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

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The Cathedral Shop is open
Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
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Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

September 20, 2020

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
Dear Parishioners,

This is the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Lord is teaching us again this Sunday with a parable, a story with many layers of meaning and multiple messages. This Sunday’s Gospel (see Matthew 26: 1-16a) speaks to the generosity of God. Many of us have expectations of God on our terms, on how we measure things. Today’s Gospel—with the laborers, regardless of how long they worked, all receiving the same daily wage—reminds us that God’s terms matter. In relationship to all of us, God is perfectly equal in loving us and providing for us. His Son suffered and died for each of us equally. We all have the equal promise of heaven. This radical justice on the part of God with all of us does not suggest we are minimal in our response to God’s love and gifts. Rather, we too must be just in our response to God. We are to give to him our very selves—all that we have and all that we are—all the time. This is what God expects of us. This is the witness and example of his divine Son on the cross, of Mary and the Saints. “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 16a).”

The Parish Fall Collection (formerly known as the Block Collection) is upon us. Information about this annual collection and our parish financial status will be sent to your homes in the coming days. Our weekly expenses run about 20,000 dollars even during the pandemic. As you can see from the published data on our Sunday collections that the monies collected provide insufficient income to meet the weekly expenses. Our weekly income is typically supplemented from other sources—the shrine offerings, wedding fees, and the Keys and Sword—but all of these additional sources are quite reduced with the pandemic. We count on this Parish Fall Collection to help us meet our operational expenses. Each parishioner is asked to so what they can at this time to contribute to the Parish Fall Collection. I thank you in advance for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish. On Sunday, October 4, 2020, I will speak at all the Mass on our financial status and our need to support our Cathedral Parish.

October is Respect Life Month in the United States. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will anticipate Respect Life Month with a Holy Hour at 5:30 PM and Mass at 6:30 PM on Sunday, September 27, 2020. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the celebrant and homilist for the Mass. There are several ways to observe Respect Life Month. Perhaps the most significant way is learn more about the life issues and to grasp more fully our Catholic commitment to do all we can to protect life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Another way to observe this month is to pray for the intention of respect for human life. Since October is also the month of the Holy Rosary, I suggest that we pray the Holy Rosary throughout this month with an intention for respect for human life. The Holy Rosary can be prayed in a variety of settings—at home, on the way to work, during a walk. Praying the Holy Rosary before or after Mass is also a great setting.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be directed to the religious education programs in the Cathedral Parish. 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 offering collection for Sunday 09/13/2020 was:

First Collection: $2,890.00
Second Collection: $540.00

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

Thank you very much for your generous financial support!

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 6-9
These verses comprise the conclusion of the so-called “Book of Comfort” in Isaiah. We are told to seek the Lord outside of the sanctuary. God is so completely different from us, that it is unwise to ascribe motives or methods to Him that we might have. He is hidden, yet He is also close to us.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a
Paul writes that through his baptism he has “died” as it were to his former life, and now lives an existence completely taken over by Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a
The parable we hear is all about God’s generosity, and not about labor rights. His goodness comes to the fore in His love for the most needy.

FOR YOUR INTEREST: Readings at Mass
If you don’t have a the missalette with you, just place your cell phone’s camera to this QR Code to have today’s reading.

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Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Ora por los enfermos:
Mark Perry, John McKeown, Jr., Matthew Munafo, Joshua White, Anthony Evangelista, Rose Marie Bruno, Gloria Quici, Timmy Mulvenna, Fran Murray, Ted Johnston, Joan Devlin, Mary Elizabeth Gunson, Sharon Becker, Alan Havelin, Patricia Horton, April de Matteo, Stan Pollock, 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:
sr.mrparadis@archphila.org, or call Sister Mary Raphael, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313 Monday through Thursday.
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.
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

El Sacramento del Bautismo en Español
Octubre 25, 2020—1:30 PM
El Sacramento del Bautismo normalmente se celebra en español cada 3 meses, 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.

La Voz de Dios en las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos
Es un programa dinámico e interactivo que promueve la fe en los oyentes a través de diálogo, música y oración. Sale al aire cada domingo por las estaciones: WEMG Mega 1310 AM el domingo a las 10:30 a.m. (Condados de Filadelfia y Camden); WISP 1570 AM a las 4:00 p.m. (Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, y parte del Condado de Filadelfia).

Sacramento de la Reconciliación
Los domingos a las 12:00 PM en la Capilla

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

Misa Televisada en Español
En UNIVISIÓN 65 - Todos los domingos a las 6:30 AM
La Santa Misa Grabada en línea

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el vigésimo quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario. El Señor nos vuelve a enseñar este domingo con una parábola, una historia con muchas capas de significado y múltiples mensajes. El evangelio de este domingo (ver Mateo 26: 1-16a) habla de la generosidad de Dios. Muchos de nosotros tenemos expectativas de Dios en nuestros términos, en cómo medimos las cosas. El Evangelio de hoy, con los obreros, independientemente de cuánto tiempo hayan trabajado, todos recibiendo el mismo salario diario, nos recuerda que los términos de Dios son importantes. En relación con todos nosotros, Dios es perfectamente igual en amarnos y proveer para nosotros. Su Hijo sufrío y murió por cada uno de nosotros por igual. Todos tenemos la misma promesa del cielo. Esta justicia radical de parte de Dios con todos nosotros no sugiere que estamos haciendo lo suficiente en nuestra respuesta al amor y los dones de Dios. Más bien, nosotros también debemos ser justos en nuestra respuesta a Dios. Debemos entregarle nuestro mismo yo, todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos, todo el tiempo. Eso es lo que Dios espera de nosotros. Este es el testimonio y ejemplo de su divino Hijo en la cruz, de María y de los santos. “Por tanto, los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 16a)”.

