



PHILADELPHIA EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

WEEKLY NEWS OF PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL'S PEOPLE, MISSION & MINISTRIES

Advent III December 11, 2011

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

SUNDAYS

10 a.m. – HOLY EUCHARIST

10 a.m. – GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN

WEEKDAYS (Mon – Fri)

12 NOON – HOLY EUCHARIST

We welcome our visitors.

We are happy to have you worship with us today. Please make yourselves known to the clergy and members of the congregation. We invite you to join us for refreshments following the Holy Eucharist. Please sign our visitor's book so we may stay in touch.



Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS: *Commission on Ministry*; **DIOCESE OF GUATEMALA:** Our Companion Cathedral, Cathedral de Santiago Apóstol; Guatemala City, St. Thomas' Church, San Miguel Petapa, Lay Pastor, Rene Rodriguez.

Prayers are also requested for: Ben Bell, Michele Betin, Terrance Calvert, Blanche Coleman, Jerry Di Falco, Peter Fuller & Family, Cindy, Joe Gilligan, Marilyn Hutchinson, Karen Li, Louis, Kelson & Family, Ken, Marie, Michael, Mary Ellen, Delores Shepherd, Gerry Wilson, Sandy, Sui Yen Lie, Tom, Kieran Quinn, Donald White, Anthony Yackovich.

Special thanks to: The Red and Green Team for supporting today's liturgy.

Team Leader: Jim Perretta

Team Members: Dale Cranmer, Norman Hjelm, Bill Hunt, Barbara Jacobs Dawn Johnson, Jane Kamp, Gie Liem, Lisa Liem, Steve Lekus, Charlotte Parkes, Philip Ford, Vivian Ford, Tom Lloyd, Geoff Middleton, Stacey Middleton, Donald O' Brien.

The Team for December 18 will be the Red and Green Team.

Music for Advent III — For this "Gaudete Sunday" of Advent (the "joyous" Sunday because of the scriptural texts of the day) with the rose-colored advent candle in honor of Mary, mother of Jesus, the Cathedral Singers will sing Benjamin Britten's beloved setting of the medieval carol "There is no rose of such vertu" from his Ceremony of Carols. For the series of Marian anthems, the simple beauty of Bach's setting for women's trio of the "Suscepit Israel" from his Magnificat will be sung as the choral meditation after communion.

Today at the Cathedral — Artist Talk: "In Darkness Waiting for Light" — Following the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Melinda Parsons will give a talk about Advent images throughout the history of art. *Melinda Boyd Parsons, Ph.D., is an Adjunct Professor of Art History at Neumann University in Aston, PA.*

Monthly Cathedral Community Luncheon - On **Thursday, December 15** at 12 Noon our monthly Cathedral Community Luncheon to feed the hungry will take place. Again, volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up. We will also need a *crock pot of soup*. Again, volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up. We will also need a *crock pot of soup*. Volunteers should arrive at 10 a.m.



Sunday December 18, 10 a.m. – The Right Reverend Frederick H. Borsch, will be the guest preacher at the 10 a.m. Eucharist at the Cathedral. Bishop Borsch is presently Professor of New Testament and Chair of Anglican Studies at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He has lectured throughout the world and is a leading Biblical theologian of the Episcopal Church.



Sunday, December 18 — The “*Greening of the Cathedral*” will take place following the liturgy. There will be activities for the children with a special visit from Saint Nicholas. A potluck lunch will be served. All are invited to participate as we decorate the Cathedral in preparation to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Cookie Exchange — There will be a “Cookie Exchange” to benefit the Food Ministry on December 18, 2011. Homemade cookies and treats will be traded. Cookies will be available to all for a donation. All participants should call Stacey Middleton 610.328.9755.



Christmas Flowers — Contributions are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers “in memory” or “in honor” of loved ones. There are envelopes in the Narthex. Please fill out the form (**print clearly**) and enclose your contribution. Checks should be made payable to the *Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral (Christmas Flowers)*. You may place your envelope in the offering basket or see Marie McCullough following the liturgy. **Note: December 18th is the deadline.**

Episcopal Community Services Christmas Giving Program — Just a reminder about the 2011 Episcopal Community Services (ECS) “*Christmas Giving Program*”. ECS has sent us the names of 12 children 9-10 years old along with their gifts requests. The name of each child and his or her gift request is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Gifts may be received from November 28th through December 11th. Your contributions on behalf of these children will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in contributing to this annual Christmas outreach ministry, please contact Stacey Middleton email: staceyd11550@yahoo.com or by calling 610.328.9755.

Christmas Musical Events



Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. — Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doylestown Pa.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. — St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown Pa.

Tom Lloyd will conduct the Bucks County Choral Society in these two performances of their annual Festival of Christmas Music, featuring the Tommy Shead Memorial Bell Choir and a rare performance of Rheinberger's Star of Bethlehem.