



## ***The Baptism of the Lord*** ***January 11, 2015***

**"This is He who came by water and blood....."**



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

#### ***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

#### ***Jan. 12, Monday, Weekday***

7:15 William J. McGonagle  
12:05 Eugene Iacovelle

#### ***Jan. 13, Tuesday, St. Hilary***

7:15 Joyce Martino  
12:05 Vu Dinh Tam

#### ***Jan. 14, Wednesday, Weekday***

7:15 Stella J. Curcio  
12:05 Vu Dinh Tam

#### ***Jan. 15, Thursday, Weekday***

7:15 Dorothy M. Lynd  
12:05 Mildred M. Stirling

#### ***Jan. 16, Friday, Weekday***

7:15 Elizabeth "Betty" O'Keefe  
12:05 Special Intention Novena

#### ***Jan. 17, Saturday, St. Anthony***

12:05 Joseph Tran Duc Nghinh  
5:15 Robert Peitzke

#### ***Jan. 18, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People  
9:30 Dominic Giordano  
11:00 Silverio Berarducci  
12:30 Bobby Velaquez  
6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the last of the Christmas Feasts, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our Lord Jesus—as our Savior and Redeemer—is revealed as the beloved Son of his Father. Our response to this great revelation—the ongoing revelation of the Nativity and Epiphany—is to listen to the Lord with a desire to be faithful to him. Let us bring this year's Christmas season to a close with a resolution to more fully live our Christian lives!

The Little Sisters of the Poor are with us today. The Little Sisters are well known to us in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for their generous service to the elderly. The foundress of the Little Sisters, Saint Jeanne Jugan, encouraged her Sisters to be of simple faith and have total dependence on God for everything. This is how the Little Sisters continue their outstanding ministry at Holy Family Home on Chester Avenue in Philadelphia. I thank you in advance for your goodness and generosity to the Sisters.

Thank you so very much for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish. We were not able to report the Sunday Collections for the last several weeks because of early Parish Bulletin deadlines with the holidays. All throughout the month of December the support of the parish and its many ministries through the Sunday Collections has been tremendous. The following are the Collections' amounts for December: December 7, 2014—8,820 dollars; December 14, 2014—6,610 dollars; December 21, 2014—8,785 dollars; and December 28, 2014—8,016 dollars. A weekly income of more than twice the Sunday Collections, however, is needed to meet the parish financial demands. Once the Christmas Collection total is available, I will report it to you. Most of all, thank you!

This week I have the opportunity to attend the national meeting of Cathedral Rectors. The gathering will take place in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota with almost one-hundred Rectors attending from around the United States. The meeting provides an opportunity for Cathedral Rectors to learn from one another and to encourage each other through a variety of keynote speakers and workshops. I count on your prayers and hope to bring good things home to you.

God bless all of you,  
Father Dennis Gill



## Donations for Christmas Flowers 2014

We thank the following especially for their generosity:

*Carol A. Tamburino, Catherine Maxey, Callista O. Chukwunenye, Patricia Shields-Stricker, Mr. & Mrs. Michael DiComo, Rear Admiral & Mrs. Thomas Seige, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pascale, Al Persia, Mary Kay Gibbons, Issy Esangbedo, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Munafò, Eleanor Schubert, Mr. & Mrs. James Bacon, Tracy Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. Brett McLeod, Nancy Cantwell, Leticia Laboy, Antonia Marie Pugliese, Margaret Rubin, Dr. Margaret Leahy, Edward Panek, Irene Polomski, Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. John McCue, Janina Bieranowska, Clare O'Reilly, Dorothy Powals, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ordo, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rutter, Daneen Marchiano, Christine Torzolini, Felicità Maldonado, Mary Erfle, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zubert, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Clark, Mr. & Mrs. William Zawacka, Claudine Holt, Michael Klufas, Eduvige Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. John Quigley, Monica Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kilpatrick, Mr. & Mrs. William Montgomery, Judith White, Shirley King, Domenic D'Orazio, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zubert, Elaine Dynako, Jean Greco, Isabelle Harding, Mr. & Mrs. John Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Giuliani, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Carrera-Marrero, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McCrary, Carl Heine, Santa Delgado, Catherine Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Piero Conosciani, Margaret DiPinto, Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan, Araceli Munoz, Luciano Rodriguez, Alfred Persia, Carol Clark, Cheryl Lajos, Clara Teodori, Ann Bell, Susan Danielski, Julia Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Erdosy, Gwendolyn Tearte, Mr. & Mrs. George White, Barbara Ann Fields, Margaret Morgan, Julius Santise, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Holdsworth, Clara Teodori, Maryann Healy, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Leone, Marcolina Santiago, Damiana Aldana, Teodoro Sanchez, Grace Feeley, Jeffrey Karinja II, Mr. & Mrs. John Quinn, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Clark, Aida Santiago, Mr. & Mrs. Gil Padilla-Baubet, Mr. & Mrs., Brian Dunn, Ramonita Hernandez, M. Teresa Rodriguez, Maximino Cotto, Bernanrd McElhare, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McTaggart, Margaret Romeo, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Bednarsky, Kathleen Fusco, Michele Palumbo, Julius Santise, Gwendolyn Tearte, Philomena Stephen-King*