La colección de otoño de la parroquia (anteriormente conocida como Block Collection) está sobre nosotros. La información sobre esta colección anual y el estado financiero de nuestra parroquia se enviará a sus hogares en los próximos días. Nuestros gastos semanales rondan los 20.000 dólares incluso durante la pandemia. Como puede ver en los datos publicados sobre nuestras colecciones dominicales, el dinero recolectado proporciona ingresos insuficientes para cubrir los gastos semanales. Nuestros ingresos semanales generalmente se complementan con otras fuentes: las ofrendas del santuario, las tarifas de la boda y Keys and Sword (las Llaves y la Espada), pero todas estas fuentes adicionales se han reducido bastante con la pandemia. Contamos con esta Colecta Parroquial de Otoño para ayudarnos a cubrir nuestros gastos operativos. Se le pide a cada feligrés que haga lo que pueda en este momento para contribuir a la Colecta Parroquial de Otoño. Les agradezco de antemano su bondad y generosidad con la Parroquia Catedral. El domingo 4 de octubre de 2020, hablaré en toda la misa sobre nuestro estado financiero y nuestra necesidad de apoyar a nuestra parroquia de la catedral.

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida en los Estados Unidos. La Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia anticipará el Mes del Respeto a la Vida con una Hora Santa a las 5:30 p.m. y la Misa a las 6:30 p.m. el domingo 27 de septiembre de 2020. El Arzobispo Nelson Pérez será el celebrante y homilista de la Misa. Hay varias maneras para observar el Mes del Respeto a la Vida. Quizás la forma más significativa es aprender más sobre los problemas de la vida y comprender más plenamente nuestro compromiso católico de hacer todo lo posible para proteger la vida desde el primer momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Otra forma de observar este mes es rezar por la intención de respetar la vida humana. Dado que octubre es también el mes del Santo Rosario, sugerio que recemos el Santo Rosario durante este mes con la intención de respetar la vida humana. El Santo Rosario se puede rezar en una variedad de entornos: en casa, de camino al trabajo, durante una caminata. Rezar el Santo Rosario antes o después de la Misa también es un gran escenario.

El próximo domingo, la segunda colecta irá dirigida a los programas de educación religiosa en la Parroquia Catedral. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra Parroquia Catedral. Puede enviar sus ofrendas dominguales 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
CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish. If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you.

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 COMUNION
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

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ROSARY COAST TO COAST
Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 PM
(followed by Holy Mass at 6:30 PM)

Please join us in prayer for our nation and our world with the recitation of the Holy Rosary’s in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. This rosary recitation, led by the rector of the Cathedral Basilica, Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill will mark the culmination of the Rosary Coast to Coast Novena which we encourage you to continue saying or can start now if you have not been saying it.

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Communion for the Sick

The priests of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul are anxious to serve the spiritual needs of their Catholic brothers and sisters who live in Residences such as Atria, Kennedy House, Penn Center House, Riverside Presbyterian, Watermark, Spring Garden Towers, and anyone else who may be confined to their homes. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like a priest to visit and administer the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Sick, and Holy Communion, please let us know. There is no better way that we can emulate Jesus Christ than by sharing his love with all whom he places in our paths, especially the sick and the aged who long for his healing presence.

Please pass the above requested information on to us by calling the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Be assured of the love, concern, and prayers of your priests at the Cathedral, and in your goodness, pray for us that we may always be channels of Christ’s love and peace to others.

God bless you always and in all ways.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

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.

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.

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Triduum in honor of St. Therese

October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Celebrant and Homilist, Fr. Robert Marczewski
Rosary - 6:40 p.m.
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 7:00 p.m.
The closing Mass will be a Solemn High Mass

CARMELITE MONASTERY
1400 66th Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19126
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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

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: phillycatholicmarriageprep.com

RCHS ADMISSION DATES

RCHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:
Saturday, November 14, 2020
Sunday, November 22, 2020
Saturday, December 5, 2020

Testing begins at 9:00 AM and you can register at https://roman catholichscom.finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates

For more info, contact:
Thomas Bottoms ’10
Director of Admissions and Communications
Roman Catholic High School
301 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Office: 215-627-1270 ext. 110
Cell: 215-251-7186

OFFICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Fr. DeLacy and Ann Menna will be conducting a series of nights that will include practical skills for youth ministry. Various experts and experienced Youth Ministers will give presentations. The last session will be all Q and A. You do not need to be a “new” youth minister to attend. You will learn helpful things like, how to do youth ministry in a pandemic. This training will be done via ZOOM.

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/yyamtrenings/

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will begin the Institute for Christian Formation for all those interested in going deeper in their faith. The program is designed for practicing Catholics and offers the brightest and best Catholic professors around to examine the essential areas of proper Christian life, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist to provide a fuller understanding of our dignity as Christians, a more conscious participation in the Sacred Liturgy, and appreciation for the call to live and witness to a moral life in interior communion with Christ.

This is a non-credited program that meets once a week on Thursdays for 16 weeks spread over 2 years. Courses are expected to begin in January 2021. For more information about the topics, cost, schedule and contact information, please visit scs.edu/icf.

LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRASIER

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!

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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.

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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