

**Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2013**

“The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey.”

Pope Benedict XVI

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

January 4, Saturday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 Marie Boland
5:15 Gerald J. Edwards

January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 For the People
9:30 James J. Foti
11:00 Charles W. Jackson
12:30 Gerald J. Edwards
6:30 For the People

January 6, Monday, St. Andre Bessette

7:15 Bernard J. McLaughlin
12:05 Beverly Oliver
12:35 Violette Wetherill

January 7, Tuesday, St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:15 William Mauger
12:05 Eileen Grimes
5:15 Thomas Ulses

January 8, Wednesday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 The Sherry Family
12:05 Mary Conlow
12:35 Elisa Ionata

January 9, Thursday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 Archbishop Charles Chaput (L)
12:05 Thomas F. Brophy, Jr.
12:35 John Smith

January 10, Friday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 Joseph M. Oravec
12:05 Kate Lagan (L)
12:35 Joan Kling

January 11, Saturday, Christmas Weekday

12:05 The Sherry Family
5:15 Deloris Milbourne

January 12, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 For the People
9:30 Arthur Quici
11:00 Thomas McCormick
12:30 Adegundo y Esperanza Serrano
6:30 For the People



**Cathedral Priests' Weekend
Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil, January 11

5:15 pm Fr. Burke

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Fr. Gill

9:30 am Fr. Kennedy

11:00 am Fr. Kennedy

(Spanish Mass) 12:30 pm Fr. Hernandez

6:30 pm Fr. Hernandez

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

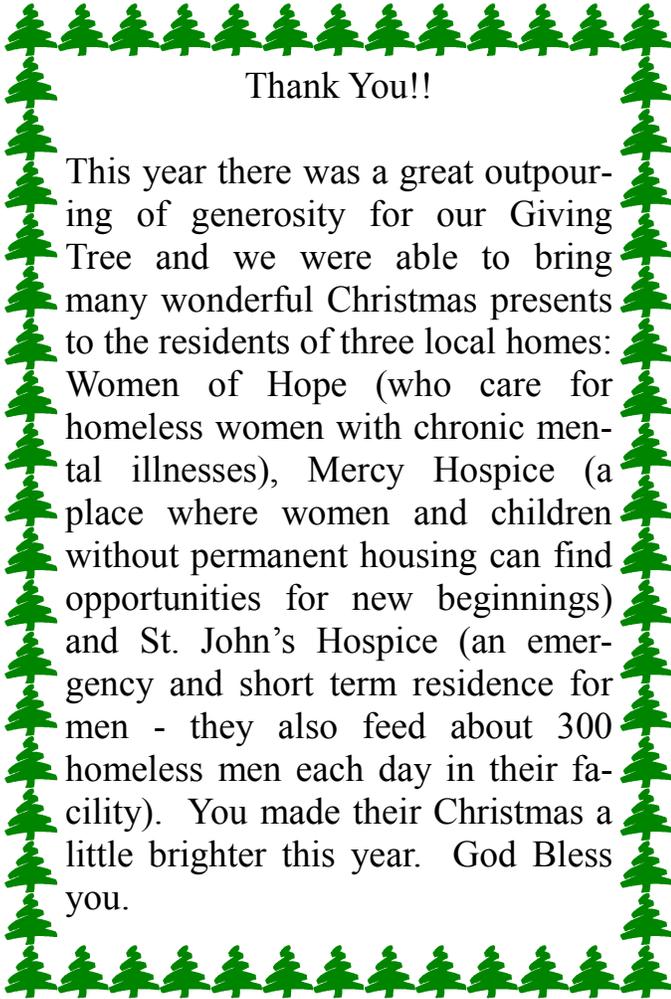
Reflecting on the words of any Pope helps us to grow in our faith—after all, he is our shepherd, the one who calls us on as one body in Christ. We will offer short excerpts taken from Pope Francis' addresses and homilies since his election which will reflect the themes that we can expect to hear again and again during his pontificate.....

God Is Patient With Us

God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

Thank You.....

***To all the parishioners
from the Cathedral priests
for the wonderful cards and gifts.***



Thank You!!