### 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. 12** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

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

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

**Jan. 15** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7 PM

**Jan. 17** Pro Life Summit Mass, Chapel, 9 AM

**Jan. 17** Joy of the Gospel, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

**Jan. 18** Baptism Preparation Session, Neumann Room, 12:15 PM

**Jan. 18** Men's Discernment Group, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

### Joy of the Gospel

Have you read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel"? Are you inspired by the Pope's dream for a missionary transformation of the Church? Come and meet others who share this dream and want to implement the Pope's vision!

Join us for five consecutive Saturday evenings starting **January 17<sup>th</sup>** through **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, in the Neumann Room after the 5:15 PM Mass. We will present excerpts from Pope Francis' "*The Joy of the Gospel*." The excerpts will be followed by a panel discussion to explain the "New Evangelization" and how families can put Pope Francis' words into action.

Hear priests, deacons, sisters, and local educators discuss how you can be part of the New Evangelization!

Register: [JoyoftheGospel@comcast.net](mailto:JoyoftheGospel@comcast.net) or call Michael Campbell at 215-407-7402.



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

*Thomas Mullen, Sr.*

*At the request of The Mullen Family*

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

*Joseph M. Kelly*

*At the request of Kay Kelly*



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.*

## 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](mailto:Cathedral.prayer.requests@gmail.com)

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

## CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS AFTER CHRISTMAS

*The Sacraments of the Eucharist  
and the Anointing of the Sick*

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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:***

*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, 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.*

## WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS.....

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

### **Remember What God Has Done For You**

To remember what God has done and continues to do for me, for us, to remember the road we have traveled: this is what opens our hearts to hope for the future. May we learn to remember everything that God has done in our lives.

### **The Courage to Swim Against the Tide**

Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide... to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage!



### **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](http://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***

### **IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

John the Baptist, in his role as a wandering prophet, drew large crowds. He declared it was not enough to be born Jewish; *everyone* needed to repent and be washed clean of their sins. When he baptized Jesus (Mark 1:7–11), the appearance of the Holy Spirit that followed showed who Jesus really is. It marked a new reality. Baptism is now a symbol of death and rebirth to new life, while the gift of the Holy Spirit confers power on believers to live as children of God. After Jesus' resurrection, the apostles continued to baptize and confirm in his name. Think about this! God has given us the means to live as God's own sons and daughters, with the hope of eternal life. Our response requires effort, persistence, sacrifice, and selflessness. The enemy of the life of faith is not unbelief, but apathy. We get tired of trying. But a life with Christ says if not now, when? If not you, who else?

### ***Living Stewardship Now.....***

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given."

—Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226), religious founder, mystic

### **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

If you are a single woman between age 25 and 40 interested in joining with other women to pray the Rosary to discern your vocation, please email [vocationprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:vocationprayergroup@gmail.com) for additional information. Thank you!



The Sunday Collection for the weekend of 1/4/15 was \$6,188. Thank you for your generous support! We rely upon the sacrificial generosity of our parishioners and visitors.

**CENTER CITY  
ECUMENICAL SERVICE  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM

*Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
John 4:7*

Come and pray with others  
for the unity of Christians!

Bring your neighbors!

*Parking is available.*

**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](mailto: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.

**11 de Enero del 2015  
El Bautismo del Señor**

LECTURAS CICLO B

**Primera lectura:** *Isaias 55, 1-11*. El profeta nos recuerda que debemos buscar siempre al Señor. Todos los bautizados estamos llamados a eso. La Palabra de Dios nos alimenta y da fruto en nosotros si la acogemos debidamente.

**Segunda lectura:** *1 Juan 5, 1-9*. La fe recibida, con las aguas del bautismo, es la gran fuerza que vence al mundo.

**Evangelio:** *Marcos 1, 7-11*. El Padre Dios proclama a Jesús como su hijo predilecto. Todo bautizado deberá hacer esta experiencia de Dios.



***Readings of the Week***

***Monday: January 12***

Hebrews 1:1-6/Psalm 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9  
Mark 1:14-20

***Tuesday: January 13***

Hebrews 2:5-12/Psalm 8:2ab, 5-9  
Mark 1:21-28

***Wednesday: January 14***

Hebrews 2:14-18/Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9  
Mark 1:29-39

***Thursday: January 15***

Hebrews 3:7-14/Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-11  
Mark 1:40-45

***Friday: January 16***

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Psalm 78:3-4bc, 6c-8  
Mark 2:1-12

***Saturday: January 17***

Hebrews 4:12-16/Psalm 19:8-10, 15  
Mark 2:13-17

***Sunday: January 18***

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/John 1:41, 17b