

Celebrating the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary

By Ginger Galvez

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this fall with 50 days of events culminating in the 50th Anniversary Mass on November 15, 2009. A group of parishioners has been working diligently since last summer on the plans for the celebration.

Highlights will include:

- Production of a replica of the Cross hanging above the high altar. The replica will be nine inches tall, made of cast pewter with a gold lacquer finish and red and blue embellishment. Available this spring, this is an ideal First Communion or Confirmation gift, and many parishioners may wish to purchase a commemorative cross for their home. Further information will be available shortly.
- A Family Fun Festival is scheduled for the evening of September 18th on the grounds of the Cathedral. This free event is open to all ages and will include food, entertainment and educational opportunities to learn more about the history of the Cathedral.
- Special Tours of the Cathedral are planned for September 30th (for the disabled and residents of local retirement communities), October 18 (for parishioners and the local community) and November 8 (a tour and ice cream social designed especially for children grades 3-8). All tours will take place on Sundays, 2-4 PM.
- A special Anniversary Concert on October 30 at 7:30 PM. The Peabody Orchestra Concert will join the Cathedral Choir in performing former music director **Robert Twynham's** "Magnificat" and Saint-Saens' "Symphony #3 for Organ."
- 50th Anniversary Mass on November 15 at 12:30 PM will be celebrated by **Archbishop Edwin O'Brien**.



The 50th Anniversary Celebration is co-chaired by (front) **Msgr. Armstrong, Carol Gould**, (back) **Michael Goff and Mark Gould**.

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The planning committee is expecting a significant turnout for these free events and the committee chairs are seeking additional volunteers to help make the celebration run smoothly. Anyone interested can contact the following committee chairs to volunteer:

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"There will be other programs connected with the anniversary, including participation by the youth of the parish," says **Michael Goff**, who, along with fellow parishioners **Mark and Carol Gould**, is co-chairing the Anniversary Celebration. "We particularly want to invite back parishioners and families who may have been part of the parish in the early years, but above all, the anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the faith, service, and community of this Cathedral parish."