all her members with the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday. It is one thing to pray for the increased manifestation and presence of the Holy Spirit in our time and in our lives. It is all together another thing to pray with the help of the Holy Spirit to know the Lord. I suggest that this comment by the evangelist in today's Gospel is something we all need to ask of God, the Holy Spirit. —to know truly Jesus Christ. As we pray for the renewed coming of the Holy Spirit, let us also pray this same Spirit will aid all of us in growing in our knowledge and love of God—a personal and intimate knowledge and love. This will lead to a greater commitment to the Christian life and the service of others. *Come, Holy Spirit, Come!*

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

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Next Sunday is the Eighth Sunday of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026.* Pentecost Sunday brings to a close the long Sunday of Easter Time, our fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. The extended Vigil of Pentecost will take place at the Cathedral Basilica on May 23, 2026, at 5:15 PM. This is an opportunity to pray in an intense way for the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church in our time. Also, Archbishop Nelson Pérez will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Catholic Adults from all over the Archdiocese at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass on Pentecost.

*We are a little more than a month away from our Parish Keys and Sword Event 2026.* Please see the website to learn about this year's June 26<sup>th</sup> event and to purchase tickets, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Please spread the word about our Keys and Sword Event.

*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 support the liturgical music 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 so very much.

Happy Easter!  
Father Dennis Gill  
Rector



# Pray the Rosary

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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 5/10 was:

Regular	\$6,017
Special	1,575 (to support the young adult ministries of Electronic* 3,334 the Cathedral Parish)
Total	\$10,926

\*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for April

### 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).

*Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Edward Decker's intentions, Joyce Saunders, Dylan, Kevin Perez, Selene Roman, Alejandro, Wendy, Rosemarrie Health, Catherine Giunta, Lyudmyuula Domochkina & Javier Gustavo Silva, Tiberio and Campanile families, Stephen & Marian, Bretton Pierce, Angelo & Giovanni, 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.*

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

COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER ♦ MUSIC AND DANCING ♦  
FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED ♦ COMPLIMENTARY PARKING AT THE CATHEDRAL

*The Keys & Sword* event of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul was established in 2017 to promote a wider culture of financial support beyond the Cathedral Parish.

SHRINE OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

## CAMP CORNELIA

JULY 20-24

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

AGES 6-9

REGISTER

FOR

FREE

BY JULY 1

A WEEK-LONG DAY  
CAMP INSPIRED BY  
VEN. CORNELIA  
CONNELLY

SIGN YOUR CHILDREN  
UP TO LEARN  
ABOUT THE HOLY CHILD  
JESUS!



### THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Each Friday at 3:00 PM Via Zoom Meeting:  
Meeting ID: 846 4429 0612 Passcode: Mercy  
"Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, Pray for us!

## 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 séptimo domingo de Pascua! En el evangelio de hoy, escuchamos un comentario editorial insertado en las palabras de Jesús: “La vida eterna consiste en que te conozcan a ti, único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien tú has enviado” (Juan 17:3). La Iglesia se encuentra en medio de la Novena de Pentecostés, orando intensamente por una nueva efusión del Espíritu Santo sobre todos sus miembros, con miras a la celebración de Pentecostés el próximo domingo. Una cosa es orar por una mayor manifestación y presencia del Espíritu Santo en nuestro tiempo y en nuestras vidas; otra muy distinta es orar, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, para conocer al Señor. Sugiero que este comentario del evangelista, en el evangelio de hoy, es algo que todos necesitamos pedir a Dios, al Espíritu Santo: conocer verdaderamente a Jesucristo. Mientras oramos por la renovada venida del Espíritu Santo, oremos también para que este mismo Espíritu nos ayude a todos a crecer en nuestro conocimiento y amor a Dios: un conocimiento y un amor personales e íntimos. Esto nos conducirá a un mayor compromiso con la vida cristiana y con el servicio a los demás. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo, ven!

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

Atienda, Señor, a nuestras plegarias  
y, ya que confesamos que Cristo,  
Salvador de los hombres,  
Vive junto a ti en la majestad de tu gloria,  
haz que lo sintamos presente también entre nosotros  
hasta el fin de los tiempos,  
como Él mismo prometió.  
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo  
que vive y reina contigo  
en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,  
Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

El próximo domingo es el octavo domingo de Pascua, Domingo de Pentecostés, 24 de mayo del 2026. El Domingo de Pentecostés pone fin al largo “Domingo” del Tiempo Pascual: nuestra celebración de cincuenta días de la Resurrección del Señor. La Vigilia extendida de Pentecostés tendrá lugar en la Catedral Basílica el 23 de mayo del 2026, a las 5:15 PM. Esta es una oportunidad para orar de manera intensa por la venida del Espíritu Santo a la Iglesia en nuestro tiempo. Asimismo, el Arzobispo Nelson Pérez celebrará el Sacramento de la Confirmación para adultos católicos de toda la Arquidiócesis durante la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM en el día de Pentecostés.

