

Invitation to Philadelphia

Sponsored by the **K. C. Ladies of K of C John Paul I Council 7165**

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Park: At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Parking Lot

Bus Starts Loading: 7:40a.m.

Bus Departs: 8a.m.

Bus Arrives St. Peter & Paul Basilica: 11a.m.

Where you will be able to do a self-guided tour. Brochures are available on a table next to the entrance of the Cathedral Shop, to the right of the Main Sanctuary. Don't forget to make 3 wishes!

Bus Departs St. Peter & Paul Basilica: 12:15p.m.

Bus Arrives The Christmas Village at LOVE Park: No later than 1p.m.

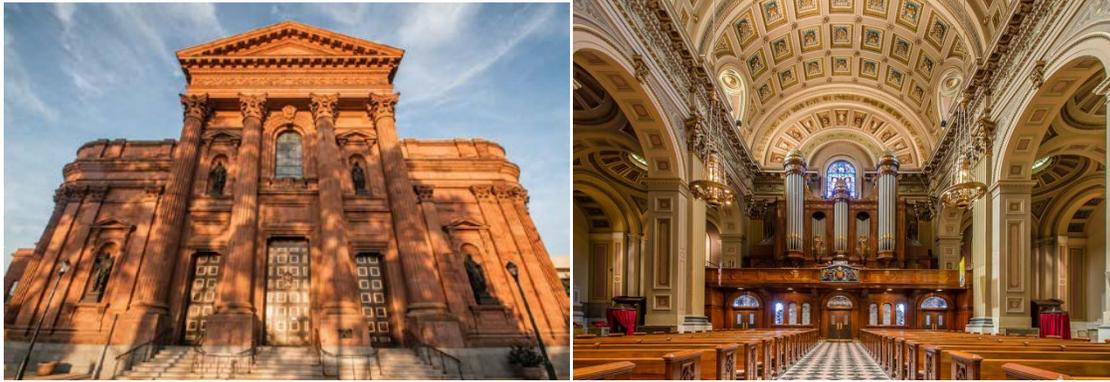
You will have time to enjoy the Weihnachtsmarkt's (Christmas Market), German foods (Bratwurst mit Brötchen (roll), Sauerkraut, Kartoffeln Salad (potato salad), soups for lunch/supper, Lebkuchen (gingerbread cookies and hearts), Stollen (cake with fruits. Stollen is shaped with tapered ends and a ridge down the center, symbolizing the Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes), Marzipan Chocolate (almond paste covered in chocolate), Roasted Chestnuts, Drinks of Hot Chocolate or Glühwein (hot mulled wine), Christmas items such as Adventskranz (Advent Wreaths), Wooden, Glass, Straw Christmas Ornaments, Nutcrackers, Smokers, Prune People, Angels, Linens and much, much more.

Bus Departs the Christmas Village at LOVE Park: 6p.m.

Bus Arrives at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Parking Lot: 9p.m.

PRICE: **\$40 per person** ONLY 56 seats available

1. **Reservations & Payment is a MUST NO LATER THAN November 20, 2019**
2. Checks are Payable to **K. C. Ladies** and mailed to **Patti Ann Gleichsner**
11820 Parliament Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-491-2378
3. **NO REFUND**
4. If you have to cancel for any reason...it's up to you to find someone to take you reservation and **they pay you** for the number of seats you reserved.



[Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul](#) - the Mother Church of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is the largest Catholic Church in Pennsylvania and is listed on the U. S. National Register of Historic Places. As the only Roman-Corinthian style church in America, it's well worth a look at the unique building style.

With its grand façade, vaulted dome, ornate main altar, eight side chapels and main sanctuary that comfortably holds 2,000 worshippers, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is the largest brownstone structure and one of the most architecturally notable structures in the city of Philadelphia.

Construction on the cathedral basilica started in 1846 and was completed in 1864 at both the height of the Civil War and anti-Catholicism in the country. Because of this, you may notice that the cathedral's only windows are located in the highest reaches of the building. This was done purposefully to avoid vandalism that had been inflicted on other Catholic churches. According to legend, the basilica's designers would throw rocks in the air to determine how high the windows must be placed to avoid vandals.

Constantino Brumidi painted the ceiling mural in the dome – The Assumption of the Virgin into Heaven (1868) – and the round portraits of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John on its pendentives. Brumidi was a Greek/Italian-American painter, best known for his murals in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., especially the Apotheosis of George Washington in the dome of the rotunda.

Eight Side Alters: The first on the south aisle is the altar to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The second altar on the south aisle is dedicated to the Purgatorial or Holy Souls. The third altar on the south aisle was enlarged in 1956 to a semi-circular apse for the Baptistry. The fourth altar on the south aisle is the altar dedicated to Saint John Neumann. The first altar on the north aisle is dedicated to Saint Joseph. The second altar on the north aisle is the altar to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The third altar on the north aisle is the memorial altar to Archbishop Patrick John Ryan (1831-1911), the 6th bishop of the Cathedral Basilica. The fourth altar on the north aisle is the Shrine to Saint Katharine Drexel.



Christmas Village 2019



Christmas Village in Philadelphia is an outside Holiday market event in Center City Philadelphia LOVE Park, which is modeled after the traditional Christmas Markets in Germany. The History of Christmas markets in Germany roots in the late Middle Ages. One of the oldest and most famous ones is held each year in Nuremberg in the state of Bavaria. Since 1969 and every other year thereafter, the Nuremberg Christkind is selected to represent the spirit of Christmas in Germany. She wears a long white dress with golden stars, a golden crown, and has long blonde curls. She is the German equivalent to the American children's Santa Claus.

More than 80 wooden booths/international vendors will sell traditional European food, sweets and drinks. They will also offer a great shopping experience with international holiday gifts, ornaments, jewelry and high-quality arts and crafts plus stage and events programs.

The unique atmosphere with thousands of lights and the delicious smell of waffles, gingerbread, bratwurst and mulled wine will bring you and your family into the perfect Christmas mood.