Parish Mission Statement

As a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City, the Cathedral Parish serves all those who come to the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We profess our Catholic Faith, minister to others and welcome all, as founded on the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Adopted by the Parish Council, April 5, 2016

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Rector and Pastor
Reverend Monsignor Arthur E. Rodgers
Rector Emeritus
Reverend Matthew K. Biedrzycki
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Monsignor Louis A. D’Addezio
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Sister Mary Luchia, P.V.M.I
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Charlene Angelini
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Mark Loria
Principal Organist
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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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM in Basilica
12:30 PM Spanish in Cathedral Chapel
6:30 PM in Basilica

Weekdays: 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays: 12:05 PM in Cathedral Chapel

Holy Days: See website

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM in Basilica
12:00 PM (español) en la Capilla

Weekdays: 11:30 AM in Basilica

Saturday: 4:15 PM in 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

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

September 13, 2020

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
https://www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com/
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel for this Sunday (see Matthew 18: 21-35) is a challenge on many fronts. Before we consider the instruction of Jesus for this Sunday we need to recall it comes after weeks of hearing the Lord inviting us to a deeper faith in him and to follow him even to the cross. We are ready to learn as follows of Christ that we must forgive one another not seven times but seventy-seven times. Does this mean we forget the pain and hurt of being wronged in some way? Does this imply that we can allow almost anyone or anything to disrespect us and disregard our rights and dignity? No, this is not forgiveness. Forgiveness is the willingness to love someone without holding on to the offense. This is the way the Lord forgives us over and over again—more than seventy-seven times. This manner of forgiveness requires the true Christian spirit and the practice of it in our daily lives.

This, Thursday, September 17, 2020, we will have our first formal catechetical session for this new season of Christian Initiation of Adults. It will take place in the Neumann Room behind the Basilica from 7:00-8:30 PM. The topic is, What is Christian Initiation? What is Faith? We are blessed to have about a dozen adults who have inquired about the Faith and will be with us next Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers. Each week the topic for the catechetical session is listed in the parish bulletin. This is an invitation to anyone who may have an interest in the topic to join us. Everyone is welcome.

In addition to listing those recently baptized in our parish bulletin, beginning next Sunday we will also list those who were recently married and buried from our Cathedral Basilica. This should encourage prayers for those listed as well as strengthen our bonds as a Christian community. I also remind you to send names of the sick and deceased to the parish office to be included in the parish bulletin for the prayers of our parish community. You can do this directly by sending this information to Sister Mary Raphael, RSM, at sr.mrparadis@archphila.org.

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. On this Sunday throughout the United States, those who teach the Faith in a formal way are acknowledged and blessed for their most needed service. All of us, by virtue of our Baptism and reception of Holy Communion each Sunday, are called to “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” We do this among our families and friends as well as at work and wherever we find ourselves. Some of us make known the message of faith in more formal settings such as schools and religious education programs. The Cathedral Parish does not have a parochial school nor a stand-alone religious education program. Yet, we have many catechists who assist with sacramental preparation and formation. Next Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass, they will be present for a blessing for their important role in passing on the Faith.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the national collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services. Thank you for your support of our 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 for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you,
Father Dennis Gill,
Rector
The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors.

The offertory collection for Sunday 09/6/2020 was:

First Collection: $4,480.00
Second Collection: $484.00

Or go to: http://cathedralphila.org/donate/

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Reading I: Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7
This section of the Israelite Wisdom literature matches the Christian imperative. It certainly is our duty to forgive others, and not to hold grudges or to hate one’s neighbor.

Reading II: Romans 14: 7-9
The liberating act of Christ, by way of which He freed us from bondage to sin and death, has enabled us to live for God. That is the basis of life in a Christian society.

The Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35
This instructional parable, with its three “acts,” teaches us first that God’s patience is a gift to us, and also that we have an obligation to imitate God’s mercy by our forgiving attitude.

TEXT TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH!
Text at any time, especially for your Sunday Mass Offering
Please text Cathedral to 215-709-9955 and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.
La Misión de la Catedral Basílica de Santos Pedro y Pablo

La Parroquia Catedral sirve a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia como una comunidad católica romana vibrante en el centro de la ciudad. Profesamos nuestra fe católica, servimos a los demás y damos la bienvenida a todos tal cual está escrito en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los Sacramentos de Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, Abril 5, 2016

EVENTOS DE INTERÉS

HORA SANTA PARA LA ELECCIÓN:
50 PERSONAS ~ 50 ESTADOS ~ UNA HORA

Únase a nosotros durante una hora de oración y adoración ante Jesús en la Eucaristía mientras pedimos gracia y bendición para nuestro país, especialmente pidiendo que se cumpla la voluntad de Dios en las próximas elecciones presidenciales. Esperamos que estén presentes al menos 50 personas, una por cada estado de los Estados Unidos de América, ¡pero más son bienvenidas!

Domingo, 1 de Noviembre del 2020 – 2:00-3:00 PM a la Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, Filadelfia. Hay parqueo gratis disponible en el estacionamiento de la Catedral. Se observará distanciamiento social. Para asistir, regístrese en: phillyevang.org/events
Haga clic aquí para registrarse
Volante promocional

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español

Octubre 25, 2020—1:30 PM

El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada mes, el último domingo del mes; Por favor hable con el Diácono Epifanio para inscribirse en la clase de preparación y para programar el Bautismo de su hijo/a. Si su hijo/a es mayor de 7 años, el proceso es diferente, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en inglés el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 215-561-1313.

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO
Oficina para Católicos Hispanos
CLICK HERE.
or go to:
http://oficinahispanacatolica.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/September-

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. El Evangelio para este domingo (ver Mateo 18: 21-35) es un desafío en muchos frentes. Antes de considerar la instrucción de Jesús para este domingo, debemos recordar que viene después de semanas de escuchar al Señor invitándonos a una fe más profunda en él y a seguirlo hasta la cruz. Estamos listos para aprender lo siguiente de Cristo que debemos perdonarnos unos a otros no siete, sino setenta y siete veces. ¿Significa esto que olvidemos el dolor y el daño de ser agravados de alguna manera? ¿Implica esto que podemos permitir que casi cualquier persona o cualquier cosa nos falte el respeto e ignore nuestros derechos y dignidad? No, esto no es perdón. El perdón es la voluntad de aamar a alguien sin aferrarse a la ofensa. Así es como el Señor nos perdona una y otra vez, más de setenta y siete veces. Esta forma de perdón requiere el verdadero espíritu cristiano y su práctica en nuestra vida diaria.

Este jueves 17 de septiembre de 2020, tendremos nuestra primera sesión de catequesis formal para esta nueva temporada de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Tendrá lugar en la Sala Neumann detrás de la Basílica de 7: 00-8: 30 PM. El tema es ¿Qué es la Iniciación Cristiana? ¿Qué es la fe? Tenemos la suerte de tener una docena de adultos que han preguntado acerca de la Fe y estarán con nosotros el próximo jueves. Por favor manténgalos en sus oraciones. Cada semana, el tema de la sesión de catequesis se enumera en el boletín parroquial. Esta es una invitación para que se una a nosotros cualquier persona que pueda tener interés en el tema. Todos son bienvenidos.

Además de enumerar a los recién bautizados en nuestro boletín parroquial, a partir del próximo domingo también enumeraremos a los recién casados y enterrados de nuestra Catedral Basílica. Esto debería alentar las oraciones por los que figuran en la lista, así como fortalecer nuestros vínculos como comunidad cristiana. También les recuerdo que envíen los nombres de los enfermos y fallecidos a la oficina parroquial para que se incluyan en el boletín parroquial para las oraciones de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Puede hacerlo directamente enviando esta información a la Hermana Mary Raphael, RSM, a sr.mraparadis@archphila.org.

El próximo domingo es el domingo de catequesis. Este domingo en todo Estados Unidos, aquellos que enseñan la Fe de manera formal son reconocidos y bendecidos por su servicio más necesario. Todos nosotros, en virtud de nuestro Bautismo y la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión cada domingo, estamos llamados a ”Ir y anunciar el Evangelio del Señor”. Vamos a hacer esto entre nuestras familias y amigos, así como en el trabajo y donde sea que nos encontremos. Algunos de nosotros damos a conocer el mensaje de fe en entornos más formales, como escuelas y programas de educación religiosa. La parroquia de la catedral no tiene una escuela parroquial ni un programa de educación religiosa independiente. Sin embargo, tenemos muchos catequistas que ayudan con la preparación y formación sacramental. El próximo sábado 19 de septiembre de 2020 en la Misa anticipada de las 5:15 p.m., estarán presentes para una bendición por su importante papel en la transmisión de la Fe.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta se dirigirá a la colección nacional de la Arquidiócesis de Servicios Militares. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominicales a la Oficina Parroquial de la Catedral o hacer uso de las muchas formas de donar electrónicamente. Consulte http://cathedralphila.org/donate. Muchas gracias por su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral.

