



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



May 2025

On the Death of Pope Francis

Following is excerpted from the April 21, 2025 statement by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez regarding the death of Pope Francis.

“Pope Francis will always hold a special place in the heart of the Philadelphia region. His visit to our city almost a decade ago for the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015 brought us immeasurable joy. That moment in time remains a precious gift that will not be forgotten.

From his many apostolic visits around the globe to be among his flock, to his inspiring teachings, to his consistent call for peace and social justice, Pope Francis invited all people to encounter the person of Jesus Christ fully and to serve their brothers and sisters with love and humility as instruments of grace. The life and Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis May his example bring us to embrace God’s plan for each of us to serve Christ’s Church on earth as Missionary Disciples.

I ask the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to join me in offering prayers for the happy repose of Pope Francis’ soul. May God grant him the gift of eternal life and bring comfort to a Church in mourning.”

**Continue to pray for
religious vocations.**



Entrusting My Mission to God

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission.

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him.. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him.

If I am in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends.

He may throw me among strangers.

He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.

Still, He knows what He is about.

Saint John Henry Newman

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Schedule for May - June 2025

May 10	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting.
June 7	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting.