

The Epiphany of the Lord ***January 4, 2014*** **"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you"**



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Jan. 5, Monday, St. John Neumann

7:15 John J. Hegarty
 12:05 Susan Kotler

Jan. 6, Tuesday, St. Andre Bessette

7:15 Robert D. Evans
 12:05 Vu Thi Hoan

Jan. 7, Wednesday, St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:15 Isobel Labenburg
 12:05 Bui Trung Hoa

Jan. 8, Thursday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 Nancy E. Edelman
 12:05 Christina Marie Devlin

Jan. 9, Friday, Christmas Weekday

7:15 John Pernisi, Sr.
 12:05 Special Intention Novena

Jan. 10, Saturday, Christmas Weekday

12:05 Elisa Ionata
 5:15 Betty Martyn-Walters

Jan. 11, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People
 9:30 Joseph Maguire
 11:00 Ralph Berarducci (L)
 12:30 Luis & Lillian Rivera
 6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate one of the principal events of Christmas Time, the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*. The traditional day for this commemoration is January 6. In those countries, like the United States, where the Epiphany is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it moves to the nearest Sunday. With the Epiphany, the Newborn Savior is manifested to the whole world so that the whole world can come to adore Him. Like the Magi in the Gospel, we are called to follow the star that leads us to Jesus. Also, like the Magi, once we encounter Him, we are changed, we return to our routine of life, our Christian lives, by *another way*. This *star* in the days and months ahead may be spending more time in personal prayer, reading the Word of God at home, taking time to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and/or taking time for acts of service to those in need. There are countless ways the Lord reveals himself to us so that our lives may be more reflective of him and his love for us. All of this is part of our return to the routine of life by *another way*.

This Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Basilica, Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form to commemorate the Epiphany. The Extraordinary Form of the Mass is the form of the Mass used through the Second Vatican Council until 1970. In 1970, as a result of the liturgical reforms of the Council, the form of the Mass that we now celebrate became normative for the whole Church. In fact, this more recent form is known as the Ordinary Form of the Mass. All are welcome to the celebration this Tuesday.

I want to thank Mr. Christopher Dinan, the Funeral Director of the Dinan Funeral Home on Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, on behalf of the Cathedral Parish. Mr. Dinan generously donated the 2015 Parish Calendars that have been distributed for the last several years for our parishioners and visitors.

Also, all of us priests are grateful to our parishioners for their gifts and kindnesses this Christmas Time. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated. Count on our continued prayers for you during these remaining days of Christmas Time.

God bless all of you,
 Father Dennis Gill



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

*Dorothy Fean
At the request of Sis Santino*



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.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Assisted Listening Devices are now available here at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul for our parishioners and visitors with hearing loss for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and all other events.

There are currently 12 receivers that are available for use. Each receiver comes with a headset or neck loop (neck loops are used by individuals whose hearing aids have a "T" switch).

The receivers can also be used with a set of personal earbuds if you prefer to use your own earbuds instead of the headsets provided.

In order to borrow a receiver, you need to leave your driver's license or state issued ID with the sacristan who will then give you the receiver to borrow. Your document will be returned when the receiver is returned.

If you think that you will be making use of a receiver on a regular basis, you may want to consider purchasing your own. A receiver (along with a headset, earbud or neck loop) costs approximately \$135.00. **This purchase can be made through Northeast Total Communication at 215-639-3377 or info@ntcibc.com.** Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions or need assistance with the *Assisted Listening Devices*.

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

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

Jan. 7 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM

Jan. 8 Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7 PM

Jan. 10 Boy and Girl Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 9:30 AM

Jan. 10 Catechist Awards & Mass, 11 AM

Jan. 12 Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

Jan. 13 Augustine's Brothers, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

Jan. 13 Filming of Spanish Mass, Basilica, 6 PM

Jan. 14 Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6 PM



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. Also needed are men's socks, shirts and small individual toiletries.

Thank you for your continued generosity,
God bless you.

Augustine's Brothers

Augustine's Brothers is a support/accountability group for men who struggle with pornography as well as other excessive sexual behaviors. Many men try to break themselves of this habit/addiction alone and fail time after time. This is something that cannot be done alone. The chains of bad habits and addiction are heavy but with God's grace and the support of other men who understand the struggle, you can break the chains! **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** You can find the freedom and peace to become the man God created you to be.

Augustine's Brothers meets weekly in the Neumann Room on Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm. All inquiries are kept in strict confidentiality and one's wish to remain anonymous is highly respected. There is no need for registration, just come and join us.

