

***Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014***

**"The thought of the presence of God renders us familiar
with the practice of doing in all things His holy will."**

St. Vincent de Paul



Dec. 13, Saturday, Saint Lucy

12:05 Benedict Victor Arul
5:15 Pfizenmayer-Linaugh families

Dec. 14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Arthur Quici
11:00 Peppino DiFonzo
12:30 Paulino Zambrano
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dec. 15, Monday, Advent Weekday

7:15 The Sherry family
12:05 Dolores Piccari

Dec. 16, Tuesday, Advent Weekday

7:15 Alfonzo Altobelli
12:05 Susan Kotler

Dec. 17, Wednesday, Late Advent Weekday

7:15 Marie T. Murphy
12:05 Albert J. Rusko

Dec. 18, Thursday, Late Advent Weekday

7:15 Marlene Panek
12:05 Mary Harvey

Dec. 19, Friday, Late Advent Weekday

7:15 The Sherry Family
12:05 Juan Chico

Dec. 20, Saturday, Late Advent Weekday

12:05 Angela Pachioi
5:15 Frank and Nancy Mazza

Dec. 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
9:30 Quici, Galipo & Greco families
11:00 Edison Giacomucci
12:30 Sebastian Rodriguez Picos
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath. This candle takes its color from the Mass vestments which may also be rose this Sunday. The purple of Advent is muted with the rose of this Sunday to announce the nearness of the celebration of the Birth of the Lord. The anticipation and penance of Advent becomes a cry of rejoicing today with Christmas in sight. The nearness of Christmas also reminds us that our preparation continues and perhaps must be more intense.

As you most likely have noticed in the Christmas mailing to your homes and in the Parish Bulletin, we have increased the opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation here at the Cathedral, especially the week before Christmas. In the rush of these pre-Christmas days our planning to make a good Christmas Confession can all too easily be put aside. I encourage you to plan this week when you will meet the Lord in his Sacrament of mercy and forgiveness. We have many senior parishioners who live alone and have difficulty getting to church during the week. I invite you to consider offering a senior neighbor a ride to church so that he or she may also have the blessing of a good Christmas Confession.

Over the next several days we will begin to arrange the Nativity scene in the sanctuary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Holy Family arriving on Christmas Eve. The handsome *Kostner* Nativity Set was purchased by the Cathedral Parish for Christmas 2009 and we continue to make payments on it. Also, you may have noticed the much needed two new beautiful altar missal stands for the Basilica and the Chapel. If anyone would like to make a donation to the payment of the Nativity Set and/or a memorial donation for the altar missal stands, I would be most grateful.

Thank you so very much for your generosity last Sunday to the second collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*.

God bless all of you,
Father Dennis Gill



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

*Dennis & Eloise Tejero
25th Wedding Anniversary*

At the request of Marnie Uy



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.

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.



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.



CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

**COME AND EXPERIENCE
GREAT MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL**

Christmas on Logan Square with the Philadelphia Singers

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 PM

Tickets: Front \$40

General \$25

For more information and to
Purchase Tickets visit:

www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org

NEEDED PARISH SPONSORS FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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 - 215-561-1313.



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

*Patrishia 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 Sujan, 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 Sujan, 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.***

**ADVENT CONFESSION
SCHEDULE
IN THE BASILICA**

*Sundays of Advent:
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM
in the Basilica*

*Weekdays of Advent:
11:30 AM Monday through Friday
4:15 PM on Saturday*

*Monday, December 22; Tuesday De-
cember 23; and Wednesday,
December 24: 11:00 AM*

Tuesday, December 23: 7:00 PM

*Resources for the Sacrament of Pen-
ance and Reconciliation
can be found on the website of the Of-
fice for Divine Worship,
[http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/
sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-
guidelines/](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/archdiocesan-guidelines/)*

