



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2014

**"As goes the family, so goes the nation,
and so goes the whole world in which we live!"**

Pope St. John Paul II



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Dec. 27, Saturday, St. John the Apostle

12:05 James Curry
5:15 Wiley-Gilligan families

Dec. 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Vincent and Margaret Angell
11:00 Wes Tomczynski
12:30 Luis E. Tellado
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

***Dec. 29, Monday, Fifth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord***

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Mario Cionci

***Dec. 30, Tuesday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord***

7:15 Edison Giacomucci
12:05 Gerry Agony

***Dec. 31, Wednesday, Seventh Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord***

7:15 Thomas Cretella
12:05 William R. Bleistine
5:15 Pro Populo - For the People

***Jan. 1, Thursday, The Octave Day of the Nativity of
The Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
10:00 Pro Populo - For the People
12 Noon Pro Populo - For the People

Jan. 2, Friday, Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

7:15 Frances Maria Borasi
12:05 Special Intention Novena

Jan. 3, Saturday, Christmas Weekday

12:05 Vincenza Chiriano
5:15 Lois Moore

Jan. 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Quici, Galipo & Greco families
11:00 Ralph Berarducci (L)
12:30 Amparo Rocco, Ana Lopez & Julia Silva
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas to you and to your families and friends!

The Liturgical Year gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord for more than two weeks—from Christmas Day through to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This period of the liturgical commemoration of the Birth of Jesus—with today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Thursday's Holy Day of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; next Sunday's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the following Sunday—invites us to bring Christmas into our homes and daily lives for the same period. So, continue to take some time at home to pray and reflect on these great events of our salvation that come with the celebration of Christmas. Perhaps you might stretch the time for the Christmas decorations to the Epiphany and continue to listen to the Carols throughout these days. In this way, the Birth of our Savior—and all the graces and blessings of His Birth—continue to fill us with peace and joy.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your on-going generosity to our Cathedral Parish, especially at this time of the year. Your generosity in the Christmas Collection is absolutely remarkable. Your generosity to the Christmas Flowers' fund is also greatly appreciated. All those who made a Christmas Mass Remembrance, I assure you of a remembrance of these intentions in the Masses of Christmas Time in the Cathedral Chapel. Thank you also to all of our visitors for your goodness and generosity to our Cathedral Parish.

This Thursday, January 1, 2015, is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, the eighth day of the celebration of Christmas Day. It is also the Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please see the Mass schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation elsewhere in the Parish Bulletin. Mary is a very important part of our Christmas observance. She prays for us that the Birth of her divine Son will bring many graces and favors to each of us this Christmas.

As we look forward to the New Year, may I ask a favor? Let us make as one of our resolutions to pray intentionally for our Cathedral Parish, for those we know and those we don't. Today's Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the inspiration of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, for our own families to be homes of unity and charity. May our Parish Family, with the prayers of the Holy Family, be a community of like unity and charity—for the glory of God and the benefit of all of us.

Again, Merry Christmas and God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica for

*Eugene J. Wlotko
At the request of Donna Baronett*



The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns this week in the Cathedral Basilica Chapel for

*Eugene B. Morris
At the request of wife Charlotte*

Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Basilica and the Cathedral Chapel. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle. If you wish to make the suggested donation of fifteen dollars for an intention for a Sanctuary Lamp, you may contact the Parish Office directly or place your intention and offering in the collection basket.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2015
A Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, New Year's Eve
December 31 - Anticipated Mass: 5:15 PM

Thursday, New Year's Day
January 1, 2015
Masses: 8:00 AM
10:00 AM Solemn Mass
12 Noon Mass

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday, January 2, 2014
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cathedral Chapel

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration before the 12:05 PM Mass.
Please come to adore the Lord!

Confessions will be available on the First Friday beginning at 11:00 AM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

Dec. 30 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Dec. 31 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation: see bulletin for Mass times

Jan. 6 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Jan. 6 Mass in Extraordinary Form - Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, Basilica, 7 PM

**FAITH FORMATION FOR EVERY
PARISHIONER
IN YOUR OWN HOME**

The Cathedral Parish recently obtained the program, *SYMBOLON: Transforming Parishes for the New Evangelization*. This 20 episode program, conducted by nationally known teachers, allows our parishioners from their own home to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Every parishioner has access! Each parishioner can create a login that allows for access to SYMBOLON wherever and whenever they want, using smart phones, tablets and computers.

Register at <http://symboloncatholic.org/register>. Our parish code is: 07854f.

Enjoy learning more about our Catholic Faith!
Knowing the Faith helps us to live the Faith!



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.

Parish Sponsors for Christian Initiation are Needed

Our Cathedral Parish is blessed to have several additional adults express a desire to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Communion during this coming Easter Time. Presently, they are in a period of formation and instruction. During this period, they need the help of members of our Parish to assist them as Sponsors—mentors and guides for living a Catholic Christian life. The Sponsor is available to the candidate personally during this period of instruction, to answer questions, to introduce the candidate to the Parish, and to witness to the living of the Faith. If you think this role is for you, please call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

Please contact the Parish Office for parish registration. One of our parish priests will follow up to register you in the parish. You may also see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday to register.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes, again please call the Parish Office to insure your address is registered correctly.

Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Session

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. As of this January 2015, the celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

Also, beginning this January 2015, a *Baptism Preparation Session* will take place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office to register for the Baptism Preparation Session. It will take place in the Neumann Room behind the Cathedral.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Television Mass

Sundays at 5:30 am - WPVI-TV, Chanel 6

This Mass will be rebroadcast each Sunday at the following times:

9 a.m. DT-2, Channel 6 digital

10:30 a.m., LaSalle University 56

5:00 p.m., DT-2, Channel 6 digital



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

Patrisha Bollinger, Anna Marie Burgio, Jeanine Tingeter, Bobby Mitchell, Shirley King, Thomas Sabol, Tom Fiordimondo, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Patrick Gallagher, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Suján, Edward Endrich, Nicole Carey, Ann Reilly, Mary Ellen Foyle, Bernard Thompson, Larry Ross, Samada family, John DeMelas, Nick Capozio, Linda Brigandi, Dottie Bianci, Alexia Mervine, Sarah Murnghan, Pauline Cope, Ted Rice, Rita Borsaris, Bernie Brill, Molly Suján, Linda Brigandi, Elizabeth Grinder, Joe Capozio, Linda Watson, Michael Roman, Diane Motley, Jason Toomey, Brother Thomas Chadwick, Bryan Anderson and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list.

AID FOR FRIENDS COMES TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Aid For Friends is a non-profit organization that seeks volunteers to prepare meals in their homes and/or to deliver food for those unable to prepare their own meals. These prepared meals are a tremendous service to the elderly and disabled who cannot afford their meals and/or have difficulty getting to the food store.

If you would like to prepare meals as part of *Aid For Friends*, please pick up the meal trays in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times, from 8:00 AM through to 1:30 PM. These trays are located next to the *Aid For Friends* freezer which is also in Chapel Hall. Prepared meals can also be returned to the freezer in Chapel Hall on Sunday mornings during the Mass times.

If you are interested in taking meals to the homebound, especially in the Cathedral Parish area, please contact Mrs. Lynn Trumbetta, by phone (215-464-2224) or email afflynnt@yahoo.com. You must first register with *Aid For Friends* to deliver meals. *Aid for Friends* encourages a visit with the persons receiving the meal as well.

Check out our Resource Display Stand

New CDs, books and booklets have just arrived to help you learn, love, and live your Catholic Faith, and to share your faith with others. These resources have been brought to us by **Lighthouse Catholic Media** and **Stewardship: A Mission of Faith**—two not-for-profit Catholic lay apostolates whose mission is to feed hungry hearts. They do this by bringing these resources right into the parish where they will be easily accessible. They offer everything for free to anyone who needs them, but they do rely on generous donations to bring their mission to more parishes. For more information visit LighthouseCatholicMedia.org or StewardshipMission.org.

28 de Diciembre del 2014

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Genesis 15, 1-6; 17, 5; 21, 1-3.* Dios ha escogido a Abraham, cumple la promesa y lo hace padre de un pueblo innumerable..

Segunda lectura: *Hebreos 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19.* La grandeza de Abraham está en haber respondido a Dios con una fe inmensa; a pesar de las apariencias contrarias.

Evangelio: *Lucas 2, 22-40.* La presentación en el templo nos revela a Jesús “luz de las naciones”, signo “*de contradicción y de salvación para muchos*”.



Readings of the Week

Monday: December 29

1 John 2:3-11/Psalm 96:1-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday: December 30

1 John 2:12-17/Psalm 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: December 31

1 John 2:18-21/Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13
John 4:1-18

Thursday: January 1

Numbers 6:22-27/Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Luke 2:16-21

Friday: January 2

1 John 2:22-28/Psalm 98:1-4
John 1:19-28

Saturday: January 3

1 John 2:29—3:6/Psalm 98:1, 3cd-6
John 1:29-34

Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalm 72:1-2, 1-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

We will offer short excerpts taken from Pope Francis' addresses and homilies.....

Our Hope Is Safe and Sound

The Risen Lord is the hope that never fails, that never disappoints (cf. Romans 5:5). Hope does not let us down—the hope of the Lord! How often in our life do hopes vanish; how often do the expectations we have in our hearts come to nothing! Our hope as Christians is strong, safe, and sound on this earth where God has called us to walk, and it is open to eternity because it is founded on God who is always faithful. We must not forget: God is always faithful to us. Being raised with Christ through Baptism, with the gift of faith, an inheritance that is incorruptible, prompts us to seek God's things more often, to think of him more often and to pray to him more.



World Meeting of Families How Can I help?

So many people have asked "How can I help with the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015?" We have one way!

We expect thousands and thousands of visitors from around the U.S. and the world to join us next September and there is now a host family program to supplement the hotel rooms in the region. We need host families!

Homestay, a Dublin company, works every day to match host families with visitors with an online system and they created a special online host family site just for WMOF 2015. Parishioners, school families, and other area residents can easily sign up online to be host families. Hosts list specific accommodations they can offer, household rules, and language preferences on the web site and visitors search for a match.

To host a family please visit this website:

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/host-a-family/>.

If you have any questions about Homestay, please email host@worldmeeting2015.org.

Living Stewardship Now

WE ARE FAMILY

On this day we honor the Holy Family. We are all born, married, or adopted into families. We belong to the family of faith through baptism and to the larger human family. Recently, a story was reported about a woman in England. She was retired and lived alone. She regularly attended Mass, but was not involved in parish life. According to her only friend, this lady had no family left. She spent all her time shopping. Neighbors who saw her come and go finally noticed her car had not been moved in days and reported it to police. Investigating officers discovered a house packed with "stuff." It took them two days to find the lady in a bedroom, where heavy boxes had fallen on her and killed her. We all know people who are without family support. Some are outgoing and have friends. Others, particularly the frail and elderly, are shy or fearful of bothering anyone. Isolation can have fearful consequences. Don't let it happen if you can help it.

Living Stewardship Now.....

If you know someone who is elderly, frail, and isolated, find ways to be a presence and a support. Drop a greeting card in the mail. Make a "How are you?" phone call. Go by with home-made goodies. Offer to run errands or drive to doctor visits or church. Take the family over and do yard work or other chores.

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 commitment to our Parish!