For information visit: AugustineBrothers.org or call 800-348-0758

Catholic Clinical Consultants

Catholic Clinical Consultants, the behavioral health company of Catholic Healthcare Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, provides individual, couples and family counseling in a welcoming and supportive environment. The staff includes psychologists and Master's level professional psychotherapists. Day and evening hours are available. They are a Medicare provider and accept most health insurance. Offices are in Levittown, East Norristown, Northeast Philadelphia, South Philadelphia and Springfield, Delaware County. To schedule an appointment call: 855-518-2223.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian and would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office
for more information - 215-561-1313

CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, January 8, 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.



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

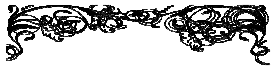
Patrishia Bollinger, Anna Marie Burgio, Jeanine Tingeter, Bobby Mitchell, Shirley King, Thomas Sabol, Tom Fiordimondo, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Patrick Gallagher, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly 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.

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

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

The Joy of Being Children of God

Let us point out the Risen Christ to those who ask us to account for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Peter 3:15). Let us point him out with the proclamation of the word, but above all with our lives as people who have been raised. Let us show the joy of being children of God, the freedom that living in Christ gives us, which is true freedom, the freedom that saves us from the slavery of evil, of sin, and of death! Looking at the heavenly homeland, we shall receive new light and fresh strength, both in our commitment and in our daily efforts.



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!

Living Stewardship Now

Lord Of All

Saint Paul was born and brought up a Jew with an excellent religious education. He expected a Jewish Messiah for the Jews, probably a great leader like King David. Jesus did not fit that profile. Paul was convinced Jesus' followers were deluded and dangerous, so he hunted them down. After his vision of Jesus on the Damascus road, Paul's outlook changed profoundly. He was wrong about Jesus and about Jesus' followers. He was wrong about a Messiah just for the Jews. Remarkably, he could admit that he was wrong! He knew he had been given an insight into the mystery of God's grace, which is universal and unconfined. These convictions took Paul and his companions out into the Mediterranean world on long, dangerous journeys. Jesus was born a Jew in Bethlehem yet, as Risen Lord, he is Lord of all nations and peoples. Paul knew this. It changed his mind. It changed his heart. It changed the world.

Living Stewardship Now.....

What are you doing to bring Christ to others beyond your family and parish? Are you young or an active retiree? Consider becoming a volunteer missionary yourself! Contact Catholic Volunteer Network (catholicvolunteernetwork.org) for opportunities to serve here or overseas. Alternatively, support Catholic Home Missions, which helps to bring the gospel to the poorest and most remote areas of our country.

Oración de Año Nuevo

Señor Dios, dueño del tiempo y de la eternidad. Tuyo es el hoy y el mañana, el pasado y el futuro. Al empezar un año mas, detengo mi vida ante el nuevo calendario, aun sin estrenar, y te presento estos días quesolo Tu sabes si llegare a vivirlo. Hoy te pido para mi y los míos la paz y la alegría, la fuerza y la prudencia, la claridad y la sabiduría. Quiero vivir cada día con optimismo y bondad, llevando a todas partes un corazón lleno de compresión y paz. Cierra tus oídos a toda falsedad; mis labios o palabras mentirosas, egoístas, mordaces o hirientes. Abre, en cambio, mi ser a todo lo que es bueno. Que mi espíritu se llene solo de bendiciones y las derrame a mi paso. Cólrame de bondad y de alegría para que cuantos conviven conmigo o se acerquen a mi, encuentren en mi vida un poquito de Ti. Dame un año feliz, y enséñame a repartir felicidad.

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 home-bound, 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.

I'm Single and I Know It—What Now?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female....for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh” If that is the case, then why are many people single? What is God asking of you in your current single state? What can you do to ensure that you are following God’s will in this day and age? Join fellow young adults at this evening event and dig into the meaning of living the single vocation in relation to God’s divine plan for you.

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Avenue
267-350-1830
Free Will Offering

4 de Enero del 2014

Epifanía del Señor

LECTURAS CICLO B

Primera lectura: *Isaias 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, 26*. 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.



Readings of the Week

Monday: January 5

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

Tuesday: January 6

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

Wednesday: January 7

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

Thursday: January 8

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

Friday: January 9

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

Saturday: January 10

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

Sunday: January 11

Isaiah 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-4bcd, 5-6
1 John 5:1-9/Mark 1:7-11