This year there was a great outpouring of generosity for our Giving Tree and we were able to bring many wonderful Christmas presents to the residents of three local homes: Women of Hope (who care for homeless women with chronic mental illnesses), Mercy Hospice (a place where women and children without permanent housing can find opportunities for new beginnings) and St. John's Hospice (an emergency and short term residence for men - they also feed about 300 homeless men each day in their facility). You made their Christmas a little brighter this year. God Bless you.

Basilica Tours



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the Sunday 11 am Mass**. Please meet in front of the side altar of the Sacred Heart, which is to the right of the Main Altar.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 Mass schedule: 5:15 pm Vigil, 8 am, 10 am and 12 Noon.

Jan. 8 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 pm

Jan. 9 R.C.I.A., Rectory, 7 pm

Jan. 11 Catechist Awards Mass, Archbishop Chaput celebrant, 11 am

Jan. 11 Girls Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 10 am

Tithing Online

You can make weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions or other donations on-line, either from your personal checking account or a debit/credit card. Go to our new website: www.cathedralphila.org and click on "Make A Donation" and follow the instructions.

One option is to manually make weekly or monthly donations or you can have your credit/debit card or checking account automatically debited each week/month.

We hope this service will provide convenience and ease to our parishioners and visitors. Thank you for your truly generous support during this difficult financial time and for your continued interest in our Parish!

Prayers for the Sick

One of our parishioners will send a prayer card to any of our parishioners and friends who are in hospital or sick at home. If you would like them to receive a card, please call the Rectory office - 215-561-1313 - to register them.



Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral in your prayers:

Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle, Dorothy Banar, Bernard Thompson, Larry Ross, Sandra Milia, Kathleen Jacobsen, Burt Pressey, Samada family, John DeMelas, Nick Capozio, Linda Brigandi, Dottie Bianci, Alexia Mervine, Sarah Murnghan, Jane Dietrick, Pauline Cope, Ted Rice, Rita Borsaris, Bernie Brill, Molly Sujan, Linda Brigandi, Elizabeth Grinder, Joe Capozio, Linda Watson, Michael Roman, Diane Motley, Jason Toomey, John Bradford, Brother Thomas Chadwick, Nick Pella, Charlotte McLaughlin, Kris Klufas, Judge Joe Bruno, Mary Colgan, Ryan Laskey, Belinda Young, Melvin Smith, Jr., Joseph Bianco, Carola & Robert Fitts, Catelyn Rossi, Marguerite & Robert Grant, Barbara & William Zawacki, John Ruddick Jr., Thomas McKewen, Kevin Hubbard, Amy Hanselmann, Phil Cooper and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. Please call the rectory with the names of anyone sick to be included in our prayer list.



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica

*For: Harry & Marguerite Ellis
"Our Angels who keep us safe"*

Request of: Patricia Ellis

Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies

The Cathedral Basilica has adopted a new charitable organization to assist. The Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies is the longest continually active crisis pregnancy center in the Delaware Valley, having been founded in 1987. The home offers women everything they need to deliver their baby and get started building a new, stable environment. They provide for all of the residents' daily needs: clothing, shelter, and a secure, comfortable place to sleep in a supportive atmosphere. Who was Margaret Castello:

Born in 1287, she is considered the patron of the unwanted. She was born dreadfully deformed. A dwarf, totally blind, hunched-backed and so lame she could hardly walk. When she was only 6 years old, Margaret's father had her walled up in a small cell next to the parish hall. She could not get out but could attend Mass and receive the Sacraments. At 17, Margaret's parents took her on a pilgrimage, seeking a miraculous cure. When the miracle failed to occur, she was abandoned by her parents.

Margaret became a beggar and was befriended by other beggars. She eventually became a Dominican and dedicated herself to visiting the imprisoned and to comforting the sick and dying. She lived an incredible life of holiness until her death at the age of 33. When she died, the townspeople thronged her funeral, and demanded she be buried in a tomb inside the church. The priest protested, but a crippled girl was miraculously cured at the funeral, and he consented.

We will dedicate the Fourth Sunday of each month to collect items for the Home. We will provide more information as to their in the forthcoming weeks.