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS
THIS WEEK**

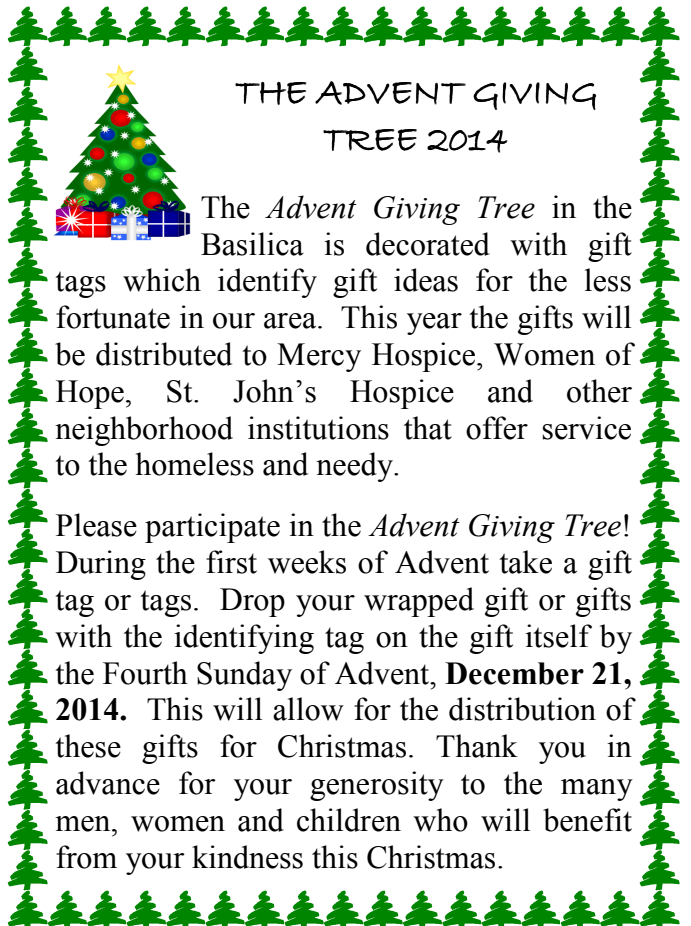
The Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday, December 18, 2014, 7:00-8:30 PM
Neumann Room
(entrance at the rear of the Basilica)

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, is invited to call the Parish Office at 215-561-1313.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BASILICA

- Dec. 13** Cathedral Christmas Concert - 8 PM
- Dec. 14** Cathedral Christmas Concert - 3 PM
- Dec. 15** First Posada, Chapel Hall, 7 PM
- Dec. 16** Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room,
6:30 PM
- Dec. 17** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann
Room, 6 PM
- Dec. 18** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room,
7 PM
- Dec. 19** Cathedral Concert, 8 pm
- Dec. 20** Boy Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall,
9:30 AM



**THE ADVENT GIVING
TREE 2014**

The *Advent Giving Tree* in the Basilica is decorated with gift tags which identify gift ideas for the less fortunate in our area. This year the gifts will be distributed to Mercy Hospice, Women of Hope, St. John's Hospice and other neighborhood institutions that offer service to the homeless and needy.

Please participate in the *Advent Giving Tree*! During the first weeks of Advent take a gift tag or tags. Drop your wrapped gift or gifts with the identifying tag on the gift itself by the Fourth Sunday of Advent, **December 21, 2014**. This will allow for the distribution of these gifts for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the many men, women and children who will benefit from your kindness this Christmas.

POSADAS 2014

Llego adviento y con este tiempo de preparación para conmemorar del nacimiento del señor, también llegan las posadas. Nueve días, en los que en medio de sonrisas y villancicos preparamos con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo, y recordamos los momentos que pasaron José y María antes del Nacimiento de Jesús.

En nuestra parroquia, Las Posadas de Navidades empieza el lunes, **15 de diciembre 2014 a las 7 PM** en la capilla de la Catedral Basílica de Ss. Pedro y Pablo. Y las otras posadas, desde 16 hasta el 22 de diciembre, recorren los diferentes sectores de la comunidad llevando durante los nueve días de las posadas un mensaje de paz y alegría...por que ha nacido el salvador. Y la última Posada termina el martes, **23 de diciembre 2014 a las 7 PM** en la capilla de la Catedral Basílica de Ss. Pedro y Pablo.