Dios te bendiga,
Padre Dennis Gill,
Rector
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, September 20, 2020

In 2020, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020, under the theme of “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please see the website of the USCCB for additional resources.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners
Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!
The easiest way to register can be accomplished by speaking with one of the parish priests after any regularly scheduled Mass. If preferred, you can also contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners
If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes, again, please call the Parish Office to insure that your address is registered correctly. If you are planning on moving away please let us know.

Caring for Friends™
Cooking for your family? Make a little extra for those in need, freeze it and bring it to the parish.
Meal trays are available in the side entrance to the Chapel. Frozen trays may be dropped off in the Sacristy before/after any weekend Mass. Questions? Email Carmin de Jesus at epi.dejesusjr@gmail.com; caringforfriends.org/

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for 2020-2021 will be held at SFX School
You may register by mail.
Please provide a baptismal certificate for children new to our PREP/CCD.
For more info visit: http://cathedralphila.org/parish-info/

The Sacrament of Baptism
The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the FIRST Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM, after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome.

All Children to be baptized are to be registered with Sister Eleanor McCann by calling the rectory office on Tuesday or Thursday at 215-561-1313.
The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality. Upcoming Baptisms: October 4, November 1, and December 6, 2020.
A Baptism Preparation Session takes place on the THIRD Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call Sister Martha at the rectory by calling 215–561-1313 to register for the Baptism Preparation Session provide your phone number, parish, and names of people attending. Also note if you would like to schedule the baptism at the Cathedral.

For details on requirements for the parents and sponsors please visit our website: cathedralphila.org/sacraments/baptism

Gospel Reflection Gatherings
Our gatherings are suspended, will resume on the last Tuesday of September, the 29th.
All in the parish are invited to read the Gospel of Saint Matthew this summer.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT (ON ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 7 PM
Lay men of the Archdiocese (above the age of 29) are invited to an online information session to learn about the vocation of the Permanent Deacon in the Church the process of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate. No commitment is required to attend. After the introductory talk there will be time for Q & A.
Please register for this webinar at: archphila.org/deacon,
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER
Office for New Evangelization
CLICK HERE,
or go to: https://phillyevang.flocknote.com/

LECTOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Saint Joseph, Downingtown, PA
7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

WORKSHOP IN SPANISH for LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, November 14, 2020
9:30 AM to Noon/12:05 PM Mass to follow
CATHEDRAL CHAPEL
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Parking available

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR ENGAGED COUPLES
October 9-10, October 23-24th, November 6-7th and December 4-5th, 2020

We are thrilled for you and your upcoming marriage! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the Joy-Filled Marriage Program, a thorough, enjoyable, and comprehensive program, which discusses practical “life skills” and the sacramentality of marriage. The purpose of Marriage Preparation is to introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice using sound psychology that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are being delivered in a live online format until further notice.

For more information and to register, visit: philycatholicmarriageprep.com

LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Many of the women who come through our doors believe there is no other choice but abortion. They are scared, alone, and confused, and have no support. Our centers provide free services ~ pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, and advocacy so they can receive the truth with love and mercy! And our support does not stop there! Our programs empower women through advocacy and mentoring programs throughout their pregnancy, and for at least three years after their babies are born. Since we opened our doors 10 years ago, over 2500 women and babies were saved from the pains of abortion. Please support the Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser and take an envelope today, return your donation on October 3-4 or just mail it in! You can also bring your donation to the church office and drop it in the Legacy of Life Foundation donation box. Checks should be payable to Legacy of Life Foundation. THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

“Each one of them is Jesus in disguise” - St. Mother Teresa

OFFICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
If you are a YOUTH Minister join us in these trainings via Zoom. You will learn helpful things like, how to do youth ministry in a pandemic.

UPCOMING TRAININGS
(Click here to view the flyer)

NEW YOUTH MINISTERS TRAINING
SAFE ENVIRONMENT CONSIDERATIONS DURING COVID AND BEYOND

For more information, please go to: http://phillyocf.org/yyatrainings/

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
October 1, 2020 is the 20th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Katharine Drexel.

We will observe it on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul.

LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

40 days for Life Begins on September 23-November 1st!

Please consider praying outside of The Women’s Center or Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia. If you have never prayed at an abortion clinic before and are nervous we can pair you with someone!

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul are signed up on the following dates: October 1st(777 Appletree, Phila Pa) from 8AM-4PM and October 22nd at Planned Parenthood (12th and Locust, Phila Pa) from 8AM-5PM. For information, please contact Dr Monique Ruberu (469) 231-9084 roobearoo@gmail.com or Pat Stanton at (267) 718-4851.
**What’s My Name?**

The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers “What’s my name?” before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

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