Website: www.blessedmargarethome.org



Readings of the Week

Monday: January 6

1 John 3:22—4:6/Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: January 7

1 John 4:7-10/Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: January 8

1 John 4:11-18/Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: January 9

1 John 4:19—5:4/Psalm 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: January 10

1 John 5:5-13/Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: January 11

1 John 5:14-21/Psalm 149:1-4, 5-6a, 9b
John 3:22-30

Sunday: January 12

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38/Matthew 3:13-17

St. Gerard Mass of Hope and Life for couples experiencing infertility

The St. Gerard mass for Hope and Life offers hope, comfort and an opportunity to meet other couples who are experiencing infertility for prayer and support. This is an evening of hope, prayer and intercession to St Gerard for the gift of parenthood.

January 29, 2014

7:00 pm

**St. Agatha/St. James Parish
38th and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA**

Please call Steve Bozza
Office for Life and Family
215-587-5661



Many parishioners offered donations to assist in the expenses of the **Christmas Altar Flowers**.

Below are in memory of loved ones.

Arthur Davison, Herbert P. Beckett, Dorothy Kelly, John & Louise Antonucci, Anthony J. Land, Sr., Michael & Ida DiComo, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Francis Kearney, Jr., Essie Mae Rubin, Rev. John Mitka, DelGross & DiBella families, Josph & Florence Surowiec, Mr. & Mrs. Phillips, Joseph & Marie Suszenski, Frank Pugliese & Linda Ozolins, Joseph M. Kelly, All Poor Souls, parents of Sonja Lopatynksyj, Charlotte Lajos, Erfle family, Julian King, Thomas J. Phelan, Quici, Galipo & Greco families, Watson/Cantwell families, J.A. Bieranowski, O'Reilly family, Josefa Rodriguez, Margaret & Vincent Zangrilli, Anna M. Bell, Sue Rodriguez, Ann Hinchey Ryan, James & Alice Hogan, John E. Harding, Deceased members of D'Orazio family, John & Theresa Juliano, Mary Newburger, Victims of School Violence, Evelyn Gonzales, McElhare family, Asuncion Carrasco, Evelyn Gonzales, Ramonita Niny, Leroy & Dorothy Williams, Teresa Teodori, Lucy Episcopo, Maureen Riekert

We are also grateful for Christmas flower offerings:

Dr. Margaret Leahy, Julius Santise, Kevin McPhillips, Sabrina Ross, Jesus Flores, Mr. & Mrs. Piero Conosciani, Maryann Healy, Santa Delgado, Mr. & Mrs. John T. McCue, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Wiley, Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Giuliani, Mr. & Mrs. John Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ordo, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gonzalez, Claudine Holt, Jennifer Kraus, Alfred Persia, Judith White, Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Sierko, Mr. Phillip McDonald, Edward Bogucki, Rose Monostra, Luis Bute, Carl Heine, Mr. Mrs. Edward S. Panek, Susan Danielski, Margaret Meyer, Joseph Rivera, Mr. & Mrs. Piero Conosciani, Marcolina Santiago, Mizimino Cotto, Ramonita Hernandez, Joseph Bednarz, Phillip McDonald, Susan Danielski.

FOOD/HOSPICE SUNDAY
NEXT WEEKEND



Please remember to bring your food donations for **St. John's Hospice**. Please bring all items to Mass and leave them in the Sacristy. Your recent donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued generosity. God Bless.

Tintinnabulum

The symbols that are used to indicate that a church has the dignity of a Basilica are the umbralino (umbrella) and tintinnabulum. Two years ago we put the umbralino in our sanctuary near the Cathedra - the Bishop's chair. Now, due to the generosity of a member of our Archdiocese, we now have the tintinnabulum. The tintinnabulum is a bell mounted on a pole, placed in our Basilica to signify our link with the Holy Father the Pope.

The tintinnabulum consists of a small gold bell within a golden frame crowned with the papal tiara and Keys of Heaven. If the Pope was to say Mass within our Basilica, the tintinnabulum would be used to lead the very special procession down the Basilica aisle. In the Middle Ages it served the practical function of alerting the people of Rome to the approach of the Pope during papal processions.

The pole for our tintinnabulum was hand carved in Italy. Also, it has two specially cast enamel plates. One has the picture of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, our patrons and the other (on the back) is of the exterior of our Cathedral Basilica.

