

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of Strobert Family
Earl and Virginia Strohm, Walter Sanker/
Phillip and Susan Altiero
Marian and Thomas Swires, Louise and John Ford
Paul Tetanich, Sophie and Joseph Adamczyk/
Barbara and Clair Duffy, Edward and Mary Yetko
Trexler- Strate Families
Donald and Jean Truby
Clapper-Kolbenschlag and Truby Families
Mr. and Mrs. George Truby/
Chuck Roberts and Anna Glover
Wachter, Wood and Beegle Families
William J. and M. Genevieve Wagner
All of our Loved Ones who have gone before us/
Jim and Elaine Weaver
Barbara Jane Wiedley, Therese Kuny
Bill 'Skinny' Wertz, Richard C. Kerr, Sr./
Richard C. Kerr, III
The Joseph G. Wahl Family
Patty Ann Wiedemer
Cathy Jo Wild
Wilson Children: Zoe, Elizah and Ben
Leo B. Winkler/
Deceased of Prendergast and O'Mally Families
Irene Kelly Wood and Joseph A. Wood
The Yeager Family Deceased
Zeughardt Family and Ducio Family

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The priests and staff are most appreciative of your cards, gifts, baked goods, fruits and assortments. Your taking the time to be especially kind is affirmative to our ministry here at Cathedral Parish. Your generosity to us has added to the delight of the holy season. Thank you for taking the time to remember.

Calendar of Prizes 2016

Calendar of Prizes 2016 are being sold at the Cathedral Square door after all weekend Masses. Like last year, each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$10.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and on Wednesday, September 7, the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, someone will win our **Grand Prize of \$5,000.00** for a Family Trip or Cash Option. The Calendar of Prizes makes a great Christmas gift that lasts all year! We still have **300** tickets to sell. Please help with this annual fund-raiser. These monies help the Parish support our commitment to Catholic Education.

DECEMBER 25, 2015

Scripture Reflection

The First Reading for the four Masses for the Nativity is from the prophet Isaiah. Although passages from other prophets were proclaimed during Advent, Isaiah is generally regarded as the one whose prophecies best lead into the events and theology associated with the Advent-Christmas season. In today's text the Lord proclaims that the Savior comes, a proclamation meant to be heard to the "ends of the earth." This announcement is the very heart of Christmas: God's people have been redeemed. It is an exclamation of what has come about; there is no more waiting.

The Gospel reading for the Mass at Dawn follows the shepherds to the stable after they have heard the angel's announcement. (This Mass was once called the Shepherds' Mass.) Stunned and empowered by what they have heard, the shepherds hurry to discover the reason for the angels joy. Once they have seen, they become evangelizers; they bear good news, and all who hear it are "amazed."

The light of Christ is given to us. Like the Shepherds, our feet carry that light by witnessing the power of Christ's light active in the world. Abuse, sickness, war, addiction and....try to diminish that light, but the light continues to shine. Offer hope to others by witnessing the Christ-light carried on your beautiful feet. If darkness is stronger in your life this year, look for that light in others who have experienced a similar hurt or weight. May all the ends of the earth behold the salvation of our God because our feet carry our faith and free us from fear.

• **The light of Christ dispels the darkness. Name people and places where you see the light we celebrate at Christmas shining in our world.**

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*Grant us, Lord, new vigor
as we honor with joyful celebration
the Nativity of your Son.*

Roman Missal - The Nativity of the Lord

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel
Parochial Vicar

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James J. Adams
 Lucy and Joe Alianiello, Rose Riccio, Chris Jacobs/
 Anna Reed, Mary Ann Bankston
 Magdalene Bailor
 Melvin Ball
 Bartchak and Beck Families
 Anthony and Christine Bartkowiak
 Beloved Deceased Family of John and Susan Bauer
 Michael Bauer
 Bearer and Kirkpatrick Families
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 Carol Taylor
 Jack Bell
 Florence and John Bender, William Sculley/
 Alice and Sam Marino, Audrey Krause
 William and Eleanor Bettwy/
 Daniel and Anna Gioiosa
 Deceased of Boslet Family and Krieger Family
 Thomas and Imelda Bover
 Boyle and O'Connor Family
 Mildred Brady, Dave and Patricia Shellenberger
 Robert and Ethel Brandt, Robert Vaughn, Sr./
 George Jodon, Jr.
 Deceased of Brennan Family/
 Deceased of Schnaubelt Family
 Susie Sara Bushby
 Deceased Family and Friends - Butler Family
 Members of the Caldwell and Hoeffler Families
 Gene Capone
 Carroll and Bussman Families
 Cathedral Christian Mothers - Deceased Members
 The Charles and Robuck Families
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 Rae DeGiacobbe
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 Chalmers Helble
 Milt Cupples
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 Carl Drexler
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 Kathleen Duffy
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 Jack Leiden
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 C. James Love, Ida Drake Love
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 Dave Lysinger, Sr., Harry Smith Family
 Francis and Eileen Lytle
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 Fred and Alice Ann Martynuska/
 James and Marge Anzman
 Louis R. Mangiacarne, Carole Boal
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 Karen Moran
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 Moran and Hershey Families

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 Eda Isabelle Rougeux
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