Que este tiempo sirva para hacernos reflexionar sobre el rumbo que llevan nuestras vidas y podamos descubrir si en realidad le estamos dando posada a Jesús en la única casa que quiere habitar, nuestro corazón.

Dec. 15: En la capilla de Santos Pedro y Pablo

Dec. 16: Elisa Nava, 2503 West Master St., Philadelphia, 215-684-0861

Dec. 17: Maricruz Duran, 2500 West Master St., Philadelphia, 267-303-3575

Dec. 18: Patricia Hernancez, 2618 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, 267-535-0854

Dec. 19: Ericka Arguello y Pascual Tellez, 2645 S. Fairhill St., Philadelphia, 215-350-0251

Dec. 20: Religiosas de la Asuncion, 1001 S. 47th St., Philadelphia, 215-386-5016

Dec. 21: Jazmin de la Cruz, 1846 Vineyard St., Philadelphia, 267-393-0461

Dec. 22: Mercedes Urena, 3902 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, 646-267-4915

Dec. 23: En la capilla de Santos Pedro y Pablo

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. This program is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of Feb. 13-15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information please call 800-470-2230.

14 de Diciembre del 2014

Domingo tercero de Adviento

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Isaías 61, 1-2a, 10-11.* El profeta se alegra en el Señor y anuncia la salvación a los pobres y oprimidos.

Segunda lectura: *1 Tesalonicenses 5, 16-24.* En un clima de alegría, san Pablo nos invita a permanecer irrepresibles a la espera de la venida del Señor.

Evangelio: *Juan 1, 6-8. 19-28.* La actitud de Juan el Bautista nos indica cuál debe ser la conducta del cristiano: abrir el camino a Cristo y dejar que Él actúe en nosotros.



Readings of the Week

Monday: December 15

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: December 16

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalm 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday: December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Friday: December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Saturday: December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalm 24:1-4ab, 5-6
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: December 21

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38

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 which will reflect the themes that we can expect to hear again and again during his pontificate.....

Faith Is Linked to Hope

Suffering reminds us that faith’s service to the common good is always one of hope—a hope which looks ever ahead in the knowledge that only from God, from the future which comes from the Risen Jesus, can our society find solid and lasting foundations. In this sense, faith is linked to hope, for even if our dwelling place here below is wasting away, we have an eternal dwelling place which God has already prepared in Christ, in his body (cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5)

A Gift That Demands Response

Faith is first of all a gift we have received. But in order to bear fruit, God’s grace always demands our openness to him, our free and tangible response. Christ comes to bring us the mercy of a God who saves. We are asked to trust in him, to correspond to the gift of his love with a good life, made up of actions motivated by faith and love.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets faithfully each week to join together for prayer and to intercede with the Lord for many intentions, including the intentions of the parish. The Charismatic Prayer Group has now arranged for a way for us to send to them our requests for prayer. Simply e-mail your intention and prayer request to:

Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com

For more information on the parish Charismatic Prayer Group, please call the Parish Office.

Living Stewardship Now

I Can Wait

Today Saint James urges us to be patient, “because the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:8). “Being patient” means enduring without complaint. The farmer must wait for the sun, rain, and good earth to do their work, while the farmer weeds, fertilizes, and keeps away pests. Thus it is in Advent: God is sending us a savior, but we must prepare for his coming. Yet children are born impatient. Everyone has seen toddlers “melt down” when they have to wait. Advent is four weeks—a long time for children. Many families use Advent calendars and Bible stories to focus their children on the unfolding of this season. They go to Advent penance services and choose gifts for people named on the parish giving tree. They light the Advent wreath before meals and pray together. The time a family spends savoring God’s good time helps children see the importance of waiting, watching, and learning.

Living Stewardship Now.....

“We must wait for God, long, meekly, in the wind and wet, in the thunder and lightning, in the cold and the dark. Wait, and he will come. He never comes to those who do not wait.” —F.W. Faber (1814–1863)

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!



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 12/7/14 was \$8,520. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.