

**Memorials Jan 2 – Jan 8, 2017**

**Tabernacle Lamp**

In Memory of Vivian Griffin by Lisena Romitelli

**Altar Candles**

In Memory of James & Anna Cashuric by daughter Joan

**Mass Intentions Jan 2 – Jan 8, 2017**

**Monday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:50 am Leonard Ciaglia by Orlando Cicilioni

**Tuesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:50 am John Gilroy by children

**Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Emedia (Dolly) Safko by Nancy & Ed Zarnowski

**Thursday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Alberta Barnes by Robert Decker Funeral Home

**Friday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:50 am Vivian Griffin by Lisena Romitelli

**Saturday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Vigil Mass, *Ephiphany of the Lord***

4:00 pm Ettore & Amelia Galantini by daughter Donna

**Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> ~ *Ephiphany of the Lord***

8:00 am Mass for the People

10:00 am Theresa Cavagnaro by husband & children

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the recently deceased.

receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. Sometimes God may do the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

**Additional Donors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal**

We have currently reached 93.4% of our parish goal at \$41,085.25. We are very grateful to all parishioners who have supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal thus far. We encourage others to follow their lead wherever possible.

**Retrouvaille ~ Marriage Help**

Marriage Help: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be held Feb. 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Registration is required. All calls are confidential. Cost is by donation. Visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for more information or call 1-800-470-2230.

**Pope Francis Message for World Day of Peace**

*Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace*

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of

peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life.

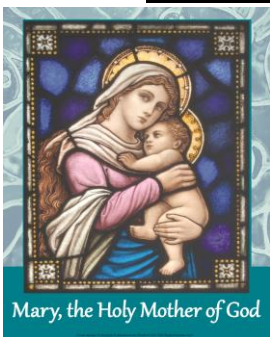
This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed not only Catholics, but all peoples with utter clarity. "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order". He warned of "the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces." Instead, citing the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled "the sense and love of peace

**Collection for last Weekend: December 25, 2016**

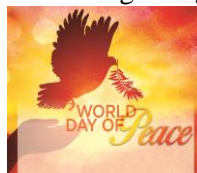
339 Sunday Offertory Envelopes \$6,822.00  
(The total for the Christmas Collection is not yet available)

*We sincerely thank all who are consistently using their regular offertory envelopes or prearranged bank checks to support the work and mission of Sacred Heart Parish. We also commend those who are being conscientious to their commitments through our ongoing Parish Care Campaign.*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**



"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all. What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always



founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love". In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation of retaliation, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.

**Apostleship of Prayer for January 2017**

*Prayer Requests for Priests:* Jan. 1, Pope Francis

*Papal Intention:* Christian Unity — That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



**Respect Life Prayer Breakfast**

This year's prayer breakfast will be hosted at Fiorelli's Catering in Peckville, beginning at 9 am on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL). For more information, contact the Scranton PHL office at (570) 343-5099.

**First Friday Pro-Life Rosary Vigils**

Sponsored by "Catholics Defending Life Prayer & Awareness Team", this group gathers from 1pm to 1:30pm at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square (North Washington Ave. side) in downtown Scranton. Recitation of the Rosary offered, along with pro-life meditations, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayerful devotions for the respect and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Pro-life signs are welcome.

Eucharistic



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 7:20am to 12pm. All are welcome to come and sit in silent prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. Please prayerfully remember the people of our parish and those who are sick or bereaved. Please sign up on the holy hour list so we can be sure all the time periods are covered. Also, the adoration chapel at Queen of Angels is open to all in the community every Saturday from 8am to 9pm. The chapel is located in the Grunick Center next to St Michael's Church in Jessup.

**Rosary & Healing Mass**

All who seek healing especially through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are invited to Saint Lucy Church, 949 Scranton Street in West Scranton, for the recitation of the Rosary & other devotional prayers at 6:30

followed by the celebration of a Healing Mass at 7pm. Music for the evening will be led by Sacred Heart Singers.

**Mass and Healing Service**

Sunday, Jan. 15 at Queen of the Apostles Parish in Avoca. Beginning with recitation of the rosary at 6:30pm, Mass following at 7pm, celebrated by Fr. August Ricciardi. The Healing service will follow with Fr. Ricciardi & leaders from local charismatic prayer groups. Fellowship and light refreshments available afterwards. All are welcome.

**Life Line Screening Event**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on 2/7/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount please call 1-888-653-6441.

**Seasons of Healing**

"Winter: The Hopeful Heart" – is a one-day workshop dedicated to grieving parents who have lost a child of any age. Often times finding ways to cope with such a loss can be very difficult to accomplish alone. We can help you gain a better understanding about grief recovery by providing education on the grief process. We'll also share ways to develop personal coping skills to help with healing and opening your heart to hope in the new year. Saturday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> (Jan 21- snow date) from 10am – 3pm (lunch included) at VNA Hospice and Home Health, 301 Delaware Ave in Olyphant. This event is open to the community at no cost. Please call Olympia at 383-5180 if you would like to attend.

**Bereavement Support Group**

*Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Mt. 5:4).* A Bereavement Ministry at St. Peter's Cathedral Parish offers an important ministry to people in the community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The Support Group is available to anyone in the community who feels the need to participate in a Bereavement Program that offers spiritual as well as emotional support during the weeks, months or years following the death of a close family member or friend. The program will work through a series of topics to help understand the grief process and to find healing. The group will meet weekly for 4 weeks starting on Wednesday, Jan 18 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in Diocesan Pastoral Center, across from the Cathedral. If you would like to attend this group, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 570-344-7231.

**Faith Formation Important Dates**

Sat, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Penance Retreat 9am-Noon  
Sun, January 8<sup>th</sup> Classes resume for all grades including 9 thru 12.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The first meeting of the Parish Council for 2017 is slated for Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in the rectory conference room. Members are encouraged to plan accordingly.