

CATHEDRAL BASILICA of Saints Peter and Paul

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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LENT

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*"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...
What is it that stands between us and God? Between
us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life,
the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly
tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."*

-Catherine Doherty

From our Pastor, Fr. Gill: "This is the First Sunday of Lent. Everything about Lent, for every member of the Church, is the task of turning away from

sin and embracing a Christian life that is even more faithful to the word and ways of Jesus. This is a year round task and not an easy one. Lent gives us the opportunity—as we are inspired by those elected for Baptism at Easter—to root out those things in our lives that are truly obstacles to living fully the Gospel....*A good Confession is part of a good Lent.* Here at the Cathedral Parish there are countless opportunities to receive the Sacrament...[click here to read the full Pastor's Letter for this week](#)

Parish News

Study Our Faith from Home or on the Go!

The Cathedral Parish has a subscription to Formed.org, which offers some of the best Catholic studies, movies and books online, which can be accessed through your mobile device. This service is available for free to all parishioners. Follow these steps to sign up!

1. Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org)
2. Click "Sign up"
3. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Enter our parish zip code 19103 and select the Cathedral.
5. Enter your name and email and you are in!

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### Text-to-Give is now available!

It is now possible to text your donation or offering at any time using our new text-to-give service.

Text **Cathedral** to **215-709-9955**  
and follow the link to the on-screen prompts.

Consider using this for your Sunday offering!

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Cathedral Ambassadors

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica every day of the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. Cathedral Ambassadors are assigned 4 hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a Cathedral Ambassador, please contact Martha Ortiz, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Cathedral Events: Listed below are special Masses, holy day schedules, upcoming faith formation opportunities, times for prayer and more, all happening at the Cathedral (or very nearby!). Click the links below for more information or [see the parish bulletin](#).

- **March 1, 12:45 PM** (APC*, 1307) - Presentation "[The Spirituality of St. Katharine Drexel](#)"
- **March 3, 12:05 Sung Mass and 7 PM Prayer** - [An Evening of Song and Prayer](#) to Celebrate the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel
- **March 3, 11 AM** (Neumann) - Gospel Reflection Group
- **March 5, 7 PM** (Neumann) - Adult Faith Formation Session "The 8th Commandment"
- **March 14, 9 AM-3:30 PM** (Drexel Hall) - [Lenten Day of Recollection](#) "Spiritual Cardiology: The Medicine of Mercy"
- **March 21, 10:30 AM** (Basilica) - [Mass for Persons with Disabilities](#) and Their Loved Ones
- **March 25, 7 PM** - [Celebrating Mary's 'Yes' Rosary Rally for Vocations](#)
- **March 28, 2 PM** (Basilica) - [Cultural Heritage Mass](#)
- **April 4, 9 AM-6:15 PM** - [Called to Holiness Conference](#) with Cardinal Burke
- **April 6, 7 PM** (APC* Aud) - Presentation "The Shroud of Turin, a Silent Witness of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ"

* APC=Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, the building behind the Cathedral

Featured Events Outside of the Cathedral (Click the links for full details)

- **March 7** - [Man-Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference](#), Neumann University
- **March 16** - Villanova Lecture with Ross Douthat: [The Decadent Society: How We Became the Victims of Our Own Success](#)
- **March 21** - [Gold Mass for Catholic Scientists](#), Penn Newman Center

Cathedral Young Adults

The young adult community at the Cathedral invites other young adults to join us! [Follow us on our Facebook page](#) to learn about upcoming events.

To join our email list, contact us at:



Young Adult Lenten Altar Crawl - Tuesdays During Lent

Join us! Each Tuesday* during Lent, we will be celebrating Mass at a different side altar at the Cathedral followed by Eucharistic adoration. Mass will begin at **6:30PM** with adoration to follow until 8PM.

(*Note that our first Mass will be on a **Monday (3/2)** as the Cathedral will be holding another event on the 3rd for Katherine Drexel's feast.)

This Week's Bulletin

Click the link below to read all that's happening in the Cathedral Parish and around the Archdiocese and to hear from our Rector and Pastor, Fr. Dennis Gill.

[Click here to read this week's bulletin](#)

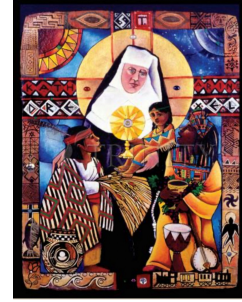


Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



Shrine News and Updates

**All are Invited to Celebrate
THE FEAST DAY of
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**



The Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel will mark her Feast Day with afternoon Mass followed by an Evening of Song and Prayer. Faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited participate at her Holy Shrine within the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

There will be two observances of the Feast Day of Saint Katharine Drexel:

- **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**
12:05 p.m. (Sung Mass)
- **7:00 p.m. (Evening of Song and Prayer)**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking is available

Vocalists from across the Archdiocese are invited to join the choir for this event. Vocalists should [click here for sign-up information and rehearsal times](#)

The Solemn Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel began on Sunday, February 23, 2020, and is prayed following all Masses at the Cathedral Basilica through to March 2. For those who would like to pray the Novena at home, [click here to download the Novena Prayers](#).

[For more event information, click here.](#)

Pray with Us



Thursday Perpetual Novena to St. Katharine Drexel

All are invited to join us each Thursday after the 7:15am and the 12:05pm Mass as we pray the Thursday Perpetual Novena Prayer to Saint Katharine Drexel, which is prayed especially for your special intentions.



Send Your Prayer Intentions

At the tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are envelopes for parishioners and visitors to list their intentions to be remembered in the Thursday Novena prayers and to make a donation.
[Submit Prayer Intentions Online Here.](#)

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

Stay Connected

- [Click here to visit the official website](#) for the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral. It contains information about visiting the Shrine, Cathedral tours, retreats, the life of St. Katharine, and more.
- **Please Like and Follow Us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!**
- [Click here to sign up for email updates](#) from the St. Katharine Drexel Shrine.

Sign-up for e-Giving

*...so you don't have to remember
your envelope each week!*

Parishioners and Visitors: Did you know that you have the option to make a donation or your weekly collection contribution electronically instead of using an envelope? You can set up a one-time, monthly or weekly donation to the Cathedral with a few clicks of a button. Click the button below to begin.

Sign up for eGiving at the
Cathedral

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