Falta poco más de un mes para nuestro evento parroquial *Llaves y Espada del 2026 «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés»*. Por favor, visite nuestro sitio web para informarse sobre el evento de este año, que tendrá lugar el 26 de junio, y para adquirir sus entradas: <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Le invitamos a correr la voz sobre nuestro evento Keys and Sword.

Agradecemos a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a apoyar los programas de música litúrgica de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones disponibles para realizar donaciones electrónicas. Para más información, visite: <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchísimas gracias.

¡Felices Pascuas!  
Padre Dennis Gill  
Rector

**NOVENA**  
al  
**SANTÍSIMO**  
**SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS**

Este junio de 2026, los Obispos de los Estados Unidos consagrarán la nación al Santísimo Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en conmemoración del 250 aniversario de esta devoción.

En preparación para este momento histórico, les invitamos a unirse a esta Novena—nueve días de oración—encomendando nuestras vidas, nuestras familias y nuestra nación al amor misericordioso de Cristo.

**3–11 de junio de 2026**

EN ORACIÓN DURANTE ESTA NOVENA AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS

Esta Novena al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús toma sus oraciones diarias de la Letanía del Sagrado Corazón.

Cada día reflexiona sobre la sabiduría de santos y pontífices acerca del Sagrado Corazón y ofrece oportunidades de oración y acción, inspiradas en la encíclica *Dilexisti Nos* (El nos amó) del Papa Francisco y la exhortación apostólica *Dilexisti Te* (Te he amado) del Papa León XIV.

Unase a la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos del 3 al 11 de junio rezando esta Novena al Sagrado Corazón, que culminará con la consagración de los Estados Unidos al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

UNASE A LA ARQUIDIOCESIS DE FILADELFA Y A LA CATEDRAL BASÍLICA DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO en oración durante estos días de gracia.

MUCHAS MANERAS DE PARTICIPAR

- PARROQUIAS: Asista la Novena en su parroquia
- ESCUELAS: Invólvese en actividades y prepare una oración diaria
- COMUNIDADES RELIGIOSAS: Únase en oración e intercesión
- INSTITUCIONES: Fomente la participación en su organización

PARA RECURSOS Y MÁS INFORMACIÓN, VISITE [archphila.org/undergod](http://archphila.org/undergod)

PREPAREMOS NUESTROS CORAZONES. CONSAGREMOS NUESTRA NACIÓN.

EL  
**JUEVES,**  
**11 DE JUNIO**  
**DE 2026,**  
tendremos una  
**HORA SANTA**  
después de la  
**SANTA MISA**  
para la conclusión de la

—NOVENA—  
al  
**SANTÍSIMO**  
**SAGRADO CORAZÓN**  
**DE JESÚS.**

Venid, adoremos el Corazón de Jesús y confiemos nuestra nación, nuestras familias y nuestros corazones a su amor misericordioso.

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:00 PM

*Catholic Practices and Devotions*

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)

# CABRINI

## PILGRIMAGE SCREENINGS

JUNE 1 - 7PM

Regal United Artists Main Street Manayunk  
3720 Main Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19127

JUNE 2 - 7PM

Regal United Artists King of Prussia  
300 Goddard Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

JUNE 8 - 7PM

Regal Downingtown Stadium  
100 Quarry Road  
Downingtown, PA 19335

JUNE 9 - 7PM

United Artists Grant Plaza 9  
1619 Grant Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19115

JUNE 15 - 7PM

Regal Warrington Crossing  
140 Easton Road Building F  
Warrington, PA 18976

JUNE 16 - 7PM

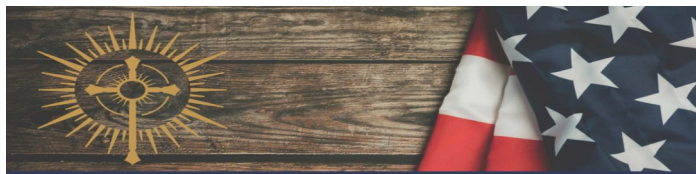
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400 S. State Road  
Springfield, PA 19064



## THREE SCREENINGS, ONE DAY

JULY 4 - 10AM, 1PM, 3:30PM

Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul  
1723 Race Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103