Attention Parents of Children in Secondary and Elementary Schools

Administrators of Archdiocesan Secondary Schools would like to contact families of children who attend public or private schools. Archdiocesan Secondary Schools have traditionally been attractive to students who attend parish elementary schools. The highest percentage of students who enter Catholic High School come from parish elementary schools. However, it is important that students who attend public or private schools be made aware that a Catholic High School education is available for them. Students who do not attend parish schools will be invited to take advantage of the wonderful education opportunity that Archdiocesan High Schools provide.

If you have a student who wishes more information, please email John Boris at jboris@archphila.org or call the Rectory office at 215-561-1313.

5 de enero del 2013 Epifanía del Señor

LECTURAS CICLO A

Primera lectura: *Isaías 60, 1-6.* El profeta canta la gloria de Jerusalén. La liturgia lo aplica a la Iglesia y nos recuerda que el cristiano debe ser luz.

Segunda lectura: *Efesios 3, 2-6.* Pablo afirma que todos los pueblos están llamados a salvarse en Cristo.

Evangelio: *Mateo 2, 1-12.* El relato de la adoración de los Magos es una invitación a seguir a Cristo, luz del mundo, por los caminos de Dios.

*Los tres Santos Reyes, los tres y los tres,
los tres Santos Reyes, los tres y los tres,
Los saludaremos con divina fe,
los saludaremos con divina fe.*

*Los tres santos Reyes, yo los sé contar,
Los tres santos Reyes, yo los sé contar,
Gaspar y Melchor y el Rey Baltazar.
Gaspar y Melchor y el Rey Baltazar.*

*Llegan con cautela, la Estrella los guía
Llegan con cautela, la Estrella los guía
se sientes sus pasos, en la noche fría
se sientes sus pasos, en la noche fría*

*Señores, adiós . . . doy la despedida
al corazón santo, dulce de María
Señores, adiós . . . doy la despedida
al corazón santo, dulce de María*

*Señores adiós porque ya nos vamos
Señores adiós porque ya nos vamos
todos los presentes pasen feliz año
todos los presentes pasen feliz año*

Dios bueno y misericordioso, te agradecemos por el don de las familias.

Te damos gracias por toda la alegría y el amor que ellas traen a nuestra vida, y te pedimos que a todas las familias les des una protección especial, particularmente, a las que pasan privaciones cuando se trasladan en busca de una vida mejor. Muéstrales tu compasión a aquellos que viajan en medio de peligros y llévalos a un lugar seguro y tranquilo. Consuela a los que se encuentran solos y temerosos porque sus familias fueron separadas a causa de la violencia y de la injusticia.

Mientras que reflexionamos sobre el difícil trayecto que la Sagrada Familia vivió como refugiados en Egipto, ayúdanos a recordar el sufrimiento de todas las familia inmigrantes. Por la intercesión de María, nuestra Madre y de San José Obrero, su esposo, oramos para que todos los inmigrantes puedan reunirse con sus seres queridos y encontrar el trabajo productivo que ellos buscan.

Abre nuestro corazón para que podamos ofrecer hospitalidad a todos los que buscan un refugio. Danos el valor para recibir con agrado a toda persona foránea como si fuera Cristo entre nosotros.

Te lo pedimos por Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Mientras celebramos el nacimiento del Señor, nos recuerda que Jesús es Emanuel, Dios con nosotros, todos los días hasta la consumación del mundo. No importa cual obscura y difícil la jornada de nuestra vida es a veces, la Natividad y la Epifanía Del Señor nos recuerda que no estamos solos. Dios, quien nos ama más de lo que podemos imaginar, nos toca cada día a través de la iglesia, los sacramentos, la Escritura, y nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Durante este sagrado tiempo, yo personalmente le doy gracias a Dios por cada uno de ustedes y deseándoles una Navidad llena de un sentido renovado de la presencia y paz de Dios.

Sinceramente in Cristo y Nuestra Madre,

Padre Angelo J. Hernandez

Por favor, rueguen por los enfermos: Isaac Hernandez, Miguel Santiago, Cookie Fontanez, Diacono Jose Fernandez, Eduvige Rodriguez, Julia Rodriguez, Felix Mogollan, Evelina Navarro, Carmen Vega.