My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all of you! The Baptism of our Lord marks the final week of the Christmas Season. As we celebrate the Holy Eucharist together, we are reminded through Jesus’ Baptism that God, once again, is affirming his love for us. We are His sons and daughters and He welcomes us as we are, forgiving our sins; purifying our hearts. May the Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ shine through you in all you do.

Un saludo para todos. El bautismo de Nuestro Señor marca la última semana de Navidad. Ya que celebramos juntos la Santa Eucharistía, se nos recuerda por el Bautismo de Jesús que Dios una vez más nos confirma su amor. Nos da la bienvenida como hijos suyos tal como somos perdonando nuestros pecados y purificando nuestro corazón. Que la bendición de Jesucristo brille a través de todo lo que hagamos.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel

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As a Catholic community, we strive to grow in faith together through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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January 20 | Special CYO Mass at 10:00 am
Join us next Sunday as we honor the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). Joe Haggarty, CYO Lead for Our Lady of the Pillar will be joining us with CYO Youth on the Feast Day of Saint Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes. Founded in 1907, CYO programs bring youth—of all socioeconomic backgrounds—together to take part in organized athletic programs, summer camp, and environmental education.

Join us for Hospitality Sunday after Mass
In the Church Hall for our monthly fellowship gathering. There will be savory or sweet treats to share with parish friends; get to know each other; come help us make it memorable for everyone! Hosted by Michael and Kathy Minasi.

Justice and Peace Group Monthly Meeting
on Third Sunday of the Month, January 20 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room.

Have you visited our Parish Website lately?
Together we continue to build a story of life at Our Lady of the Pillar. Check mass schedule, download a bulletin, take home some insight, see what’s happening and don’t miss our Parish Photo Gallery to see the Christmas Photo Stories. http://ourladyofthepillar.org

**INSIGHTS with Fr. Charlie**

**Signs of Peace**
**The Dove and the Olive Branch**

*After the great flood, God sent a wind to blow over the waters and to dry them up. First the mountains rose above the water and then the hills. Although Noah couldn’t see what was happening on earth, he could feel that the ark was no longer afloat. “Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.” (Genesis 8:8)*

Soon the dove returned to the ark, because it couldn’t find a place to rest. After another week, Noah again sent the dove out. “When the dove returned to him, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.” (Genesis 8:11)

By the 5th Century, the dove with an olive branch had become an established Christian symbol of peace. St Augustine wrote: "perpetual peace is indicated by the olive branch (*oleae ramusculo*), which the dove brought with it when it returned to the ark.”

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we learn from our Catholic tradition that the symbolism of the end of the flood refers to Baptism. “After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also has been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.” (Matthew 3:16) For each of us, the Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized. (CC 701)

God’s symbols, the dove and olive branch, have been passed down through the ages and have become universal signs of peace in art, religion, politics, and in many ways, of human existence. Two examples: Built in 1787, George Washington’s prized weather vane, shaped as a dove of peace with the olive branch, still sits atop his home, Mount Vernon. On the other side of the globe, through Salvador Dalí’s paintings, we see the dove representing the end of war and struggle and the beginning of peace and unity.

*How are you allowing God’s peace to remain with you and renew you?*

Peace,
Fr. Charlie
Parish Organizations and Services
We have a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, go to our parish website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups or find other information in the vestibule of the church.

St. John of the Cross
Doctor of the Church, Refomer of Carmelite Order, Spanish Mystic Poet

Wisdom to Keep
“Abide in peace, banish cares, take no account of all that happens, and you will serve God according to His good pleasure, and rest in Him.”

Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

January 5 - 6, 2013 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Our Lady of the Pillar
1st Collection $6,499  2nd Collection Build. Fund $1,517

Our Lady of Refuge
1st Collection $ 435      2nd Collection Build Fund $189

St. Anthony
1st Collection $ 226        2nd Collection Build Fund $161

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday EVENING, January 12, 2013
5:00 pm  Louis & Gina Frangione (living)  8:00 pm  Javier Aguayo+

Sunday, January 13, 2013
8:00 am  Isabel Sousa & Family+  10:00 am  Manuel Machado+
12:00 noon Por la Parroquia  6:00 pm  Kupono Ching+

Monday, January 14, 2013
8:00 am  Remedios Galinato+

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
8:00 am  Kitty Bishop+

Wednesday, January 16, 2013
8:00 am  John Collins+

Thursday, January 17, 2013
8:00 am  Joe Alvaro Lourenco+

Friday, January 18, 2013
8:00 am  Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 19, 2013
8:00 am  Souls in Purgatory

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick
Pray that God’s healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Parish Office at 726-4674. Each name is put on the parish prayer list for three weeks; to extend the listing beyond the initial three weeks, please call the parish office.

Geraldine Carter  Nancy Madieros  Ron Meier
Casey  Natalino Marchi  Michael
Cunningham  Deacon McGhee  Santiago
Nicki Galle  Margaret Phelan  Marilyn Wright

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism  ●  Marriage
Communion in the Home  ●  Anointing the Sick
SPECIAL NOTE: English Baptism classes have been changed to 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 pm. For preparation information, call the Church Office 726-4674 or visit our website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments

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