## Let Freedom Sing

Praise to the Lord

A SACRED MUSIC CONCERT  
CELEBRATING THE

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America

June 28, 2026 3pm

For Tickets, please visit  
[cathedralphila.org/cathedral-music/](http://cathedralphila.org/cathedral-music/)



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL AND THE SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL



EVENTS CELEBRATING

*the* 250<sup>th</sup>

ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTRY

Sunday, June 28 - 3pm

Concert for the 250th Anniversary of  
the Birth of America (Ticketed event)



July 5, 2026

11am Solemn Mass with Eucharistic Procession

Summer Organ Series  
(Free Will Offering)

June 24, 1:00pm

July 29, 1:00pm

August 26, 1:00pm

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
AND THE SHRINE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

## Bell Ringing

JUNE  
5th

## Against Gun Violence

Join Us in Raising Awareness

Against Gun Violence

In a united effort to raise awareness about gun violence in our community, the bells of the Cathedral Basilica will ring for **ten minutes**,

beginning at **1:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2026.**

We stand in solidarity with churches and communities around the world during this powerful moment of prayer and reflection. Together, let us amplify our voices and foster hope for a safer, more peaceful future.



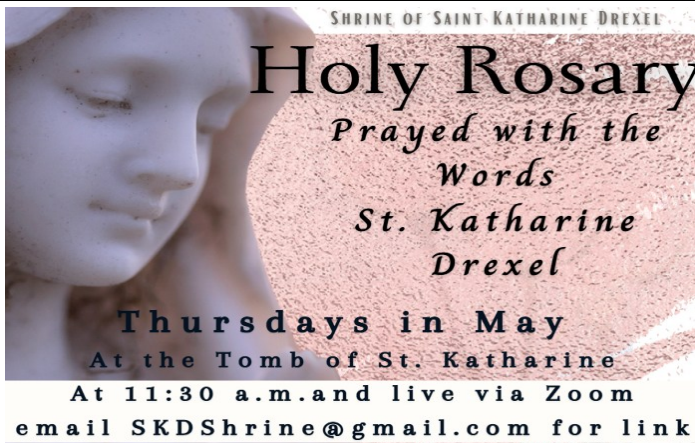
**LUMINESCENCE AT THE  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS  
PETER AND PAUL**

As part of our America 250 offerings, The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will host Luminiscence, a multisensory concert experience set against the beauty of our church. This immersive experience includes 360-degree video mapping, a light and sound show, and a narrative that takes visitors on a journey through the Cathedral Basilica's art, architecture, and history. Please note the Blessed Sacrament will not be reserved in the Cathedral Basilica during Luminiscence presentations.

On many days, the show features a live orchestra and choir to accompany the narrative and light show. On select days, only choir will accompany the show or the music is entirely digital. The run-time of the show is roughly 60 minutes and will be at the Cathedral Basilica until the end of the year.

This show has captivated millions of guests around the world and now is an opportunity to welcome visitors into the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in a whole new way — and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

For additional details, please visit <https://luminiscence.com/philadelphia>



**NOVENA**  
to the  
**MOST SACRED HEART of JESUS**

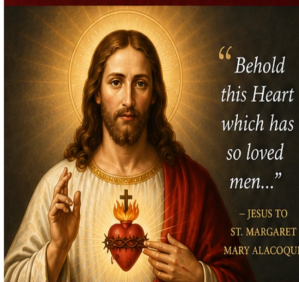
AS WE PREPARE FOR THE  
NATIONAL CONSECRATION

of the  
**UNITED STATES**

**JUNE 3–11, 2026**

IN PRAYING THIS NOVENA  
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

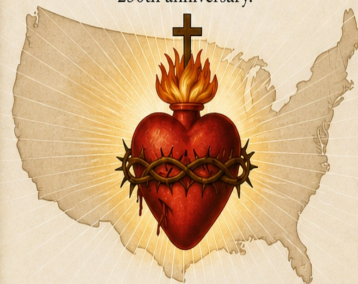
This Novena will conclude with  
the consecration of the United States  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



FOR RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:  
[archphila.org/undergod](http://archphila.org/undergod)



This June 2026, the Bishops of the United States will consecrate the nation to the MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS in commemoration of its 250th anniversary.



**250 YEARS**  
OF LOVE AND MERCY



This Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the Litany of the Sacred Heart.



Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You).



Join the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul from June 3–11 in praying this Novena to the Sacred Heart, which will conclude with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On  
**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 11, 2026,**  
we will have a  
**HOLY HOUR**  
following  
**HOLY MASS**  
for the conclusion of the  
**NOVENA**  
to the  
**MOST SACRED  
HEART OF JESUS.**

