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Peace on Earth

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

We welcome our parishioners and visitors of the Cathedral of Christ the King. Join Bishop Douglas Crosby for a New Year's Levee in the Cathedral of Christ The King Auditorium on January 1.



(8:00 a.m. in the Marian Chapel)

Wednesday, January 2	Special Intention
Thursday, January 3	Thanksgiving to Holy Family
Friday, January 4	Helen Dillon - Dino Fazzari Joseph MacPherson Intention Mary Puma Antonia Versace
Saturday – 5:00 p.m.	Rosalie Cimino Stefano Cimino Deceased Members of Nguyen Family



The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated on January 1. "Blessed are the peacemakers" is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the forty-sixth World Day of Peace. Please pray for peace in the world, for love and goodwill among all nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders. Families are encouraged to pause to discuss their responsibility to work and pray for peace.



You are welcome to greet The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, at a levee to mark the beginning of the New Year on **Tuesday, January 1, 2013** at the **Cathedral of Christ the King** from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2012

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2; Luke 2:41-52



The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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THANK YOU

We wish to acknowledge, with sincere thanks and appreciation, the many parishioners who helped to make our Christmas celebrations meaningful and inspiring. Thank you: Office Staff, Linda Welton and Christine Pogodzinski, our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers, our Tenor Bass and Sunday Choirs, members of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, St. Vincent de Paul Society. Msgr. House wishes to thank Sandor Kollarich, Custodian, and Sherri Gabriele and Alberta Gabriele for decorating the Cathedral inside and out. Thanks to everyone who donated a Floral Tribute in memory of departed loved ones.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Richard Soo, S.J.
Tuesday	Most Reverend Douglas Crosby
Wednesday	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
Thursday	Rev. Dennis Noon
Friday	Rev. Piotr Golinski (S.A.C.)
Saturday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

We began our Year of Faith activities in Hamilton Diocese by reflecting on the articles of the Creed, the expression of **THE FAITH WE BELIEVE**. Beginning with Advent and continuing through the Christmas Season and the first part of Ordinary Time, our focus will be on **THE FAITH WE LIVE**, in other words, how we put our faith into practice. You are invited to check out the **FAITH IN ACTION** page on our Diocesan Website to see what others are doing to put their faith into action.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition. There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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NEW YEAR'S DAY SMILE

Dear Lord: So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

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ADOPTION/FOSTER INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you have room in your home for one more? Please join us for an Adoption and Foster Parent Information Night on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School located at 470 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster. Contact Megan Dunlop-Elms at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3257.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Msgr. Ed suggests lighting a candle while your family gathers to share this Morning Prayer to welcome 2013.

New Year's Morning Prayer

Father we want to take this moment to thank you for this New Year. We remember your great love for us and for our world. Please bless our world with peace and comfort all those who are suffering because of war. Bless us, too, and all our friends and relatives as this New Year dawns.

We now light this candle as we remember that Our Lord Jesus Christ is still the Light of the World.

(Candle can be lit now)

We believe that it is much better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. We know that we, too, are commanded by Your Son to bring light and hope to this world. Father of love, we are getting ready to attend Holy Mass together now, our first Mass of the New Year. Make us joyful and thankful for this day and for every day for the New Year.

Our church will be celebrating the Solemnity of Mary today along with prayers for the New Year.

We join with all the Catholics of the world in honoring Mary on her day. As we walk in the newness of the light of this day, keep us in love with one another as Mary has taught us.

Bless us, Father as we begin this New Year, in the Name of Jesus Our Lord.

Amen.



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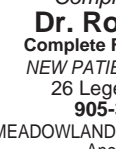
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